

WINDHAM CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Supervisory Union Board Bylaws

Addendum

(as of 3/27/13)

Below are the powers and duties as described in 16 V.S.A. §§ 241 and 261a. Note that these powers and duties are subject to change, pending possible legislative changes made year to year, and will need to be updated accordingly.

§ 241. Appointment

(a) Each supervisory union or supervisory district board, with the advice of the commissioner, may employ a superintendent of schools.

(b) A superintendent shall be employed by written contract for a term not to exceed five years nor less than one year and shall work the number of hours required by contract, performing the duties designated in the contract or assigned by the board. A superintendent of schools may be dismissed for cause or as specified in the contract of employment.

(c) Not later than May 15 of a year in which an incumbent superintendent's contract of employment expires, the supervisory union board shall meet to renew or act otherwise upon the superintendent's contract. If a supervisory union employs a superintendent, the supervisory union board shall specify and assign the duties of a superintendent. If the supervisory union board does not hire a superintendent, the board may assign any duties assigned to the superintendent under this title to the school principal or principals in the supervisory union or to other qualified persons designated by the board. (Added 1969, No. 298 (Adj. Sess.), § 27; amended 1991, No. 181 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; 1995, No. 185 (Adj. Sess.), § 82, eff. Jan. 1, 1998.)

§ 261a. Duties of supervisory union board

(a) Duties. The board of each supervisory union shall:

(1) establish a supervisory union-wide curriculum, by either developing the curriculum or assisting the member districts to develop it jointly, and ensure implementation of the curriculum. The curriculum shall meet the requirements adopted by the state board under subdivision 165(a)(3)(B) of this title;

(2) assist each school in the supervisory union to follow the curriculum as adopted under the requirements of the state board pursuant to subdivision 165(a)(3)(B) of this title;

(3) if students residing in the supervisory union receive their education outside the supervisory union, periodically review the compatibility of the supervisory union's curriculum with those other schools;

(4) in accordance with criteria established by the state board, establish and implement a plan for receiving and disbursing federal and state funds distributed by the department of education, including funds awarded under P.L. 89-10, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended;

(5) provide professional development programs or arrange for the provision of them, or both, for teachers, administrators, and staff within the supervisory union, which may include programs offered solely to one school or other component of the entire supervisory union to meet the specific needs or interests of that component; a supervisory union has the discretion to provide financial assistance outside the negotiated agreements for teachers' professional development activities;

(6) provide special education services on behalf of its member districts and, except as provided in section 144b of this title, compensatory and remedial services, and provide or coordinate the provision of other educational services as directed by the state board or local boards; provided, however, if a supervisory union determines that services would be provided more efficiently and effectively in whole or in part at the district level, then it may ask the commissioner to grant it a waiver from this provision;

(7) employ a person or persons qualified to provide financial and student data management services for the supervisory union and the member districts;

(8) provide the following services for the benefit of member districts in a manner that promotes the efficient use of financial and human resources, which shall be provided pursuant to joint agreements under section 267 of this title whenever feasible; provided, however, if a supervisory union determines that services would be provided more efficiently and effectively in another manner, then it may ask the commissioner to grant it a waiver from this subdivision:

(A) manage a system to procure and distribute goods and operational services;

(B) manage construction projects;

(C) provide financial and student data management services, including grant writing and fundraising as requested;

(D) negotiate with teachers and administrators, pursuant to chapter 57 of this title, and with other school personnel, pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 22, at the supervisory union level; provided that

(i) contract terms may vary by district; and

(ii) contracts may include terms facilitating arrangements between or among districts to share the services of teachers, administrators, and other school personnel;

(E) provide transportation or arrange for the provision of transportation, or both in any districts in which it is offered within the supervisory union;

(F) provide human resources management support; and

(G) provide other appropriate services according to joint agreements pursuant to section 267 of this title;

(9) [Repealed.]

Subdivision (a)(10) effective until July 1, 2013; see also subdivision (a)(10) effective July 1, 2013 set out below.

(10) submit to the town auditors of each member school district or to the person authorized to perform the duties of an auditor for the school district, on or before January 15 of each year, a summary report of financial operations of the supervisory union for the preceding school year, an estimate of its financial operations for the current school year, and a preliminary budget for the supervisory union for the ensuing school year. This requirement shall not apply to a supervisory district. For each school year, the report shall show the actual or estimated amount expended by the supervisory union for special education-related services, including:

(A) A breakdown of that figure showing the amount paid by each school district within the supervisory union;

(B) A summary of the services provided by the supervisory union's use of the expended funds;

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(10) submit to the board of each member school district, on or before January 15 of each year, a summary report of financial operations of the supervisory union for the preceding school year, an estimate of its financial operations for the current school year, and a preliminary budget for the supervisory union for the ensuing school year. This requirement shall not apply to a supervisory district. For each school year, the report shall show the actual or estimated amount expended by the supervisory union for special education-related services, including:

(A) a breakdown of that figure showing the amount paid by each school district within the supervisory union; and

(B) a summary of the services provided by the supervisory union's use of the expended funds;

(11) on or before June 30 of each year, adopt a budget for the ensuing school year; and

(12) adopt supervisory union-wide truancy policies consistent with the model protocols developed by the commissioner.

(13)-(17) [Repealed.]

(b) Virtual merger. In order to promote the efficient use of financial and human resources, and whenever legally permissible, supervisory unions are encouraged to reach agreements with other supervisory unions jointly to provide any service or perform any duty under this section pursuant to section 267 of this title. Agreements between supervisory unions are not subject to the waiver requirement of subdivision (a)(8) of this section. Agreements shall include a cost-benefit analysis outlining the projected financial savings or enhanced outcomes, or both, that the parties expect to realize through shared services or programs. (Added 1987, No. 228 (Adj. Sess.), § 5; amended 1989, No. 202 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; No. 230 (Adj. Sess.), § 25; 1991, No. 181 (Adj. Sess.), §§ 4, 5; 1995, No. 185 (Adj. Sess.), § 83, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; 2001, No. 8, § 3; 2003, No. 36, § 2; 2003, No. 114 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; 2009, No. 44, §§ 2, 47, eff. May 21, 2009; 2009, No. 153 (Adj. Sess.), § 9, eff. June 3, 2010; 2011, No. 129 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. May 11, 2012; 2011, No. 129 (Adj. Sess.), § 18, eff. July 1, 2013.)