

Newry Withdrawal Committee Meeting Minutes for 12-4-2014

Jim Sysko called the meeting to order at six thirty with all members in attendance.

The minutes of the Nov. 20 2014 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was open for citizens comment.

Tama Drown asked Dr. Mark Eastman how the schools he has helped with withdrawal have fared.

Dr. Eastman described the various Towns he has served briefly describing conditions as they exist today. All of the Towns are doing well.

Dr. Eastman talked to administrators of SAD#17, RSU 10#, SAD #44 and the Headmaster at Gould Academy about future enrollment of Newry Students. Newry has options available for choosing the school of guaranteed acceptance with the exception at Gould as they have an admissions qualifications that a student would have to meet.

Dr. Eastman went on to explain the various tuition rates at Gould.

Dr. Eastman reported on the current enrollment of Newry students.

A full report from Dr. Eastman will be prepared in the coming weeks.

Discussion about the future of Newry's relationship to Region 9 vocational school as these regions have been created by state statute.

Newry would be in the vocational school region that the school of guaranteed acceptance belongs to.

Questions were raised about the exchange of e-mails between meetings. It was clarified by Dan Stockford that because of the freedom of access laws state that any substantive discussions should be restricted to open meetings. Information about meeting dates, times etc. are allowed. Any information sharing e-mails should be discussed only in an open meeting or a legally called executive session.

At six fifty five pm the meeting was adjourned to executive session to discuss confidential materials relating to the proposed withdrawal agreement.

Executive session ended at seven thirty-eight.

The next meeting was scheduled for Dec. 17th at five pm at the Town Office.