

## Notecard Questions

### Joint Board Meeting of Exeter Milligan and Friend

- 1) Will the coop lead to consolidation?
  - a) Mr. Sheffield - Possibly.
- 2) Why was a survey not taken for public input?
  - a) Mr. Anderson - This was an issue that was discussed by board members frequently. It was determined that a survey not be taken due to issues that the board could possibly not decide in the direction the survey takes? There were also discussions of what would that mean if the survey was 50/50 or even 60/40. The board decided as duly elected officials to not take a survey at this time. In the future, a survey may be used.
- 3) Can you give us an idea of changes in enrollment from both schools?
  - a) Mr. Sheffield - EM has seen a decrease in enrollment by 175 students in the last 20 years.
  - b) Mr. Anderson - Friend has seen a decrease in enrollment by 130 students in the last 20 years.
- 4) Can you tell us the transfer numbers from both schools?
  - a) Mr. Sheffield - We have roughly 40 students transfer out to neighboring districts. I know that some of them are to get opportunities that EM does not offer.
  - b) Mr. Anderson - We currently have 30 students that transfer out to neighboring districts. Some of them transfer to schools similar in size to us. But we have 15 students that transfer into larger districts like Seward, York, Milford and Centennial. Could that be based on opportunities? It might.
- 5) (Paraphrased) With communities not hosting games, will this lead to the economies of these towns shrinking? Will we see less business on game nights? Fewer jobs?
  - a) Mr. Sheffield - It has not impacted Exeter Milligan.
  - b) Mr. Anderson - I think that some of this is the issue in rural Nebraska. Many parts of this state have these same issues.