

Salisbury Education Committee
November 1, 2012

Roll Call: D Merwin, K Sheldon, K Ross-Raymond, S Miller, M. Murphy
Absent: B. MacDuffie Sr.

Visitors: Sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairperson D. Merwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. D. Merwin made a motion to accept the October 4, 2012 minutes. S. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: K Ross-Raymond contacted the Attorney at the Department of Education regarding changing how members of the MVSB are elected via a warrant article. The Attorney referred Ken back to the SAU Office which in turn referred him back to the Dept of Education. Ken has not heard back from them at this time. A discussion ensued on why the method of electing members was changed from how it was originally set up when the District was formed and the advantages and disadvantages on having all residents vote for all candidates vs only voting on those who represent their town. On keeping it the same an advantage was each town gets a more cohesive board so they can represent all towns as a whole. Disadvantages were voters may not know candidates from other towns and vote on name recognition only and it could be counter productive if a town wants to control their board members. An advantage for each town voting only for their own representatives would be voters are more apt to know their towns' candidate better. Another suggestion was to add term limits for representatives. Other thoughts were it may be beneficial to run the warrant article by the other towns and find out if residents are interested in making a change and to check with other school districts to see how they elect board members. K. Ross-Raymond is going to draft a warrant article petition for circulation and present it to the SAU.

The letter has been sent to Salisbury Lifelines informing residents about the Salisbury Education Committee and its goals and asking residents for input.

A letter of response from the SAU was received acknowledging receipt of the letter the Salisbury Education Committee sent to them regarding ways to reduce the financial burden on taxpayers while striving to provide a quality education for our children.

Transportation was discussed briefly regarding continuing looking into any cost savings via privatization.

New Business: The Committee will need to put a "year in review" article in the Town Report. M. Murphy will do a draft.

The question was asked who bears the additional cost of Special Education for the Andover students at the high school level.

D. Merwin made a motion to adjourn. S. Miller seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm at the town office building.