

**BUCKSPORT, ORLAND, MSAD 18
REORGANIZATION PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
6 pm Monday, November 19, 2007
Bucksport High School Library**

0. The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Ann Bridge at 6 pm.

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

Members absent: Millard Clement,

Facilitator: Ann Bridge

Superintendent: Judy Lucarelli

Others present: Ralph Gonzales (Orland Selectman alternate), Cindy Wood (Ellsworth American), Don Houghton (The Enterprise), Rick Newman (MSAD 18 alternate), Jeff Robinson (Bucksport Council alternate), Donald Unterseher (Orland), Joyce Unterseher (Orland), Edward Wardell (Orland)

1. Moved by Guy, seconded by Rob, to approve the minutes of 10/30/07 meeting as presented. Motion carried 8-0.
2. Report on data requested at previous meeting
 - Analysis of the costs of the collective bargaining agreements: Judy Lucarelli provided spreadsheets showing how the 07-08 salary schedules compare for each step. She was asked to provide a more detailed analysis showing the actual costs of teachers and ed techs in each town. Possibly an average pay would provide enough data: there was a difference of opinion on this. This detailed personnel cost data is necessary to address Item 12.
 - The cost of operating a transportation system instead of contracting for services: how buses would be financed through the state; by purchasing some used buses; or contract for some services and operate buses for some services. Judy provided information about transportation services from First Student and from the Department of Education. In recent years there has been no district with 5 new buses approved in one year. The state allocates available bus purchase monies based first on condition of buses owned, then on increasing enrollments; monies would be available for Bucksport only if these priorities were met. It appears that once a community moves to contracted bus services the system for approving bus purchases makes it harder to return to operating a transportation system.
 - The possibility of regional transportation services with other RSU's: Judy recommended that this be considered after the RSU's are operational.

3. Discussion and Action on Plan Introductory Statement

Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Rob to approve the wording for the introductory statement to the Plan as follows:

“The following Reorganization Plan is proposed by the RPC for Bucksport, Orland, and MSAD 18. All language proposed is subject to change in accordance with future changes in statute. That is, if a provision of this a Plan is found to be counter to current or future statute, the relevant sections of the Plan will be reopened by the RPC to be made consistent with statute; and if statute changes to permit changes that would benefit the towns of the RPC, the relevant sections of the Plan will be reopened by the RPC to consider changes.”

Chair Laurie Boardman asked for Citizen Comments before the vote. There were no citizen comments.

Motion carried 9-0.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Plan Item 5: Disposition of Real and Personal Property

Moved by Rob, seconded by Guy to approve the wording for Item 5 as follows:

- A. The RSU shall take title to buildings constructed with state funding, in which children receive instruction as of the operational date of the RSU, in accordance with the following stipulations.
 - (1) Prior to the effective date of the RSU, all agreements and understandings about use and upkeep of facilities will be put to writing.
 - (2) The cost of legal and survey work to complete these agreements shall be included in the respective 2008-2009 school budgets.
- B. The Town of Bucksport will retain the Junior High Field and grant lease to the RSU for use of the facility per current conditions.
- C. Jewett School will be transferred to the RSU excepting the following:
 - (1) The Town of Bucksport will retain the community center space and storage areas currently occupied by Town of Bucksport.
 - (2) The Town of Bucksport will retain perpetual easement across property for the public drainage pipe.
 - (3) The Town of Bucksport will retain perpetual easement across property for the sanitary sewer.
 - (4) The Town of Bucksport will retain easement for the Head Start playground until playground no longer in use.
 - (5) The Town of Bucksport will retain the parking lot on Bridge Street adjacent Jewett School and lease required area for use by the RSU per current conditions
 - (6) The Town of Bucksport will retain the drain pipe and sewer line on the parking lot property.
 - (7) The Town of Bucksport will retain the swimming pool parking lot.
- D. Bucksport High School buildings and grounds will be transferred to the RSU except the following:
 - (1) tennis court
 - (2) equipment storage shed (beyond power line)
 - (3) Miles Lane Trail
 - (4) new bathrooms and concession stand
 - (5) football field
 - (6) property that includes the power line right of wayThese facilities will be leased to the RSU with exception of equipment storage facility located beyond power line.
- E. Miles Lane School will be transferred to the RSU excepting the following:
 - (1) Miles Lane Trail
 - (2) Miles Lane Access RoadThese facilities will be leased to the RSU for school use per current conditions.
- F. Bucksport Middle School buildings and grounds will be transferred to the RSU excepting the following:
 - (1) Miles Lane Trail
 - (2) Miles Lane RoadThese facilities will be leased to the RSU for school use per current conditions.
Storage buildings will be transferred to the RSU.
Middle School ball fields will be transferred to the RSU

