

Minutes of Emergency Meeting held in Town Hall on August 31, 1994

Present: Pauline Hamel, Chairman
Stephen Slarsky, Clerk
Charles Miller, Member

Also Present: Judy Pickett, Special Town Counsel
Rob Hubbard, Economic Development Director and JBoS Coordinator

Chairman Hamel opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Steve explained that the reason for this emergency meeting was the need to place the Board's position on Attorney David Knisely's second draft of the education legislation before the Ayer School Committee at its meeting later today. Steve then read Attorney Knisely's draft into the record, a copy is attached. Steve expressed a concern that any Town of Ayer position must be reached through a joint effort between the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

A brief discussion of the draft followed with Steve pointing out his concern that the legislation should not place any obligation, financial or otherwise, on the Town of Ayer to provide a public education to children who reside within Devens. Charles Miller concurred with Steve's position and added that no obligation beyond what is contained in School Choice and Education Reform would be acceptable. Chairman Hamel stated that capital costs must be included in any cost sharing formula.

The following motion was then made by Charles Miller, seconded by Steve Slarsky and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board -- 3 in favor, none opposed:

Except as provide by School Choice and Education Reform, the proposed education legislation shall place no obligation, financial or otherwise, on the Town of Ayer to provide a public education to children who reside within Devens.

The Board also agreed that this issue should be discussed with the School Superintendent and School Committee. Rob was instructed to inform the School Superintendent and School Committee of the Board's position and invite them to join the Board of Selectmen for further discussions at the Board's next meeting, September 12 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further issues, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.