

APPROVED MINUTES

# Marlboro School Board Meeting

**EMERGENCY MEETING Monday, September 18, 2017 @ 5:15 p.m.**

**Attending School Directors:** Douglas Korb (chair), David Holzapfel (board member), Dan MacArthur (board member), Lauren Poster (board member), and Wayne Kermenski (Principal)

**Members of the Community:** Marco Panella (Minute Taker), Gussie Bartlett

5:15 p.m. – Douglas Korb called to order

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None noted.**

5:15 p.m. – Review of Green Sheet and Presentation to State Board of Education - Grammatical and strategic issues discussed.

5:33 PM - Steven Dale joined the meeting via Skype

Technical issues discussed. Mission of Act 46 discussed, it was agreed that the plan kept in the spirit of Act 46. It was discussed that Marlboro has done a large amount of work for the proposal. Possibility of a merger with Brattleboro discussed. It was discussed that certainty is needed to enact goals of Act 46. It was discussed that time is a major factor and that delays could be detrimental. Possible merger vote outcomes for Brattleboro and Dummerston discussed. Strategy for discussing WSESU discussed, and how potential delays could affect Marlboro. Previous exploration of merging with Brattleboro discussed. It was noted that the focus should be on the current work ( 2x2x1) that needs to be done, and how the structures would affect that work, rather than making a case of a small vs. large issue. Voting distributions were discussed. Districts vs. supervisory union relationships were discussed. Possible appeals processes were discussed. Legal options were discussed. New state board members were discussed.

6:03 - Steven Dale left the meeting.

Possible contact with WCSU lawyer, Chris Leopold, was discussed. Possibility of a vote by the SBoE on Wednesday was discussed. Presentation logistics were discussed. It was noted that the crux of the issue on the Green Sheet was the relationship with Brattleboro. It was suggested that the best approach could be to emphasize the relationship MES has with the WCSU. The draft presentation was read and discussed. It was discussed that a fourteen month delay, should the advice of the Green Sheet be followed by the SBoE, would be detrimental to MES and the WCSU, and that more emphasis on that point was needed. Responsibility to town voters was discussed. Possibility of suggesting questions was discussed. It was discussed that the strength of the WCSU should be the subject of a question for the SBoE to consider.

6:35 Meeting adjourned.