

Dublin Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024

Attendees Committee: Blake Anderson, Andy Freeman, Bill Gurney, Peter Imhoff, Jesse Marcum, Blake Minckler, Carole Monroe, Jay Schechter

Other Attendees: May Clark, Carla Drakeunderkoffler, Peter Drakeunderkoffler, Karl Eckilson, Christopher Gallagher, Kari Higley, Ken Page, John Wood

1. Minutes Approval - Feb 27, 2024 J Marcum moved as amended, B Minckler second, all in favor
2. Spoke with F Edelblut's Administrative Assistant, Availability April 2, 16, 30th; April 30 is the preferable date at 6:00 PM. Email questions to J Schechter - Questions re: regulatory landscape, options under state law, how do we pursue those options, Best scenario for a town leaving the District in NH, worst case scenario. Are there state resources to help us? What resources would be directed to Dublin, not ConVal? To maintain transparency we will request questions from the public.
3. If Warrant Article passes the School Board has a 60 day time frame to form a committee and hold its first meeting and 180 days to submit report to DOE.
4. What happens if two towns require a study? The studies run concurrently.
5. Laura from Francestown will be at reconfiguration meeting tomorrow in Dublin.
6. Greenfield SB is strongly in favor of ConVal; "The Greenfield Selectboard is strongly in favor of the proposal/consolidation plan." Informally, the Board was of a consensus that the consolidation plan does not go far enough. The board feels that many more steps in the future need to be taken.
7. Creating TIF Districts where the valuation of that portion of the town gets capped for 10 years, and can extend another 10 years, skews the formula for the District. It appears that In Antrim TIF District valuations remove about the \$32M from property values that is not accounted for in the valuation. The shortfall of tax funds will be made up by the broader state or county. Where does equalized tax valuation fall into this? What is the amount of TIF District valuations in Peterborough not included in the equalized tax values? TIF Districts also may have borrowing power.
8. Community Impact: Research continues; micro survey to count children was conducted in the Village District. Trying to determine why parents choose home schooling or private schools. Inferences of millennial generation impacts due to the recession of 2008. National projections show enrollment has flatlined, which may not be the case locally. National trends may not equal local trends. Study may not reflect local changes.
9. NH DOE – No numbers for Dublin children that are homeschooled, attend private or parochial schools.
10. May Clark - It used to be that homeschool children had to notify the local school and be assessed annually, there is a question if that is still required.

11. Carla DrakeUnderkoffler – If you are to homeschool your children you must write a letter declaring that they are going to be homeschooled. The children are assessed/ evaluated every year with a portfolio or testing by the State.
12. When evaluating schools, parents cared greatly about small teacher/student ratio.
13. Education Quality – disaggregated data is not pertinent however socio economic status makes a difference. ConVal falls into the middle of the pack. Looking to pull together charts/graphs changes over time. Will also look at other public schools in the area.
14. John Wood – There are state testing requirements for grades 3, 4, 5 8 and 11 showing whether proficient/not proficient on a continuum.
15. Legal, Fin
 - a. NHMA – the attorneys at NHMA do not have expertise in this area. The person at NHMA with education/school board experience is on the ConVal school board. Suggested we use Education Atty at the same firm that we use for our municipal attorney.
16. Potential Options -everything we could possible think of at this moment in time
 - a. Do nothing, stay with ConVal
 - b. Stay with ConVal renegotiate the costs
 - c. Withdraw from ConVal
 - d. Tuition into another town/District
 - e. Joining another District – Jaffrey/Rindge; Keene/Marlboro
 - f. Voucher system
 - g. Use Elementary School creating our own SAU and Tuition In for Middle and/or high school
 - h. Bill G - School Board in Harrisville, children tuition in at higher level ; if there is an arrangement with Keene, must send all kids to Keene
 - i. Charter School – fully independent
 - j. Charter Schools private?
 - k. Croydon has multiple agreements with schools, districts, and area agreement; parents make the choice, transportation is only required from 8th grade and up (check on this?). (65 kids)
17. B Anderson – It is too early to make these decisions.
18. Community Impact- must make sure Dublin parents and grandparents are part of decision.
19. ConVal trying to solve an apportioning issue by closing the schools.
20. Motion to adjourn made by B Minckler 2nd by J Marcum, all in favor
21. Next meeting 3/19 Town Hall 5:30