Committee to Study Dissolution

Regional School District No. 11

Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Clare D'Appollonio, Jennifer Nelson, Steven Kurcinik, Rose Bisson, Nick Brown, Cesar Beltran, Matthew Venhorst

Absent: William Fazioli, Sheree Mailhot, Stephanie Harrington

II. Audience for Citizens

No members of the public wished to speak during this portion of the meeting.

III. Scope and Focus of Committee Study Items

There was a general discussion about prior studies that had occurred and of the practical impact of declining school enrollment. Committee members discussed whether certain schools within the district might ultimately be closed as a result of declining enrollment. Mr. Venhorst emphasized that the Committee's role is to provide a report in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 10-63c and to make a recommendation as to whether the regional district as a whole should be dissolved.

IV. Discussion of Update of Information from 2009 Study

Committee members generally agreed that the 2009 dissolution study was a useful blueprint for this committee to use but that a number of items need to be updated. The committee briefly reviewed various portions of the 2009 and discussed how updates might occur.

V. Independent and Joint Meeting Times with the Add/Withdrawal Committee

The Committee agreed that there would not be additional joint meetings with the Addition/Withdrawal Committee in the near future.

VI. Next Steps

Committee members discussed dividing up and updating the various sections of the 2009 report. The substantive sections of that report are as follows:

I. Executive Summary and Committee Recommendation

II. Introduction

III. Regional School District No. 11

IV. School Options

V. Comparative Student Performance

VI. Educational Curriculum and Experience

VII. Per Student Cost/Impact to RSD 11 and Statewide

VIII. Assets, Liabilities and Obligations

IX. Recommendation Concerning Dissolution

Committee assignments were made as follows: Ms. Nelson agreed to send out a letter to area schools to see which schools would be willing to receive students (Section IV.A of the 2009 report). Mr. Brown agreed to update section VIII of the 2009 Report. Mr. Venhorst agreed to update section V. Ms. Bisson agreed to update student enrollment projections.

The next meeting of the Dissolution Committee will be May 4 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.