Presentation to Gateway Regional

WITHDRAWAL
FROM
REGION
Required Steps for Withdrawal
Section IX

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• C. Cessation of Terms of Office of Withdrawing Town’s Members
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A. Limitations

• Town seeking withdrawal shall at a Town Meeting request the Regional School Committee to draw up an amendment to the agreement setting forth the terms of withdrawal.

• Provided:
  – 1. Town seeking to withdraw remains liable for current operating costs
  – 2. Liable for its share of the remaining indebtedness
B. Procedure

• Clerk of the Town seeking withdraw notify the Committee in writing that the Town voted to request the Committee to draw up an amendment to the agreement for withdrawal.

• The Committee shall draw up an amendment setting forth the terms of withdrawal as it deems advisable subject to Section A, Limitations.
B. Procedure

• Secretary of Committee shall mail or deliver notice in writing to the Board of Selectmen of each member town that the Committee has drawn up amendment to the agreement providing for withdrawal of a member town.

• Selectmen in member towns shall include in a warrant for the next annual or special town meeting an article for amending the regional agreement.

• Such amendment will take affect once all towns have voted to accept the amendment.
C. Cessation of Terms Office of Withdrawing Town’s Members

- Upon effective date of the withdrawal, the terms of the members serving from the withdrawing town shall terminate.
- The Total membership of the Committee shall decrease accordingly.
D. Payments of Certain Capital Costs by Withdrawing Town

• Payments made by withdrawing town shall be deposited into trust account.

• Funds can only be spent by the Region for indebtedness or interest payment.
Apportionment of Capital Costs after Withdrawal

• The withdrawing town annual share will be fixed at the percentage prevailing for such town at the last annual apportionment.

• Remaining towns will have adjustments according to Section IV D.
Approvals

• All towns must approve the amendment
• The Commissioner of Education must also approve the amendment
• Withdrawing Town must have an educational plan for its students.
• Where will they receive their education.
• Structure?
Questions?