

The SAU 50 Joint Board consists of all of the School Board members from the constituent districts (i.e. Rye, New Castle, Greenland and Newington). SAU 50 provides administrative services to these districts and Rye pays its share (approximately \$500,000) of the SAU 50 budget set by the Joint Board. This is included in the Rye School District budget. The Joint Board meets quarterly.

3. The Superintendent admitted that multiple “clarifications” of the AREA Agreement, including an agreement relating to the Lister Academy, are illegal. The AREA Agreement relates to Rye tuition payments for Rye students attending Portsmouth High School. The Superintendent referred to a January 2018 opinion by the SAU 50 attorney. [Click here](#) to see the Lister (i.e. PASS) agreement (upload and insert link to document below). The Superintendent said that, to avoid debates regarding the issue in future public hearings and Deliberative Sessions, the Lister Academy costs would be rolled into the High School tuition. NOTE: Most of the current students at Lister are from Greenland, but Lister costs are pro rated among the districts based on Portsmouth High, not Lister, enrollment. Click [here](#) to see discussion of the fairness of the cost allocation at the December 19, 2018 Joint Board meeting (page 4). A draft “clarification” encompassing the proposed change in billing method will be prepared for Board approval. The Joint Board also voted to form a subcommittee to look at the issues surrounding the 40 year old AREA Agreement (12:41 elapsed).