

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING - Litchfield BOE Ad Hoc Collaboration Committee and  
Regional School District No. 6 Board of Long Term Planning Committee  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018, Region 6 District Office Conference Room 5:00 p.m.**

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A joint special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education Ad Hoc Collaboration Committee and the Regional School District No. 6 Board of Long Term Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:02 p.m. in the Region 6 District Office Conference Room.

Litchfield Members Present: Mr. Morosani (chair), Ms. Carr; Ms. Tenney, Superintendent Turner, and Business Manager Fiorillo.

Region 6 Members present: Mr. Sanders (chair), Mr. Rebusmen, Superintendent Leone, Principal Loveland, Curriculum Director Kennedy,

Also in Attendance: WEA President Daren Ranft, Region 6 Board member Mr. Doug Winkel, and Litchfield Board Member Matt Terzian.

**Discussion of ground rules for Joint Meeting operations:** The mission for the joint committee is to explore opportunities for cooperation between the two districts in the areas of educational excellence and cost savings. Priority should be given to those things we can do to produce results the soonest. The joint committee will make recommendations for specific programs to the respective Boards for consideration and possible action. Co-Chairs will set the agendas, run the meetings, and agree to the minutes. Meetings will alternate between locations at LPS and at Region 6. The Joint Committee will not vote to approve matters; a consensus indication will be taken regarding what matters to refer to respective Boards for full BOE approvals.

There was a brief discussion of communications regarding these meetings and the results. It was decided that for now, the minutes of the meetings and the discussion of them in our respective board meetings would be the only mechanism of communications (versus press releases, etc.).

**Overview of Cooperation Discussions to date:** Superintendents Leone and Turner reviewed the areas of cooperation that currently exist between the two districts, which include the sharing of a food services director, membership in a fuel oil buying consortium, and joint athletic activities in crew and in a joint ski club/ski team.

Future potential activities include the possibility of students interested in drama to try out for either district's annual production: either Wamogo's fall production or Litchfield's spring production. Litchfield also runs a Middle School drama production and has a Chamber Choir both of which Wamogo does not; which might be an opportunity.

The superintendents have concluded that the two high school class schedules are close enough in time that there would be opportunities for two classes periods to be shared every day. Due to the proximity of the two high schools, it was agreed that it would be possible to shuttle students back and forth between the two schools for the shared class using one 15 passenger school bus. Wamogo is planning to include one in their capital budget for 2018-2019.

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The discussion then turned to which classes would best lend themselves to cross-sharing. Those subjects already discussed included:

- Latin. Litchfield has a robust program; Wamogo's program is declining.
- AP Classes-Wamogo offers AP Chemistry and AP Environmental Science every year; Litchfield alternates these courses every other year. There is opportunity to offer every year for both schools.
- Wamogo has a well-attended AP Music Theory class that Litchfield does not offer; Litchfield offers an AP Government class Wamogo does not offer.
- French. Litchfield's French program is in the process of winding down. Litchfield's students interested in French could enroll in French at Wamogo which has a robust program.
- Wamogo offers a UConn ECE English Writing program and a Business program both of which can be taken for UConn credit.
- Alternative Education. Each district has a program that might lend itself to sharing by students from the other district.

Students would remain registered at their respective school and be part-time students at the other. They would receive transfer credit for classes taken at other school.

Further discussions will take place between the two districts to examine other subjects that could be shared and to finalize a list of class subjects that will be available to be shared by the two districts during the registration period for Academic Year 2018-2019. The next scheduled meeting of the district personnel on this is on, or about, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Student registration will begin in mid-February and final indications of student interest will be available in mid-March.

**Areas of Need/Challenges:**

There was a brief discussion of the cost of the programs discussed. Generally, it was agreed that each side would bear the cost associated with its part in the cooperative program and that no funds would be exchanged between districts. Savings associated should make the program close to cost neutral for both districts. If this changes as details are better understood, it should be discussed in a future joint meeting.

Discussion also included summer programs for the two school districts. Region 6 recently agreed to run its ESY program at Goshen's Camp Cochepianee.

There was a discussion of the possible sharing of a tech teacher. Both schools have a partial authorization for a tech teacher. Wamogo has extensive tech-ed facilities. Combining that into one full time position shared at the two districts would make that job easier to fill.

There was a brief discussion of opportunities for cooperation in the area of extracurricular activities in STEM.

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There was also a discussion of sharing substitute teachers and other staff positions.

**Next Joint Meeting:**

The next joint meeting will take place at 5:00 PM on March 20 at a location to be determined in the Litchfield district.

**Action for the Next Meeting:**

It was agreed that the next meeting will focus on areas of cooperation in the business office and operations, in addition to an update on the class cooperation effort for 2018-2019. Review the class subjects that have been agreed to be shared and the registration results. Review possible other sharing opportunities.

The Co-Chairs thanked all in attendance for what they felt was a very productive meeting.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Leone: to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Morosani, Litchfield Public Schools  
Chris Sanders, Region 6