

**Rochester/Wakefield School Boards  
AREA Agreement Review Committee Minutes  
School Department Board Room  
January 27, 2014  
5:00 PM**

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**Rochester Members Present:**

Mr. Daniel Harkinson  
Mrs. Kathy Dunton  
Mr. Robert Watson

**Wakefield Members Present:**

Mr. Stephen Brown  
Mr. Relph Fogg  
Mrs. Norma Joy

**Also Present:**

Mr. Michael Hopkins  
Mrs. Mary Moriarty  
Mr. Michael Tursi

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Committee reviewed the AREA Agreement and discussed items that should be reviewed. The key area of concern for Wakefield members is the language regarding sending students to other Districts. They would like an increase from 10% or an agreement that the 10% includes all grades combined, instead of the current 10% at each grade level. Using 10% of the combined grades allows some adjustment if one grade level is below 10%, that slot can be used for other students.

The Rochester members will consider this and have further discussion at the next meeting.

The Committee also discussed how the tuition rate is set, and SAU services. Mr. Hopkins explained that SAU services for Wakefield would be completely different than Rochester; since Rochester is a City form of government and Wakefield is a Town form of government. Currently, the checks issued are from the City for all payments and payroll checks. If Rochester assumed SAU services for Wakefield, it would be building an entire new system. Superintendent Hopkins and Superintendent Tursi will look into the SAU services option in Rochester.

The next meeting will be scheduled by reviewing both Boards' schedules.

*Adjournment*

Mr. Brown moved, second by Mr. Watson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mr. Daniel Harkinson, Rochester School Board Chair