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Future of TC Hamlin School Ad Hoc Committee

November 27, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Minutes

(All meetings are videotaped and available on the MSAD 11 website for viewing)

Attendance: Bethany Richmond, Denise Smith, Dorothy Hinckley, Bob Henderson, Matt Drost, Nancy Fortier-Brown, Becky Fles, Sara Hess, Andrea Disch, Gabe Dostie, Sarah Bolduc-Ignasiak, Chad Kempton, Pat Hopkins

1. Welcome and reintroductions
2. Follow-up on student enrollment numbers

Dotty Hinckley confirmed that she met with Terry McGuire, Director of Technology, to review the student enrollment data that was distributed at the last meeting. Only one adjustment was made, there are currently three (3) pre-kindergarten students from Randolph not two (2) as previously reported.

3. Review of additional enrollment/class size information

Pat Hopkins distributed the current enrollment, staffing levels, and class size averages at TC Hamlin and Pittston Consolidated School. She also distributed a document showing that the decline in student enrollment from school year 2008 to the current year is 152. The decline in student enrollment in Randolph for the same time period is 110 students. This comparison shows that 72.37% of the overall decline in the MSAD 11 enrollment is due to a decline in students enrolled in school from Randolph.

4. Review of town demographic information

Matt Drost shared data he collected showing that Randolph births from 2006 to 2017 have decreased by 50%. He also shared that the current housing market in Randolph is down by approximately 50%.

5. Review of Scenarios:

- Moving TC Hamlin students to Pittston School

- This would require the addition of a modular unit at the Pittston School. Considerable time was spent reviewing the cost to lease purchase and install a modular unit, the amount and type of instructional space needed, transportation implications, and the elimination of isolation this scenario would provide for students and staff.
- Reconfigure the Pittston School to serve Randolph and Pittston students in grades K-2 and the TC Hamlin School to serve those students in grades 3-5
 - Space in the existing buildings could accommodate this reconfiguration. It would address student and staff isolation, but would create challenges for transportation and before and after school coverage. In this scenario, both buildings would be under utilized.

Chad Kempton commented that the plan he will ultimately support must provide the following:

- Efficiency for the district
- Collaboration for the staff
- Expanded learning and socialization experiences for students

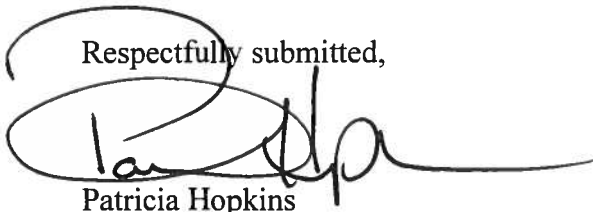
6. Next Steps

- Review estimated savings both of the scenarios identified above
- Discuss possible alternative usages for the TC Hamlin School

7. Next Meeting

- Monday, December 18 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Hopkins', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

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