

## MOTION TO AMEND

### ARTICLE 2010/5 5-6 – Amendments to HWRSD Agreement – Citizens Petition

**[Bea Britton]** I move that the Town vote to amend the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District Agreement, most recently amended and restated by “AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF HAMILTON AND WENHAM WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESTATING THE PROVISIONS OF SAID AGREEMENT” as adopted by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee on April 27, 2000 (and as further adopted by the Town of Hamilton on May 15, 2000 and by the Town of Wenham on May 6, 2000) (hereinafter the “Agreement”) by

1. adding to subsection (A) of **SECTION IV: APPORTIONMENT AND PAYMENT OF COSTS** the following additional paragraph, to be numbered (4):

(4) Operational Audit

An Operational Audit shall commence within six (6) months after the approval of the amendment to the Agreement by the member towns by an independent, outside audit firm, to be chosen collectively by the Board of Selectmen of the member towns, to conduct a complete and full Audit. The two Boards of Selectmen shall formulate and issue a Request For Proposal, upon consultation with the Citizen Petitioners, consisting of the specific areas to be examined by the Operational Audit to be drawn from the general areas as follows: the school facilities, the school budget, the proposed Capital Costs, Special Operating Costs and the Operating Costs, the personnel, and any and all other operational aspects of the Regional Schools; with a complete copy of the Operational Audit to be filed with the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns and to be made available to the citizens of each of the member towns, at their request, within sixty (60) days of the completion of the Operational Audit. The Superintendent of Schools or the School Committee shall, within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Operational Audit, report to the Board of Selectmen, at an advertised Public Hearing, their response to the recommendations made in the Operational Audit. The costs and expenses of such Operational Audit shall not exceed the sum of Ninety Thousand and 00/100 (\$90,000.00) Dollars and shall be paid by the member towns according to the current fiscal year rolling average assessment percentage as follows: (1) by the Town of Wenham, 32.68%; and (2) by the Town of Hamilton, 67.32%.