

**Five Town RPC  
Meeting Summary  
1-24-08**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Jill Lang made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lewis, to approve the January 10, 2008 meeting summary. Motion carried

There were no public comments.

Mike W. gave an update on the majority and minority reports of LD 1932, and explained some of the differences between the two versions, which is essentially that the minority report would allow for associations of school unions. Pat H. questioned the amendment's provision that increased costs not approved by an RSU can be paid by a municipality, since the person would be an employee of the RSU and a member of the Union, or else there would need to be separate contracts. What about when an employee works in a school that serves more than one town? Dianne will question.

The group discussed the need to go to the public and to area legislators with the RPC's concerns, but decided to wait until the legislature finished with LD 1932 so there will be a better idea what the concerns really are.

Dianne will try to find out how much money is available from DOE for star-up costs of the RSU. Pat warns that if the 5 towns need to come up with this money, there will need to be a separate warrant article in each town.

A session was conducted to generate ideas about how education could be enhanced through an RSU, or other methods of cooperation. (Notes attached)

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 14, pending action by the legislature.