

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
Act 46 Study Committee Meeting

Location: Central Orleans Family Education Center (COFEC)
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – 6:00pm

Minutes

Attending

Committee Members: Meghann Roberts (Barton), Neil Urie (Albany), Tammy Wiggett (Barton), Dan Demaine (Glover), Leah Rogers (Glover), Phil Breitenbach (Barton), Amy Leroux (Irasburg), Adam Trevits (Albany)

Public: Richard Epinette

Administration: Bev Davis (Superintendent), Paul Simmons (Irasburg Principal)

Media: Robin Smith (Orleans County Record)

Guest: Nicole Mace (VSBA)

Chair Leroux called the meeting to order at 6:18pm

Nicole Mace explained the law and the formation of a single district. She recommended that we contact an attorney regarding property and assets. She explained that a Board is the legislative body serving the school district and you can only have one Board. We could have advisory councils or school-based councils to be the liaison between the community and the Board. The authority of the council would have to be clearly defined. We don't have enough time to have a vote on Town Meeting Day, but we might be able to do a vote in November 2018. If we vote for a preferred structure we maintain the incentives.

Meghann Roberts suggested we survey staff about Act 46 and share those results with our communities. Bev will share the questions from the previous surveys with Meghann and Meghann will create a survey and share it with the committee at the next meeting.

Dan Demaine will draft language for an Article on forming school-based councils. Bev will share with Dan the language from Washington West's Articles of Agreement.

The committee was unanimous in wanting to go forward with a preferred structure.

Next Steps:

- Revise the Articles of Agreement by Feb. 2018
- Hold community meetings to gather feedback on those Articles in March and April
- Revise the Articles and have them reviewed by legal counsel in May
- Articles ready to go to the State Board of Education in June
- Hold community informational meetings fall 2018 in preparation for a November vote

Chair Leroux adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

Next Meeting:

- Jan. 11, 2018 – 6:00-8:00pm – COFEC

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Davis

Note: The following districts are involved in the Act 46 Study Committee: Albany, Barton ISD, Brownington, Glover, Irasburg, Orleans ISD, and Westmore.