

Notes from Tri-Board Committee on Finance Consolidation

April 5, 2016

Present: Lynne Ide and John French (committee members) – Jeff Smith and Jeff Ziplow

Jeff Ziplow, from Blum Shapiro, explained that it takes 3-5 years to get all the bells and whistles going for MUNIS. He added that MUNIS is able to perform all HR functions (e.g. this is being done in both Colchester and Hartford). He suggested that the committee meet monthly with the Town Manager, Superintendent and Finance Director. There needs to be agreement on work goals and shared accountability. Jeff Ziplow has a document outlining a shared Town/Board of Ed finance dept. – including a MOU.

The committee asked Jeff Ziplow to draft a possible contract for services from Blum Shapiro in moving the consolidation forward.

The committee also discussed the possibility of adding Jeff Smith to the committee, if possible, in order to take full advantage of his expertise.