

# Farmington River Regional School District RAAC Subcommittee

Farmington River Elementary School Library

Meeting #6

Thursday, February 15, 2024

5:30 PM

## Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Members Present: Jon Sylbert, Carol Lombardo, Steve Seddon, Carl Nett, Terry Gould, Frank Tolopko (zoom), Sue Brofman, Doug Miner

Guests: Denise Hardie, Melissa Bye, Larry Gould, Kimberly Meyers, Town of Otis (zoom)

1. Motion was made and seconded to Amend the Agenda by moving numbers 5-9 up precede the RDA changes. There was concern that we might run out of time to have those discussions. The vote was 4 in favor and 4 against, so the Agenda remained unchanged.
2. Sue will check on the clarification from DESE on the Apportionment Review.
3. Heidi was asked to send the original copy of the RDA to everyone again, as well as the Regional School District Agreement Check list from DESE.
4. A motion was made and seconded to return the apportionment section of the RDA back to the RAAC. It was felt that the RAAC should work together to come up with the options to present the methods of apportionment. There was some discussion that with a mediator, we could better understand the best options to follow. The vote was 4-4 and the motion failed.
5. Denise Gould mentioned that there is to be a special School Committee meeting on Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 pm at the school where we could hear more information regarding Apportionment between Otis and Sandisfield.
6. A motion was made and seconded that the RAAC request the School Committee hire a consultant from MARS to help the RAAC with a mutually acceptable agreement. The motion was defeated 4-4.
7. Members worked on the RDA and will start with number 11 at the next meeting.
8. Frank Tolopko said he is resigning as liaison to DESE. A motion was made and seconded that Terry Gould become the new liaison and Terry agreed to serve. The motion was passed.
9. Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 in the Library with the Owl. Heidi will reserve the space and the Owl.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Utenis  
RAAC Secretary