

*****March 1, 2017*****

The Signal Mountain School Viability Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Those present were: Committee Chair John Friedl
 Committee Vice-Chair Tom McCullough
 CommitteeMember Thomas Peterson
 CommitteeMember Amy Wakim
 CommitteeMember Susan Speraw
 Committee Secretary Melissa Wood

Others in attendance: Mayor Chris J. Howley
 Town Manager Boyd Veal
 Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
 Council Member and committee liaison Amy Speek arrived at 7:26 PM
 see attached list for others present

Committee Chair John Friedl called the meeting to order and the roll was taken.

Review of SSVC By-Laws Document

The committee reviewed the SSVC By-Laws Document. Town Manger Boyd Veal explained the reasoning for the committee to adopt the by-laws and further explained key points included in these by-laws. Chairman Freidl presented concerns with a few sections of the by-laws and suggested changes to the language in sections 3., 3.1, and 3.3. After reviewing these suggestions, Committee member Tom McCullough moved to adopt the by-laws with said changes in the language to 3., 3.1., and 3.3. Committee member Thomas Peterson seconded the motion. All present being if favor, the motion passed.

Procedural Guidelines Discussion

The committee discussed the importance of having a consistent and respectful procedure in the efforts to collect information from HCDE and the requests that will be made directly to Dr. McDade. The committee then discussed potential research assignments. Committee Member Amy Wakim suggested that Chairman Friedl take the lead on pursuing answers to the committee's legal questions.

The committee also discussed an organizational structure for recording, storing, and distributing documents. To maintain an organized repository of all committee documents, members will submit all documents electronically to Town Manager Boyd Veal. All documents must be submitted with a cover sheet that will be provided by the town manager.

Council member and committee liaison Amy Speek informed the committee that she will begin distributing the community submitted questions to our committee at the beginning of each meeting.

The committee also discussed the potential opportunity for additional questions to be submitted in an anonymous way. The committee recognized that since there is not a way to submit anonymous questions, employees of HCDE may be reluctant to submit questions.

Mayor Chris Howley addressed the committee and presented a method for moving forward. He specifically charged the committee with answering the questions submitted through the website and the paper submission questions. He also would like the committee to thoroughly fill in the Ad-Hoc Committee's gaps in their findings and thoroughly vet all answers. Throughout the committee's tenure, the town council will submit questions to be answered as well.

Council Member Speek will compile questions, eliminate duplicates, categorize, and distribute them.

Mayor Howley tasked the committee to tear apart the Ad-Hoc budget, submitting financial information for the first year of a Signal Mountain Municipal School District as well as submitting long term financial information for as long as ten years from the new district's creation.

He also tasked the committee with figuring out how to include every child who lives on Signal Mountain in Hamilton County and already attends one of the three schools.

His final request of the committee is to provide the information for how a Signal Mountain Municipal School District would be able to maintain or improve the current offerings provided.

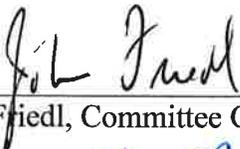
Amy Wakim presented the committee with an organized set of questions that need to be answered to fill in the gaps of the Ad-Hoc Committee Report. The questions were categorized by who the appropriate party to address the question would be.

The committee tasked Vice-Chair McCullough to work with Town Manager Boyd Veal to begin organizing and submitting questions to the appropriate parties. A preliminary meeting agenda was set for the next scheduled meeting on March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM

The committee briefly discussed the potential for travel to recently created municipal districts throughout the state.

Chairman Friedl asked the committee to thoroughly study the Ad-Hoc Committee proposed budget and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



John Friedl, Committee Chair



Secretary