A perpetual easement to land off Forest Hill will be granted to the RSU for drainage way and structures.

- G. Miles Lane Fields will be leased to the RSU for school use per current conditions.
- H. The maintenance of fields in the Bucksport Schools shall become the responsibility of the RSU. The RSU Board may contract with the Town of Bucksport to continue to mow and maintain school grounds in Bucksport.
- I. The Bucksport School Board will determine the future need for the Luman Warren School and implement this decision prior to the operational date of the RSU.
 - (1) If this school is claimed by the RSU, the Town of Bucksport will retain a perpetual easement for the sewer pipe across property
 - (2) If this school is claimed by the RSU, the Town of Bucksport will retain a perpetual easement for the storm pipe across property
- J. Orland Consolidated School shall be transferred to the RSU with the following conditions
 - (1) The Orland shop building and the Orland baseball dugouts shall become the property of the RSU
 - (2) The Recreation storage building on the grounds of the Orland Consolidated School shall become the property of the RSU, with continued use by the community as in the past.
- K. The citizens of these towns shall continue to have the same access to school property after the operational date of the RSU, as they had with the municipal school systems.
- L. All educational materials such as books, classroom supplies, equipment, and furniture shall become property of the RSU to continue to be used for the purpose intended: education of children in the schools.
- M. The following vehicles and grounds equipment shall become the property of the RSU:
 - (1) John Deere tractor purchased by Bucksport School Department
 - (2) 2 Toro Z-mowers purchased by Bucksport School Department
 - (3) Pickup purchased by Bucksport School Department
 - (4) 1998 Pontiac van purchased by Bucksport School Department
 - (5) Field watering reel purchased as part of the Middle School construction project
 - (6) All other grounds equipment purchased with Bucksport School Department funds

Chair Laurie Boardman asked for Citizen Comments before the vote. There were no citizen comments.

Motion carried 9-0.

5. Discussion of Plan Item 7: Assignment of Contractual Obligations

There was discussion as to what information is required for this item. The cost of the negotiated agreements is of concern to RPC members. It was suggested that no system administrative contracts be extended by the Bucksport School Board.

Moved by Roger, seconded by Tom to table this item until a future meeting. Motion carried 9-0.

6. Discussion of Plan Item 9 if time permits: Transition Plan

There was discussion of the Transition Policy list. Student policies are not needed. It was suggested that the completion date for these policies be changed to the date that RSU Board members are elected. This item may be ready for action on 11/26.

7. Identification of Items for Decision Prior to December 1 Submission of Plan

Item 9, 10, 11, 13A, 13B, 13C, small RSU items A, B, C, D, and E.

8. Discussion of School Choice

This item was not addressed.

9. Schedule Two Meetings:

- Change meeting to 6:30 pm on November 26 at Miles Lane School library
- Schedule one additional meeting: 6:30 on December 10 Jewett School conference room

10. Develop Agenda for Next Meeting

As listed in number 7 above.

11. Identify additional data to be provided at the next meeting

Judy was asked to mail the edited plan to RPC members by 11/20.

12. Adjourn

Moved by Rob, seconded by Guy to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.