June 21, 2017

The Signal Mountain School System Viability Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Committee Chair John Friedl

Committee Vice Chair Tom McCullough Committee Member Charles Spencer Committee Member Susan Speraw Committee Member Amy Wakim Committee Member Melissa Wood

Others in attendance: Mayor Chris Howley

Town Council member and committee liaison Amy Speek

Town Manager Boyd Veal Town Attorney Phil Noblett

See attachment for others in attendance.

Committee Chair John Friedl called the meeting to order and the roll was taken. The agenda called for the approval of the previous meeting minutes. Tom McCullough moved to approve the minutes, Charles Spencer seconded the motion. Susan Speraw abstained, all others in attendance approved, and the motion carried.

Susan Speraw guided the discussion on the Quality questionnaire, reading the survey questions that the Quality sub-committee created. Charles Spencer asked what our plans are for the results of the survey. Much discussion occurred about the survey questions. Committee decided to eliminate question 8, and include a question about students with an IEP.

Phil Noblett suggested the language for the introduction of the survey. Charles Spencer suggested we have a statistician review our survey to see if there is a bias in the way the questions are being asked.

The committee also discussed asking HCDE if it would be possible to utilize their communication system to notify the community of the survey and to distribute the survey electronically.

Amy Wakim moved to adopt the edited survey, Tom McCullough seconded it. All in attendance approved, the motion carried.

The committee moved to the next agenda item, the trip to Shelby County. Council Member Speek wanted to clarify that she would not be making the trip to Shelby County, and that Mayor Howley would represent the Town of Signal Mountain on this trip.

The committee then answered additional questions from the website. Phil Noblett informed our committee of current law that would apply to our situation.

The committee discussed Ms. Brasel's concern about Magnet Schools, an email exchange. Susan Speraw suggested we add additional information to every question that has a "Yes" or "No" response.

Charles Spencer moved that any town council member can sit at our table and make comments. Amy Wakim seconded the motion. A brief discussion occurred. Amy Wakim withdrew her seconding of the motion. Being no second, the motion was tabled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

John Friedl, Committee Chair

Recorder