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Meeting with RSU 1, Patrick Manuel, Superintendent

I brought Mr. Manuel up to date with our withdrawal process. I then asked the following questions.

Why should we choose your school district?

Mr. Manuel stated he would need a better understanding and more information as this is new. He then gave the following points, educational offering, talented teaching staff. Also with a bigger school district there would be more options.

What programs do you offer that would be beneficial to our children?

More students and revenue would allow more programs. The RSU has a Pre-K program that is very good.

Would adding Wiscasset to your school district allow for more programs?

Mr. Manuel stated that Wiscasset already has kids participating in their vocational program and that a bigger district with more campuses may allow for a specific program or schooling, as in STEM, or better alternative education.

Can your current administration handle the extra workload or would extra staff need to be hired?

He reported their current staff is stretched but more serious look would be needed to see what the needs would be. He also advised they contract out their maintenance and transportation.

If Wiscasset does withdraw from RSU 12 would you be interested in handling our administration if we are not part of your school district?

More of a board decision, a meeting with the chairperson, assistant, and himself to look seriously into it.

Some of the answers flowed into the next but for a real accurate look into the school system would need us to sit down with more information and have some serious discussions. Mr. Manuel seemed open to meeting again when we are ready.

Respectfully submitted,

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