

TEMPORARY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2022

Received
Asst. Town Clerk
Susan J. Deaton
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2:10 PM

- 1) Call to Order The Temporary Regional School District Study Committee meeting held at the Wamogo Library Media Center and via teleconference was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by William Davenport.

Members present: William Davenport, Co-Chairman, Stephen Tracy, Co-Chairman, Margaret Hunt, Secretary, Michael Bergin, Treasurer, Robert DeLayo, Billie Jean Sideris, John Morosani, Denise Weik, and Lynn Stone. Also present: Christopher Leone, Superintendent, Matthew Venhorst, CSDE, and Frederick Dorsey, Counsel for Litchfield Public Schools.

- 2) Approval of Minutes (from March 11, 2022)

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2022. Michael Bergin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Set Public Hearing Dates (Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, Warren)

Mr. Leone read the proposed Public Hearing Dates for the towns of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, and Warren commenting all Public Hearings would be held at 8:00 p.m. and the proposed locations. Discussion ensued. The committee recommended moving up the proposed Public Hearing date for Warren to allow for any potential issues of cancellation from severe weather storms.

The final proposed recommended dates are:

Town of Goshen – Thursday, May 26, 2022 - Goshen Center School at 8:00 p.m.

Town of Warren – Tuesday, May 31, 2022 – Warren School at 8:00 p.m.

Town of Morris – Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – James Morris School at 8:00 p.m.

Town of Litchfield – Thursday, June 2, 2022 – Litchfield Intermediate School at 8:00 p.m.

Margaret Hunt made a motion to set the Public Hearing Dates (Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, Warren) as stated above. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4) Approval of Referendum Date

Billie Jean Sideris recommended the Referendum Date be set as June 28, 2022. Michael Bergin seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

- 5) Approval of Referendum Question:

"Shall a regional school district be established in accordance with the plan approved by the State Board of Education on May 4, 2022?"

Margaret Hunt asked if the names of the four towns needed to be in the question. Mr. Leone said that there was no wordsmithing in the motion, and he confirmed with Matt Venhorst that the wording was legal and final.

John Morosani made a motion for the Approval of Referendum Question:

"Shall a regional school district be established in accordance with the plan approved by the State Board of Education on May 4, 2022?" Michael Bergin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6) Adjournment There being no further business to come before this committee, Michael Bergin made a motion to adjourn. John Morosani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem