

Withdrawal Committee
June 11, 2012, 5 PM
Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present:

RSU representatives: Brad Huot, Art LeBlanc, Matt Fadiman, Maureen King

Arundel: Tom Danylik, Jon Renell, Diane Robbins, Jack Turcotte

Administration: Andrew Dolloff

Andrew opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m. After introductions, it was agreed to caucus, providing each group the opportunity to confirm its position. At 5:20, the groups returned to the table.

Jack Turcotte stated that the Arundel group has not been able to come up with any scenario that allows students from Arundel to remain in RSU 21 schools beyond the 2013-2014 school year.

Art LeBlanc stated that the RSU is aware of those issues and had proposed the idea simply to meet the needs/requests of the parents who have contacted the RSU. He stated that the RSU would like Arundel, should they withdraw, to consider MSK as an option for middle school students when the TAMS contract is being reviewed for renewal, and the RSU team would like language written into the contract that ensures that KHS would remain an option for Arundel students at the high school level, with tuition paid by the town. This generated some discussion, as there was confusion as to whether or not this would supersede state law. Andrew clarified that this would not override law, nor was it intended to do so – it would supersede any exclusive contracts that would take choice away from Arundel students. Arundel agreed to include such language, with Jon Renell suggesting that it include the language, “in perpetuity”. This also generated discussion, as the group felt the contract would have a terminal date. The year 2026 was suggested, allowing students who enter kindergarten in 2012 to graduate from Kennebunk High School, should they so desire.

Diane asked, and Art clarified, that the return of Arundel’s portion of fund balance and CIP, minus the agreed upon amounts of debt service and the superintendent’s contract, is still part of the agreement.

Andrew asked that the Arundel group have their attorney craft the language for an initial review, which will be conducted by all members and the RSU attorney before finalization. The goal is for Arundel to have this completed by week’s end, with the next meeting scheduled for June 20 at 6:00 p.m.