

Regional Agreement Committee
Hamilton Wenham Regional School District Office
5 School Street, Wenham

Jan. 3, 2017

Call to order 3:38

Present: Stacey Metternick, Michelle Bailey, Deb Evans
Also in present: Mike Harvey

The State Standard Assessment data was looked at. Mike Harvey explained the calculation. However this does not seem to be good option.

Stacey looked at households. This data is not a clean.

The assessed value seems to track similarly to enrollment data.

Steve Henman from MA Regional Schools is currently working on a few other regional agreement amendments.

Stacey has talked to Mike Lombardo, Peter Lombardi, Scott Maddern, John Clemenzi, and Catherine Harrison to let them know what the working group has been thinking.

The timing of the implementation was discussed. Sooner versus later would be most beneficial

There was a discussion of strategy for approaching towns.
The goals:

Educate the School Committee on the Regional Agreement Assessment information. At our next SC meeting, we will inform the Committee about what we have discussed so far.

Jeff Sands will update the 6-year rolling average to compare to the 3-year rolling average.

The most equitable source of data is enrollment.

Our proposal is to change the 3-year rolling average to a 6-year rolling average as soon as possible.

What's the process: -

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- Ask for the support of Committee
- Meet with members of the Boards of Selectmen
- Put is on the warrant
- Community Education
- Town Meeting
- Dept. Ed Approval

By whatever date we need to decide on if the SC puts it on or if jointly put on the warrant.

Addressing the assessment formula is one of the SC Goals for the year. We are moving towards meeting the goal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bailey