

**NEWRY WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, 23 June 2015**

Present: **Committee members:** Jim Sysko (Chair), William Andrews, Gary Wight

Legal consultant: Dan Stockford

Educational consultant: Dr. Mark Eastman

Community members: Brooks Morton, Tama & Gary Drown

Absent: Bonnie Largess

Open Session Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair, Jim Sysko, who explained that Bonnie had phoned him to say she would not be able to attend.

The minutes of the 28 May meeting were reviewed. **William moved approval of the minutes; Gary seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Citizens' Comments: Jim noted to those in attendance that comments may be made at any time during the meeting, and reminded them that this meeting is being recorded. Several comments were made about the poor quality of education at Telstar and the problems apparent in the Conservation Camp program for 9th graders.

Old Business:

- 1. Status of LD 1082.** Mark reported that according to the legislature's website, LD 1082 is dead.
- 2. Use of school district facilities and program by private schools after withdrawal.** Mark elaborated about Superintendent Murphy's response concerning the use of SAD facilities and programs by private schools if Newry withdrew. The question had been raised by Deb Webster because of the school she operates. Mark concluded, and Dan agreed, that if SAD 44 is the school of guaranteed acceptance under a withdrawal agreement then its facilities and programs would be available as they currently are to schools in the member towns.

New Business:

There being no new business, Gary moved to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel pursuant to 1MRSA Section 4056E; William seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee entered Executive Session at 5:48 pm. Executive Session ended at 6:46 pm.

Next Meeting: The negotiating team will meet on Friday, 26 June at 9:00 am at the Portland office of Brann & Isaccson to review the SAD 44 counterproposal to be sent by Thursday night as promised by Superintendent Murphy. Possible dates for a face-to-face meeting with the SAD 44 negotiating team were reviewed: 6, 7, 10, and 13 June. The next public meeting of the Withdrawal Committee will be scheduled following the negotiating session.

Adjournment— **Jim moved to adjourn; Gary seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.**