

**Cooperative School District Planning Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Monday March 24, 2014 at 5PM**  
**Camp Calumet**

**Present:** Tamworth: Lori Palmer, Shannon Ames, Jack Waldron, Freedom: Jane Davidson, Madison: Ray O'Brien, Cheryl Littlefield,

**Absent:** Karl Ogren, Mike Douglas, Kiersten Grieb,

**Scheduling and Posting of Meetings:** Carol Pike emailed the request to be posted on March 3, 2014 to all parties.

**Approval of Agenda:** Lori moved and Jane seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of approving the agenda.

**Approve Minutes of 1/13/2014 Cheryl, Jane, unanimous.:**

**Public Input:** None

**Town Survey Status:** Madison: It is on the School website; Ray emailed a request to the Town Hall, The Community Reporter at the CDS, the Secretary at the Church, and the Head Librarian. He did that on March 23, 2014. Freedom: We have 30 surveys back as of today with six names. Freedom: 4, Madison: 11, Tamworth: 7

Before the next meeting the following people will pick up and enter the survey data on or soon after April : Jack Tamworth, Lori Freedom, Ray: Madison

How will we analyze the data? We will put a numerical value on the responses and either total them or average them (averaging would not include blank responses). Then we could clump the results in groups. One group is "main goal" and another group is "fairly distribute costs." The question about autonomy will have to be compared within the responses. School board representation, narratives will be printed out. Yes and No can be tabulated.

**Legal Assistance/questions for Matt Upton:** Matt talked to Jack and Ray at different times. Jack wants to have some questions that are purely legal and another set of questions that are conversational that would take advantage of Matt's experience on the matter. Jack will seek Matt's availability when he is in the area so he could have a conversation with this board on the matter. Sometimes more questions emerge in a conversation. Here are the questions so far:

- If Coop is formed can the ownership of the buildings revert to the town and get leased by the Coop district for the purpose of delivering educational services. If the Coop needs only two buildings, it would not lease more than that.

- What are the common methods and language for getting out of the relationship? Would it be a sunset clause or an automatic renewal option, or what?
- Comment on the balance between ADM and Assessed Valuation for calculating financial contribution.
- What should be the make-up of the board and how do you deal with fluctuations in ADM or town population. How do you deal with terms of office.
- What are the financial costs to do this?
- What is the timeframe? We think that we should be prepared to make a presentation at the next school district meeting with a cost attached for legal, etc.
- If a vote is positive for the first vote, then the legal items would be worked on and a final vote would happen the following year. Is that correct?
- Right now we pay to audit four budgets (three school districts and one SAU). Have other districts reduced their auditing costs?

**Questions for other Coop districts:** We did not address this item.

**Adjourn:** We unanimously decided to adjourn at 6:10 on a motion by Cheryl and Jane.

**Thanks** again to Calumet Conference Center for their hospitality.

**Next meeting:** Monday, 4/14/2014, 5pm, Calumet Conference Center. (Lori will be here at 4:30 if you want to study the survey results.)

Ray O'Brien