MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

SAU Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting June 10, 2010

Troy Elementary School, Troy, NH

(note: meeting moved to Troy Palace, note left on door to redirect Public as doors were not left unlocked and committee could not get in)

Non-Approved Minutes

Committee members present: James Carnie (Board member) Eric Stanley (Board Member), Norm Dion (citizen), Wendy Martel (community), Anna Thackston (community), Jane Fortson, (community-chair), Neil Moriarty (Budget Committee Representative) Absent: Dr. David Hodgdon, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction from SAU #38.

- 1. **Approval of Minutes** Motion made by A. Thackston and seconded by N. Moriarty to approve the minutes as written. The committee unanimously approved the minutes as written.
- **2. Public Comments** A. Thackston wanted to comment on the beautiful condition of the track, tennis courts and surrounding area at the MRHS/MS.
- 3. **Discussions with Superintendent, Director of Special Services, and Human Resource Director at SAU #38 review-** The committee was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with the Administrative personnel from SAU #38 and felt that the discussions were informative and necessary in the withdrawal process.
- 4. **Update of Discussions with LGC** J. Fortson stated that she has sent an email to Melissa Briggs, but has yet to receive a reply. She will continue to follow up to determine how close they are to providing any possible rate changes in the insurance coverage.
- 5. Committee's Next Step- The committee decided the next step was to hold a public hearing, inviting the entire SAU as detailed in the RSA and hear the public's concerns and questions, then meet if necessary following that forum, to update the report with any further work or questions that need answering that may arise from the public hearing. J. Fortson stated she has submitted the draft report to Sarah Browning at the State Department for comment. None received to date.
- 6. Setting a date for the Public Forum and information necessary to prepare and a vote-A. Thackston made to the motion to recommend the withdrawal of the Monadnock Regional School District from SAU #38 and to seek the formation of a single district SAU, seconded by N. Moriarty. The motion passed unanimously 7 votes to 0.

The committee decided to hold the public hearing at the Mt. Caesar Elementary School in Swanzey, NH as the High School building would be closed for the summer. The committee set the date for June 23 at 7pm. E. Stanley made the motion to ask Laura Aivaliotis if she would be willing to take the minutes for the public hearing. Motion seconded by N. Moriarty. Motion passes unanimously. A. Thackston made the motion to spend \$100 to advertise the public hearing in the Keene Sentinel and the Monadnock Shopper News, seconded by E. Stanley. Discussion: The committee did not know how much it would cost, but thought this would be a good starting point. Motion passes

unanimously. The committee decided to ask William Hutwelker, the District Moderator if he would be willing to be present to moderate the meeting. J. Fortson informed the committee that the question arose during her interview for the business administrator position as to whether she would step down from the withdrawal committee if named the business administrator due to a conflict of interest. J. Fortson informed the committee she would be stepping down if that were to happen. The committee felt they would be in the very capable hands of Wendy Martel (the Vice Chair) should that happen.

7. Public Comments - None

- 8. **Next meeting, time, place, agenda** Public Hearing (forum) June 23, 2010 at the Mt. Caesar Elementary School at 7pm.
- 9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 8:15 made by J. Carnie and Seconded by N. Moriarty, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Fortson