

Greenville Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Public Meeting

April 21, 2008

Members present: Scott Blease, Kathy Washburn, Brenda Bergeron
New Ipswich Selectmen present: Richard Stauffeneker, David Keurrolainen, Jim Coffey
Mascenic School Board members present: Chris Lund, Mark Winslow, Richard Eaton
Mascenic Director Facility & Maintenance Gary Somero

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Lund called this joint meeting to discuss what needs to be done now that Mason has withdrawn from the district, forming of a new SAU and building needs. Mr. Lund stated that the school board is willing to participate in getting this items accomplished. He stated that the two remaining towns will need to amend the articles of agreement to list the number of representatives from each town, add kindergarten and look at the apportionment. C. Lund explained that the school board attorney is looking at the number of representatives now that there are 2 towns. The number is based on the number of registered voters in each town. As for the kindergarten the state has given the district until July 1, 2009 to have a kindergarten in place. C. Lund stated that the school board is asking ht towns to look at removing the need for elementary schools in each of the towns as they would like to be able to look into the possibility of a shared elementary school. New Ipswich will definitely have to construct a new elementary school as both Central and Appleton do not meet code. They have an architect that has looked at all the school buildings in the district, none meet code but the worst are Central and Appleton. The Department of Education has stated that Central and Appleton are the two worst schools in the state, the towns must do something. The state has not pressured the towns to move forward with this while Mason was trying to withdraw. as they knew the towns would not be able to obtain bonding for any construction needed, however, now that this has been settled the State has given the district until July 1, 2009. Should one elementary be built the Greenville school could be used to house the SAU, Title 1 and other such offices. Mark Winslow stated that Mason will need to pay the district \$740,000 for capital expenses and the school board has decided that this money will go against capital expenses and could be used for funding the construction of the new school. C. Lund stated that the current bond will be paid off this year. Jim Coffey questioned if we are going to change the name of the district. C. Lund stated that it has been brought up and is something the selectmen would have to look at. Richard Eaton questioned the timing for changing the articles of agreement, as increasing the number of representatives from each town would mean new elections, if the new agreement takes place July 1, 2009, elections would not take place until March 2010. C. Lund stated that this would need to be addressed by legal counsel and the state. R. Eaton suggested that we form a 3 member committee consisting of a member of the Board from each town and a member of the school board to review these needs. It was agreed that this would be done. New Ipswich will have Jim Coffey as a representative while Greenville and the School Board will elect members at their next meeting. Greenville and the School Board will notify Jim Coffey of their members and he will arrange the first meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,
Linda Langille

Minutes approved by,
Board of Selectmen

Scott Blease, Chairman

Kathleen Washburn

Brenda Bergeron