DEPOSIT-HANCOCK SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

March 30, 2017
7:00 PM in the Hancock CS Library

Present: (Attendance List Attached)

Meeting:
Facilitator, Gray Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, with introductions. Mr. Allen Buyck, District Superintendent of the Broome-Tioga BOCES joined us to identify and discuss challenges facing Deposit & Hancock as they explore sharing between these two schools located in different BOCES. Perry Dewey, District Superintendent at the DCMO BOCES, sent his regrets at not being able to attend due to an understandably packed schedule.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.

The questions and answers that were discussed yielded the following:

1. If both BOCES offer a similar service or program, no need to share as both schools have access a similar program. If only one BOCES offers a program, a "Cross-Contract" can be entered into so that both schools may access the program. It may be financially prudent to determine the BOCES aid ratio of each school to determine which one has the best aid ratio, and then have the school with the higher aid ratio request the service. This would be determined by the school superintendents. Frequently, the simplest share is a municipal agreement between the schools with no involvement of BOCES. Each share will require the proper research to determine the best means of cooperation between the two schools.

2. At this time only $30,000 of an itinerant (shared teacher, therapist, etc.) is eligible to have BOCES aid ratio applied to. The savings may not be worth the scheduling requirements that a BOCES share requires. Again, careful research needs to be done.

3. The adopted School Calendar of the two BOCES is different. This fact creates a host of issues between schools. As an example, the Spring Break for these two BOCES is a week apart, causing athletic conflicts, long distance learning conflicts, transportation issues, etc. There was strong support for a meeting between the two BOCES to attempt to align the two calendars and decrease scheduling conflicts. The Committee felt that it would be helpful to compile a list of benefits that a common calendar between the two BOCES would produce.
4. The issue of aligning the start/end times of the two schools and aligning bell schedules is a local issue that should continue to be discussed and worked on at the

local level. It is recognized that a factor in this discussion would be the impact on each school's bargaining unit.

5. Mr. Buyck will inquire of SED the process for a school to petition the State to move from BOCES to another. Mr. Buyck indicated that the only time he had seen such moves was during the study of a BOCES that occurs following the resignation of a BOCES District Superintendent. However, he will inquire about the process and timing and report back his findings to Ms Cook, Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Dougherty indicated that he would be in support of an annual meeting between the B-T BOCES and DCMO BOCES Boards and District Superintendents with the purpose being to create a more cooperative,trusting atmosphere between the two BOCES over time. Mr. Buyck expressed his willingness to work with Mr. Dewey to look into such a meeting.

It was determined that to wrap-up the committee work for this year, the principals will discuss:
1. Development of a student exchange program,
2. Development of an electronic learning program.

Both schools will also continue to monitor the merger of athletic programs. The results of these endeavors will be recorded by the Deposit and Hancock superintendents for publication in the local papers and newsletters by the start of the next school year.

Each school committee will meet in September of 2017 and the joint Collaboration Committee will meet in October of 2017.

Action Items:
1. Allen Buyck - Work with Perry Dewey on an initiative to formulate both a Common Calendar for the B-T and DCMO BOCES and an annual meeting of the two BOCES Boards and District Superintendents.
2. Allen Buyck - Find out and report back on the SED process and timing for a school district to petition to move to a neighboring BOCES.
3. Terry Dougherty and Denise Cook to discuss notion of the formulation of a Common Calendar between B-T and DCMO at respective monthly BOCES Chief School Administrator meetings.
4. Gray Stevens - Record minutes, monitor progress on first three action items, follow-up on September school meetings at Deposit and Hancock, and establish date for October Collaboration Committee meeting.

Adjournment occurred at 8:08 PM.

NEXT MEETING: **October, 2017. Date to be determined.**