

# Agenda

## Act 46 Independent School Governance Study

MVU Library  
November 16, 2016  
7:00 PM

### Committee Members and Staff:

Bob Berger - Chair, Connie Beyor, Tobias Maguire, Bob Irish, Jason McConnell, Terri O'Shea, and Winton Goodrich

### Visitors:

### **Agenda:**

- 7:00 Call meeting to order –  
Adopt minutes from Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting –  
Tonight's Tasks: What do we need to do at this meeting?
- Check-in on assignments and discuss what they mean to our study
  - Continue to discuss ability to meet goals
  - Dig deeper into supervisory performance
  - Begin framing SU/MVU merger process
    - i. Identify what we can do within existing law
    - ii. Future law change needs
- 7:10 Guests
- 7:15 Report Outs from Committee Members
- Update on other supervisory union mergers and alternative structures
  - Report out of questions developed by committee members for use in creating a survey for principals (asking for their opinions)
  - Report on data regarding act 46 goals and alternative structure required data (Win)
  - Develop questions and issues of interest for scheduled visit to Georgia
- 7:45 Goals One and Two: How are we doing at meeting them?
1. Deeper look at supervisory union data
    - i. Dig into AOE Integrated Field Review requirements
    - ii. Continue to assess FNWSU compliance with Education Quality Standards
    - iii. <https://www.schooldigger.com/go/VT/schoolrank.aspx>
- 8:15 Goal Three, Four and Five: How are we doing at meeting them?
1. Look at data
  2. What goes well
  3. Areas for improvement
  4. Ways to continually improve

8:45 Other and Next Steps

1. Early analysis of FNWSU compliance with AOE Education Quality Standards
2. Town Meeting article and/or early findings
3. Assess equity of opportunities and overall performance of each school
4. Explore principal feedback regarding benefits and challenges of mergers
5. Research
  - a. Walk through components of DMC study with respect to achieving Act 46 Goal 3
6. Develop Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda

9:00 Adjournment

Continue assessing data needed regarding the SU's current ability to meet or exceed each of the Act 46 goals below.

- (1) Provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities statewide;
- (2) Lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality Standards, adopted as rules by the State Board of Education at the direction of the General Assembly;
  - Data needed: Education Quality Standards - <http://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-state-board-rules-series-2000.pdf>
- (3) Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;
- (4) Promote transparency and accountability; and
- (5) Delivered at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value:
  - State cost per pupil comparisons

Future Study Committee Meetings - MVU Library from 7:00 to 9:00 PM:

- Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Act 46 Independent Study Time Line

- August through December – Research Study options
- December 14, 2016 – Complete Study draft
- December, 2016 - Provide draft Study recommendations for local school board review
- January 4, 2017 - Present Study recommendations to SU Board
- January 20, 2017 – Include Study recommendations in Town Reports
- February, 2017 - Information meetings
- March, 2017 - Community vote on Study recommendations at Town Meetings
- October, 2017 – School boards present Act 46 rationale to the State Board of Education