

**BUCKSPORT, ORLAND, MSAD 18**  
**REORGANIZATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**6 pm Monday, September 17, 2007**  
**Bucksport Town Council Chambers**

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

All members were present: Wayne Ames, Laurie Boardman, Millard Clement, Tom Foster, Guy Haney (replacing Linda Harriman Frost), Rob Howard, Roxanne Mushrall, Roger Raymond, and Jennifer Riefler.

Facilitator: Ann Bridge

Superintendent: Judy Lucarelli

Others present: Nick Gosling (Ellsworth American), Don Houghton (The Enterprise), Mr. Markley (Penobscot School Board member), Jeff Robinson (Bucksport Mayor)

1. Selection of Co-Chairs

Ann Bridge presided over the selection of Rob Howard & Laurie Boardman as co-chairs with no additional names put forth.

2. Groundrules for RPC Meetings [including method of making decisions]

Ann Bridge pointed out that the RPC is advisory to the three school committees and that it is a transitional committee.

The nature of the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline was questioned. The Superintendent will research this.

It was noted that it is very important to have answers to RPC questions before the vote on the Plan in the three school systems.

Ann Bridge provided a decision-making tracking sheet for use by members.

RPC Groundrules:

- Meetings facilitated by state-appointed facilitator. Moved by Roger, seconded by Wayne; motion carried 9-0.
- Absent members will be replaced by alternate, who are encouraged to attend all mtgs. Each board responsible for attendance of representative: send alternate if cannot attend. Let one of the co-chairs know if going to be absent.
- Quorum is 5 members, at least 1 for each school system. Co-chairs cancel meeting if fail to have a quorum. Moved by Roger, seconded by Guy; motion carried 9-0.
- Item 5 for RPC decisions. Moved by Roxanne, seconded by Wayne; motion carried 9-0.
- The public will be given the opportunity to speak on an issue after a motion is made & seconded and before a vote is taken; may have time limits set by the moderator; inform the public of this on each agenda. Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Guy; motion carried 9-0.

- On an alternating basis the co-chairs will take on the role of taking motions/seconds and calling for votes. Moved by Roger, seconded by Millard; motion carried 9-0.
- These groundrules can be changed by majority vote at any meeting. Moved by Roger, seconded by Wayne; motion carried 9-0.

### 3. Method for Filling Unanticipated Vacancies

Bucksport & Orland have alternates for each board and municipal position. MSAD 18 has 1 alternate for all positions combined. If a position becomes vacant it will be replaced by the entity that named the individual.

### 4. Role of Facilitator

The role of Ann Bridge will be to facilitate the process; not answer legal questions but find a way to seek answers. She will be attending meetings in Augusta for background information. This RPC is in a different situation from many since one superintendent serves all 3 units.

### 5. Schedule of Meetings: Date, Time, Location

At each meeting the dates will be confirmed for the next two meetings.

Only Bucksport has Time Warner cable.

Consider meeting in other communities and in community as well as school locations.

The RPC will meet in the Bucksport Middle School Library for the next 2 meetings. Moved by Roxanne, seconded by Jennifer; motion carried 9-0.

The next two meetings will be at 6 pm on Tuesday 10/2 and on Monday 10/15.

### 6. Review of RPC Guidelines by Facilitator

RPC comments:

- Move away from January 15 voting date; too soon after plan submission.
- Most important decision citizens asked to take for many years. Must be favorable to community and supportable. Large turnout important – January likely to be light voter turnout.
- Orland, Prospect, and Verona operate on a calendar year basis. Cannot make this change by 7/1/08.
- The Commissioner informed the public at June forum that the December 1 deadline does not require a final plan.
- Can School Boards change plan? It appears so, but the boards will need the support of the RPC to assist with passage of plan by communities.

Ann reviewed the required 13 points for the RPC Plan.

### 7. Participation in RPC by Penobscot

The Superintendent explained that she could not get financial information for our four towns plus Penobscot. She did not learn that Penobscot was interested in partnering with Bucksport until after the Boards voted. The three boards might have been interested in partnering with Penobscot. She spoke with the Penobscot Board chair, RPC board member, and

Superintendent after learning that Penobscot had submitted two proposals. She invited Penobscot to participate in the first RPC meeting, which conflicted with the first RSU 10 RPC meeting. She was told that the Board alternate would attend our RPC meeting. She was told that once Penobscot received financial information comparing cost to participate in RSU 10 and in our RSU, they would make a decision. Subsequently she learned that Penobscot's Intent to Partner with Bucksport was denied due to lack of reciprocation.

Mr. Markley said Penobscot wants to keep options open. He did not learn until he walked in tonight that they were not approved to partner with Bucksport. They do not have financial data on partnering with us. Their next Board meeting is October 9.

It is a school board decision on partners.

It is likely that 3 boards would accept Penobscot, if Penobscot can get permission to proceed, as long as this does not slow down the process too much.

8. Review of Notebook by Superintendent

Judy Lucarelli reviewed the material in the notebook. She will provide additional data when requested by the RPC.

9. Develop Agenda for Each Meeting

Meeting 2: Develop recommendations on plan items 2 and 3; if time permits, preliminary discussion of plan items 4 and 5.

10. Adjourn

Moved by Roger, seconded by Guy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.