

**POMFRET SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Directors

SPECIAL MEETING

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Thursday, January 5, 2017 @ 8:30 PM

Present: Seth Westbrook, Patricia Kuzmickas

**I. Call to order: 6:10 PM**

Seth Westbrook called to order

**II. Action/ Discussion:**

**Review and Comment on the Report of the Act 46 Study Committee**

Bob C- Update: 8th iteration, will be 9 eventually. Looking for feedback unto Jan 18th.

Justin S: Combined student numbers in Woodstock / TPVS schools don't account for para Pre-K4. PreK-4 full time teaching principals.

Guiding principles in report have all have been there a while, and haven't changed greatly.

Nancy Robinson (Bridgewater Clerk) - what happens if one town in one town out (Joint District towns)  
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If Bridgewater votes NO? where do the kids go? (they don't have a school building anymore)- kids would get tuitioned somewhere

If both yes - joint contract dissolved - kids go to unified district

If both no - joint contract remains in place, TPVS becomes a non-member educational district

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grandfathered small schools grant

no incentives

subject to the whims of the state

TPVS would have to submit a plan to the state

July 19 state makes final plan

could get placed into the unified district against will, and lose incentives.

Financial incentive- per pupil costs more in line with district average for FY 18 projected budget.

Addition of Plymouth makes it a slight positive, versus a slight negative for Pomfret voters.

The Pomfret board suggests incorporating revised financial reporting that includes Plymouth into the main body of the report as the primary analysis. This is a better financial picture for voters to see up front.

Bob Coates comment: p. 23 - Projected Class size 5th/6th - Woodstock 32/35, Pomfret 23/24 (avg) Bob has noted to the study committee that TPVS has physical capacity only for 20 6th grade students.

Kids grandfathered in the school they are in, but not when they go up another school (as of 18/19)

If a town voted no, and they have a year to reconsider - how and who decides how to get them back in.

School Board could vote to have a special town meeting

Voters of Town could get a special meeting warned to vote

Voter outreach is going to be the primary concern - how to reach voters before they cast Australian ballot. There will be no opportunity for discussion at Town Meeting, as most Australian ballots are cast before the meeting.

### **III. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Patricia Kuzmickas

Seconded: Seth Westbrook