

Kingfield School Options Committee Meeting
January 27th, 2025 at 6:00pm
Webster Hall

Committee Members Present

- Kathy Houston, Chair
- Mathias Ringle
- Lilly Cheimis
- Kim Jordan

Others Present

- Martha Witham, Consultant
- Dorrie Dunham, Alternate, Advisor

Public Present

- Beth

Call to Order

The Kingfield School Options Committee held a Meeting on Tuesday January 27th, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

Minutes from 1/6/26 were reviewed and approved.

Motion to approve the 1/6/26 meeting minutes.	In favor: Kathy Houston, Mathias Ringle, Lilly Cheimis Opposed: None Abstained: Kim Jordan Vote: 3:0:1	Motion: Matias Ringle Second: Kathy Houston Motion: Passed
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Public Comment

Beth, a parent of two children (ages 17 and 9) residing in Strong, addressed the committee. She shared concerns regarding community perception and the lack of clear discussion around the pros and cons of withdrawal. She also noted the need for clear communication about next steps

The committee clarified that the current task is to develop a plan as directed by the town vote. Discussion of pros and cons will follow once the plan is completed and available for public review.

Updates/Discussion

The committee reviewed the purpose of the withdrawal study and discussed ongoing communication with council and other districts. General discussion included potential

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responsibilities of a newly formed entity, tuition agreements for secondary education, transportation considerations, and statutory requirements.

The importance of meeting required timelines and continuing to move the draft plan forward was

Plan Review

The committee continued working through sections of the draft withdrawal plan, reviewing and revising language related to governance, transportation, tuition agreements, and special education responsibilities.

Review completed partway through the document, additional discussion will take place at a future meeting,

Executive session

Motion to enter Executive Session - Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)	In favor: Kathy Houston, Mathias Ringle, Lilly Cheimis, Kim Jordan Opposed: None Abstained: None Vote: 4:0:0	Motion: Kathy Houston Second: Matias Ringle Motion: Passed
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Time in 7:02
Time out 8:55

Motion to Adjourn	In favor: Kathy Houston, Mathias Ringle, Lilly Cheimis, Kim Jordan Opposed: None Abstained: None Vote: 4:0:0	Motion: Matias Ringle Second: Kathy Houston Motion: Passed
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Respectfully submitted,
Lilly Cheimis