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Meeting of the School Regionalization Study Committee Minutes of January 19, 2022

The first regular meeting of the School Regionalization Study Committee was held in person at the Plainville Town Hall, Room 220 at 6:30 PM:

Members in attendance: Bruce Cates
Maggie Clarke
Brian Noble
Joanne Sawye
Reed Webster

Also Present: Michele Sharpe, Vice Chair of The Plainville School Committee

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM
- 2.0 Agenda Review:
Brian Noble reviewed the agenda.
- 3.0 Organize

The committee elected the following officers by unanimous vote:

Bruce Cates, Chair
Maggie Clarke, Vice Chair
Reed Webster, Clerk

4.0 Establish Goals & Objectives

An open discussion was held among the committee members that included Mrs. Sharpe regarding the goals and tasks of the committee. The discussion also included two citizens attending the meeting.

The discussion included:

- Interest that other Towns might have in regionalizing with the Plainville Schools. The discussion included obligations that Plainville might have to the King Philip Regional School District and the towns of Norfolk and Wrentham regarding exclusivity. It was pointed out that Mr. Noble acting on behalf of a previous request from the Select Board researched any agreements that limit our mission to those three entities. And, that it was determined no such obligation exists.
- Mrs. Sharpe presented the committee with a Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) Document outlining a format for forming a Regional School District. The committee agreed to review it individually and discuss it at the next meeting.

- There was considerable discussion regarding available resources and what the committee might want to learn from those resources. Contacting different sources to speak with the committee to provide insight regarding a process to explore school regionalization was also discussed.

The discussion concluded with the idea that the committee would explore a list of organizations at the next meeting for the purpose of securing a meeting with a representative of those organizations. The committee agreed to discuss and whiteboard a road map of speakers and organizations. It would include the organization, our goal for meeting with each organization, and developing a list of questions for an effective meeting with each organization.

5.0 Set Future Meeting Date:

The committee agreed to meet:

- Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM

6.0 Adjournment:

At 8:05 PM, the meeting concluded its business, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting on a motion from Maggie Clarke and seconded by Joanne Sawyer.