

**BUCKSPORT, ORLAND, MSAD 18**  
**REORGANIZATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**6 pm Monday, October 15, 2007**  
**Bucksport Middle School Library**

0. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Rob Howard at 6:05 pm.

Members present: Wayne Ames, Laurie Boardman, Millard Clement, Tom Foster, Guy Haney, Rob Howard, Roxanne Mushrall, Roger Raymond, and Jennifer Riefler.

Members absent: none

Facilitator: Ann Bridge absent

Superintendent: Judy Lucarelli

Others present: Paul Bissonnette (Bucksport Board alternate), Ralph Gonzales (Orland Selectman alternate), Nick Gosling (Ellsworth American), Jeff Robinson (Bucksport Council alternate), Tom Taylor-Lash (Orland facilitator), Boo Upton, and Maryann Ullo.

As suggested by Roger Raymond, in the absence of Ann Bridge, Rob Howard will facilitate. Agreed by the group.

1. Moved by Riefler, seconded by Clement, to approve the minutes of 10/2/07 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A question was raised about process to be followed in proceeding to develop the plan.

Moved by Raymond seconded by Ames to follow Drummond/Woodsum process using the data in the notebook provided by the Superintendent. Motion carried 9-0.

Jennifer asked that we hold back to not get ahead of the state in making decisions about the plan.

2. Report on data requested at previous meeting:

- The superintendent distributed copies of materials from the D/W conference and additional data on item 1, 3, and 6.
- The Superintendent provided a spreadsheet of calendar year census birth to age 5 by town.

3. Action on Plan Items 2 and 3: School Board Composition, Apportionment, and Voting Methods

It was reported that the MSAD 18 School Board voted on October 10<sup>th</sup> to recommend that Prospect and Verona each have a member on the RSU Board.

Moved by Haney, seconded by Clement, that the RSU 9 Board have 4 members elected from Bucksport, 2 members elected from Orland, 1 member elected from Prospect, and 1 member elected from Verona, with voting power based on the latest federal estimated census. Motion carried 9-0.

4. Action on Plan Item 4: Composition, Powers and Duties of Any Local School Committees to Be Created

It was reported that the Orland School Committee voted on October 9<sup>th</sup> to recommend that no school committee be provided for Orland in the plan.

The Orland Selectmen took the same vote.

The Bucksport School Board discussed this and generally concurred with not adding a school committee but did not vote.

The Bucksport Town Council agrees overall but is concerned about the care and condition of facilities if there is no school committee focused just on Bucksport. They recommend delaying action on this item until the facilities Item is resolved. The Town of Bucksport has been very involved in school department facilities.

It was suggested that a stipulation of turning over school facilities to the RSU be the establishment of a Facilities Oversight Committee that includes 1 member selected by the school board for each town and one member selected by the municipal board for each town, to monitor the condition of facilities and recommend to the RSU Board. The superintendent was asked to find out from the Commissioner whether this will be permitted, before there is action on either Item 4 or Item 5.

5. Discussion of Plan Item 5: Disposition of Real and Personal Property

Schools to transfer:

- Roger Raymond would like the school board's recommendation on this. Some Bucksport properties are complex and would require a survey. A great deal of town money has been spent to ensure community access to facilities. The Council will be asking their attorneys to be involved in this item.
- Wayne Ames pointed out that there is not a deed for the Orland Consolidated School. There is a survey but no deed. The recreation storage building may not be a school building.
- The Bucksport School Board will need to weigh in on whether all of the school buildings will be needed or can some go out of use as school facilities, such as Luman Warren School.
- Roger suggested that the next two meetings be held at OCS and Jewett School so committee can see the buildings that may become part of the RSU.

Other buildings to transfer: further discussion is required on this item.

6. Discussion of Plan Item 6: Disposition of Existing Indebtedness

The Superintendent reported on her correspondence with Suzan Beaudoin at the Department of Education. Only Bucksport has debt service payments.

- Local-only debt must be negotiated as part of the RPC Plan. This is for the Miles Lane gym, Middle School auditorium, and High School roofs, totaling \$127,202 as of July 1, 2009.
- State/local debt will be funded as in the past. State/local debt will include a total of \$8,624,094 for a final payment on the Miles Lane School, 6 payments

for the Bucksport High School addition, and 14 payments for the Bucksport Middle School.

The superintendent was asked to find out from MDE what would the impact be on state and local share if Bucksport's valuation dropped substantially.

The superintendent was asked to find out what the state share of state/local debt service will be for the remainder of the debt payments.

7. Discussion of Plan Item 7 if time permits: Assignment of Contractual Obligations

Time did not permit discussion of this item.

8. Schedule Two Meetings:

- Confirmed meeting 6 pm October 22 in Room 40 Orland Consolidated School
- The following meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday October 30 at Jewett School

9. Develop Agenda for Next Meeting

- Discussion on Item 4,5,6, 7
- Discussion on Item 8 if time permits

10. Identify additional data to be provided at the next meeting: specified in above items.

11. Adjourn

Moved by Mushrall, seconded Boardman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.