

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 15, 2010

6:00 p.m.

China Middle School – China

Present: Lora Downing, Linda Laughlin, Dodie Leighton, Dennis Purington and Kelly Roderick

I. Called to Order

6:15 p.m.

II. Review of Policy File: IHBA-R, Referral/Pre-referral of Students with Disabilities Procedure

The RSU 18 Board previously adopted this policy. Changes made in Maine law in the last legislative session indicate that there need to be changes as follows:

- Page 2 of 3 60 days reduced to 45 days.
- The final paragraph of the document on page 3 be deleted

A request was made to write out the words for the acronyms used in the document the first time they appear.

The Committee recommends approval of the policy changes.

III. Nellie Mae Foundation Update Regarding Site Visit Process

Ms. Laughlin explained that RSU 2 (Hallowell, Farmingdale, Monmouth, and Richmond) and RSU 18 have been working toward proposing system wide change and have written the grant together. The grant application is now in phase 3. There are 6 questions to be responded to by Thursday September 16, 2010.

On Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 38 people from both RSUs met to review previous work in all the former school systems. The participants were asked to look at what worked/what didn't work and then identified the lessons learned from the previous work.

Nellie Mae will be in both school units for a site visit on October 15, 2010, and announcement of the grant recipients will be in early November.

IV. 2010-11 Professional Development Plan

Ms. Laughlin shared and reviewed the District professional development plan and calendar. The plan outlines the ongoing professional development offerings and includes all of the professional development opportunities offered for teachers over the year. The RSU 18 professional development is designed to target those teachers who need it when they need it. This summer RSU 18 had teachers who gave up as many as 8 days for professional training. Ms. Laughlin noted that there are 2 days per month for teachers' meetings both at the building and District levels.

V. Future Agenda Items

- Using the organizational structure chart Ms. Laughlin offered to keep the Committee informed on all the work moving toward standards-based implementation
- Policy work
- Testing data
- Report on changes in High School curriculum being piloted

VI. Future Meeting Dates for the 2010-11 School Year

- October 13, 2010- 6:00 p.m.
- November 17, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

6:55 p.m.