

**SAU 16 Chairs Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2006
SAU Conference Room**

Members Present: Anne Marie Chesno, Kathy McNeill, Dave Miller, Carolyn Bellisio, Greg Kann, John Hazekamp, Alice Mower

Administration: Arthur Hanson, Paul Flynn, Jerry Frew, Steve Kossakoski, Nathan Lunney, Walter Pierce

1. Chair Chesno opened the meeting at 5:05 PM.
2. Update on the Beginning of School – Each superintendent gave an overview of their districts school opening. All reports indicated a very smooth start to the school year.
3. SAU Communications for 2006-2007 – Skip explained the SAU communications efforts and the efforts to gain more publicity about SAU Programs. The SAU will use parent emails and local newsletters for information dissemination. Each school board representative at the meeting is to let Sally know of the contact people in their community to submit information for newsletters.
4. Human Resources – Paul informed the chairs that his office processed 45 new professional employees, and that Carol Mastacouris (assistant principal at EHS) and Tony Baldasaro (SINI – DINI Coordinator) are the only new administrators. He further stated that the SAU is 100% compliant with the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) regulation, that there are not any teacher contracts to negotiate this year, Brian Wazlaw as the Safety Officer for the districts, and that the Exeter School District is negotiating with the para-professionals.
5. Curriculum & Assessment – Jerry discussed the SAU Professional Development Plan, the curriculum cycle for the next five years, and the NWEA, NECAP and NHEIP testing windows.
6. Technology & Research – Steve discussed the professional development opportunities that took place during the summer through the Seacoast Professional Development Center, the mentoring grant program, the fact that throughout the SAU there are 12 servers to maintain and approximately 2500 computers. He also talked about the challenges of this past summer regarding bringing the new HS online and to provide the same level of summer service to the other schools in the SAU.

Steve reviewed the expectations of teachers posting homework, the PowerSchool Program, the RUS Grant application, the enrollment of GBeCS (approximately 80 in grades 9, 10, 11) and the application for the virtual school.
7. Transportation – Nathan discussed the challenges with transportation and how many of these challenges have been mitigated during the first few days.
8. Agenda Items for SAU Joint Board Meeting, 9/18/06 Chairs agreed that an agenda similar to the Chair's agenda is adequate for the 9/18/06 meeting.

9. Other Issues/From the Floor – At 6:18 PM, on a motion by Greg Kann, second by Alice Mower and unanimously voted, the chairs entered non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II. (a).

At 7:56 PM, on a motion by Kathy McNeill, second by Greg Kann and by an unanimous roll call vote, the chairs came out of non-public session.

At 7:57, on a motion by David Miller, second by Kathy McNeill and unanimously voted to adjourn.