

**CALEDONIA CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
BARNET, PEACHAM, AND WALDEN BOARDS
AND
MEMBERS OF WATERFORD AND CONCORD SCHOOL BOARDS
Monday, March 21, 2016, 5:00 p.m., CCSU Office, Danville**

Attendees:

Barnet: Louis Bushey, Sue Roberts, Jim Schenck, David Warden

Peacham: Mark Clough, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Mike Heath, Adam Kane, Jess Philippe

Walden: Judy Clifford, Ray Lewis, Rusty Shedd

CCSU: Superintendent Dr. Mathew Forest, Barnet Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Walden Principal Liz Benoit; Consultant Peter Clarke

Waterford: Board Chair Heather Gonyaw; Principal Kelley Brooks

Concord: Shannon Chapman

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.m. Introductions were made.

Act 46 Discussion

Consultant Peter Clarke discussed the proposed RED side by side, with Barnet, Peacham and Walden on the pre-K to 8 side and Danville and Cabot or Cabot and Twinfield on the pre-K to 12 side. Each side will need to do a 706 study. Articles of Agreement will need to be written and the merger approved by voters in all towns involved. Mr. Clarke suggested this process be done simultaneously. Waiting until Town Meeting to do the voting would push the process back until 2018 but there would still be some tax incentives available at that time. To move forward, all parties need to know what they want to do so a work plan can be developed.

Waterford and Concord have met with CNSU; no formal invitation for them to join CNSU has been extended as yet. Waterford and Concord have been invited to join CCSU. Lunenburg has not had a formal invitation from CNSU or CCSU. CCSU feels geographically Lunenburg is too far out, especially with the other side of the RED possibly stretching to Twinfield. Waterford has a meeting scheduled for 4/27/2016 to make their decision which way to go.

Concerns from all sides were discussed.

- Orphaning Lunenburg
- A strong financial model is necessary to sell the idea to voters (tax rate)
- Protection of assets (capital reserve accounts)
- Educational opportunities for students
- Representation on the new district's Board
- Distribution of liabilities
- Size of the district and how that relates to performance
- Special funds, endowments, etc
- Campus configuration

Mr. Clarke proposed the concerns become the work plan. The issues can be worked on by the large group or by representatives of each Board can attend meetings. Biweekly meetings have

been scheduled (4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16). Meetings can be moved around and held at each school. The work plan should be finished by June. The 706 study process should be finished by late November. Community forums should be held during this time when there is information to be presented. Heather and Shannon both committed to attend the biweekly meetings, and offered to host the 4/4/2016 meeting at either Waterford or Concord.

Next Meeting

For the April 4th meeting, data on enrollment and staffing for each school will be gathered. Principals should attend to discuss educational opportunities. Campus configurations will be discussed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman
Meeting Recorder