Minutes of the Rockville-Turkey Run School Reorganization Committee

December 19, 2011

The Reorganization Committee met at 6:30 p.m., December 19, 2011 at the Rockville Schools’ Central Administration Office. All members of the committee were present, Ader, Craycraft, Gambaiani, Harbison, Rode and Wrightsman, as well as Dr. Tom Rohr and Dr. Jerry Hawkins, Rockville Schools’ Interim Superintendent. President Wrightsman, Dr. Rohr and Counsel Hanner had reviewed the plan and edited language since the committee’s last meeting. Wrightsman stated there were no major changes. Legislative efforts to change budget deadlines were not included in the plan. If needed the school boards could amend the date of the reorganization as stated in the plan. Wrightsman will email Grubbs and Baird for an update on the requested special exception.

Dr. Rohr stated points that he feels the public needs to understand. School board members running in 2012 would be elected at the same time as the reorganization question is answered. They might never be seated since current board members will appoint the new board for the reorganized school corporation. Both Rockville and Turkey Run Schools would approve their own budget for 2013 as well as a joint budget.

President Wrightsman asked the reorganization committee members to share thoughts on how to promote the plan. These suggestions will be presented at a joint School Board meeting in January where the December 19th draft of the reorganization plan will be discussed. Wrightsman will distribute the draft following this meeting. Gambaiani suggested that strong parent action groups appeared to be necessary to the success of any referendum. Dr. Rohr stated that schools cannot spend funds to promote a referendum. He will review the law to see what can and cannot be done. Following the January meeting, Gary Hanner will develop a timeline for future public meetings and decisions, based on the Indiana Code guidelines. Wilma Wooten, current Turkey Run school board member, suggested a public meeting be held in each school. She feels this would allow more open discussion.

The joint School Board /Reorganization Committee meeting is being scheduled for late January pending schedule conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Rode, Secretary