

WWSU Executive Committee-Act 46 Study Committee
Joint Meeting and Public Forum
27 April 2016
Harwood Library
5:30 PM

Approved minutes

Attendance

WWSU Executive Committee: Christine Sullivan (Waitsfield), Garrett MacCurtain, (Harwood ex-officio); Alycia Biondo (Warren); Rosemarie White (Harwood); Alex Thomsen (W-D for Waterbury), Jason Gibbs (W-D for Waterbury, arrived 6:22)

Act 46 Study Committee: Jill Ellis (Fayston), Rosemarie White (Harwood ex-officio), Garrett MacCurtain (Harwood ex-officio), Gabe Gilman (Moretown, arrived 5:53), Christine Sullivan (Waitsfield), Alycia Biondo (Warren), Alex Thomsen (W-D for Waterbury), Jason Gibbs (W-D for Waterbury, arrived 6:22)

Other board members: Laura Caffry (Harwood), Adam Greshin (Warren), Jim Casey (Waterbury), Jeremy Gulley (Waitsfield), Heidi Spear (Fayston), Jim Burmester (Moretown)

Administration: Brigid Nease, Superintendent; Michelle Baker, WWSU Director of Finance and Operations; Donarae Dawson, WWSU Director of Student Support Services; Jean Berthiaume, Fayston Principal; Kaiya Korb, Waitsfield Principal

Consultants: Walter Nardelli

Moderator: Rob Williams

Public: Peggyann Noel, Sue Anne Stager, Karen Cingiser, Pam Dow, Brian Degen, Sasha Bianchi, Beth Schoellkopf, Greg Nagurney, Jared Cadwell, Creighton Vogt, Matt Cox, Peter Hans, Jill Schwenderman, MRV-TV camera operator, Lara Seaberg (minute taker)

Call to order: Christine Sullivan called the WWSU Executive Committee meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

Additions/edits to the Agenda: None.

Action Items

Approve minutes of 13 April 2016 Study Committee meeting: Alycia Biondo made a motion to approve the minutes of the 13 April 2016 Study Committee meeting as written. Garrett MacCurtain seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Approve the minutes of the 13 April 2016 Executive Committee meeting: Christine Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the 13 April 2016 Executive Committee meeting as written. Alex Thomsen seconded and the motion passed unanimously with abstentions.

Executive Committee work

WWSU Warrants: Rosemarie White moved to confirm WWSU Warrants 1157 in the amount of \$418,581.81 and 1158 in the amount of \$17,855.45. Alex Thomsen seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

WWSU Warrants

FY 2015-2016

1157	04/27/16	\$	418,581.81
1158	04/27/16	\$	17,855.45

TOTAL WWSU WARRANTS \$ 436,437.26

Approval of Federal Grants (LEAP, CFG): Christine Sullivan made a motion to authorize the Superintendent as the CEO of the WWSU to accept and administer all federal and state grants, and act as the representative of all member school districts during FY 2017. Rosemarie White seconded and the motion passed unanimously with abstentions.

Christine Sullivan adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 5:53 PM.

Study Committee Meeting:

Gabe Gilman called the Study Committee meeting to order at 5:54 PM.

Gabe Gilman reported that the State Board of Education approved the WWSU Act 46 report and Articles of Agreement with one dissenting vote on 19 April 2016.

Review Communications Plan: Alex Thomsen shared with the Committee that there is no cost to post a banner in Waterbury and informed the Committee of the rules for posting it. Rosemarie White will look into putting up a banner in the Mad River Valley. She will also write the text for the banners. Jim Casey informed the Committee of an error in the Waterbury Record about the length of terms for the new unified board. Alycia Biondo asked for an update on a digital flyer. Brigid Nease shared that the digital flyer is not yet complete.

Brigid Nease gave clarifying answers to a few questions that had come in to her office.

There was a discussion among the committee.

Gabe Gilman opened the Public Forum at 6:37 PM. Rob Williams was introduced as the forum moderator.

Committee presentations: Gabe Gilman asked the committee members to introduce themselves to the public. Rob Williams introduced each of the 5 presentations given by Study Committee members and administration. The first presentation was given by Gabe Gilman on the 5 goals of Act 46. Jill Ellis gave a presentation on the journey of the Study Committee over the past 9 months. The third

presentation was about Financial Flexibility, given by Brigid Nease. Christine Sullivan reviewed the Articles of Agreement. Alycia Biondo gave a presentation on local input and involvement within a new unified district.

Questions and Answers: Rob Williams opened up the Q and A section of the public forum. He asked people to identify themselves and state what type of question they had before they asked their question or made a statement. There were many questions and answers and much discussion throughout the evening.

Rob Williams adjourned the public forum at 9:31 PM.

Next meeting and public forum: The next joint WWSU Executive/ Act 46 Study Committee meeting is Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 5:30 PM at Thatcher Brook Elementary School. A public forum will follow at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lara Seaberg
Minute taker