

**Shared Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2008**

Attendees: Allen Phillips, Cheryl Carlson, Jim Ryan, Steve Paige

Absent: Chairperson Siobahn Bohnson, Patricia Altomare, Elaine Nedder,

Others: Leon Gaumond, Jr.

The meeting convened at 6:12 p.m.

Approval of October 27, 2008 Minutes: Minutes approved as stated.

Plan Agenda for Committee in 2009 / Goals for 2009:

The committee began discussions regarding regionalizing the schools in fiscal year 2011. As of now, Mr. Gaumond is unclear as to whether the state will reconsider the net school spending formula. He felt it would more than likely be looked at the state level and may not be in the best interest of many towns.

Overall, the committee felt now is the time to begin the background work to determine if regionalizing all or part of the schools will be in our best interest. Things to consider are whether we would regionalize key parts of the schools or all of the schools, who we would want to partner with, and impact on school choice.

DPW Update:

As the Interim Town Administrator of Boylston is leaving; Boylston is currently undergoing a transition to the new administrator. The DPW talks will continue with Boylston when they are prepared to do so.

During the next meeting, the discussions will center on the schools and a shared dispatch center with the town of Rutland. Mr. Ryan had requested Mr. Gaumond confirm previous discussion regarding prevailing wage, and inquire if the town could take over the responsibility of plowing state roads and still get paid the state rates.

Next Meeting Date: January 5 **or** January 12, 2009

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.