

**Richmond Adhoc Committee on Education**  
**Monday October 2, 2017**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**Richmond Town Library**

**Minutes**

Members present: Peter Mulhall, Doug Bersaw, Jed Butterfield

1. Review and approval of the agenda.
  - a. Agenda was approved.
2. Review and approval of September 6, 2017 Minutes
  - a. With two spelling corrections the minutes were approved.
3. Public Comments
  - a. No public comments
4. Update from Doug – MRSD budget and LRP meetings
  - a. LRP committee has been dissolved by the MRSD school board.
  - b. Budget committee default sub-committee met. The default budget criteria is set by state statute – last year's budget plus any new contractual obligations. Can deduct out of default any one time purchases, or anything that was spent last year that is not needed this year. Ex. Truck for \$30,000.
  - c. Discussion regarding setting the budget. The propose budget proposed by budget committee will be \$31,500,000. This year's budget was \$31,800,000. Add \$970,000 for food services which will be reimbursed.
  - d. Separate articles for continued upgrade of Mt. Caesar, and contracts, may appear as separate warrant articles.
  - e. Early indications are that student enrollment will be about the same.
  - f. No real discussion regarding NESDAC report to consolidate the elementary schools.
5. Update from meeting with Winchester - September 26, 2017 meeting – Doug, Jed
  - a. Favorable meeting
  - b. In spite of 22% special education population, Cost/pupil \$14,971.32.
  - c. Doug shared HB1303 information with Winchester.
  - d. Reviewed the 15 questions/answers that we had submitted to Winchester.
  - e. See separate document with questions and answers
6. Follow-up with SAU 29 – Peter
  - a. No word back from Keene Business manager in spite of phone call today and prior email.
  - b. Still waiting.

7. Update for the Richmond Select board
  - a. Mutual feeling that we need to give the board an update.
  - b. Items to discuss
    - i. What it takes to have options – withdrawal process – warrant – if no official committee then difficult to get additional information such as tuition fee from Winchester. Also must consider SAU implications.
    - ii. Current Richmond cost \$11,000/student – will we really get a better bargain anywhere else?
    - iii. What are the chances of succeeding in withdrawal process?
    - iv. Discussion about funding formula: Current 75% ADM, 25% Property – was 50/50. Hard to know implication of funding change. Can change every 5 years.
    - v. Proposed HB1303 and implications
    - vi. Is a Richmond school worth considering?
    - vii. Winchester discussion – share the questions/answers
    - viii. Review prior report
    - ix. Give minutes of our meeting
    - x. Solicit feedback – what does board want in a report.
    - xi. Next Monday 10/9 ask to get on agenda
    - xii. Press Release
    - xiii. Public forum?
    - xiv. Options
8. Review of options and writing the report for the select board
  - a. Compare contrast MRSD and Winchester.
  - b. Really nothing can be done until official WD committee.
9. Any other business – none raised
10. Agenda for the next meeting
  - a. Outline for the report
11. Public Comments - None
12. Next meeting date and time
  - a. Monday October 23, 2017 3:30 p.m. at Richmond library