

Questions from Jan 13 and Responses

Merger Reports Submitted to AOE as of January 26:

- [Addison Northwest Supervisory Union - Accelerated*](#)
- [Addison Rutland Supervisory Union \(*Amended*\) - Accelerated*](#)
- [Lamoille North Supervisory Union - Accelerated*](#)
- [Franklin Central Supervisory Union - Accelerated*](#)
- [Rutland South SU – RED Merger*](#)
- [Addison Central SU - Accelerated Merger*](#)
- [Rutland Northeast SU – Side by Side Merger*](#)
- [Essex-Westford Regional Education District Study: Final Report](#)
- [Elmore-Morristown Unified Union: Final Report and Articles of Agreement](#)
- [Mountain Towns RED](#)
- [Chittenden East Supervisory Union - MMMUUUD](#)
 - [Huntington Town School District – Request to warn electorate vote](#)

If we are voting in June, when do school board members have to hand in petitions. Date of merger vote, how many days due back.

Nominations for the office of union school director representing any district/town shall be made by filing with the clerk of that school district/town proposed as a member of the union, a statement of nomination signed by at least 30 voters in that district or one percent of the legal voters in the district, whichever is less, and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not less than 30 nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote. (Essex language)

Can you petition for a re-vote again if the vote is very close?

<http://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-act46-faq-reconsideration-votes.pdf>

Waterbury-Duxbury reserve fund---does it require a vote? Chris Leopold question

Are there other ways to allocate central office costs to school districts?

I believe it was based on total FTE at each school for all positions. We do everything by ADM now. So if there was a total of 400 FTE in the entire SU and Williston had 98.3 FTE they would pay 24.58%. Cindy K-W, Human Services Director, CSSU

Forming a private school??

<http://privateschool.about.com/cs/startingaschool/ht/startaschool.htm>

Independent Schools

<http://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-act46-faq-independent-schools-categories-designation.pdf>

How have other towns handled the timeline of the warnings?---real tactical challenges. The best way to handle this work is to create a timeline beginning with the date of the vote and then work backwards to establish all other important dates such as nomination for school board, town forums, etc.

How fast does the revote have to happen (summer or wait until fall) see answer above; how many revotes?

17 VSA 2661(c) states: (c) A question voted on shall not be presented for reconsideration or rescission at more than one subsequent meeting within the succeeding 12 months except with the approval of the legislative body. I am not aware of any pending legislation that deals with re-voting but I have copied Nicole on this email so that she can address that if necessary. Nikki South

I am not aware of any legislation under active consideration regarding re-voting. Be aware that the statute cited by Nikki does not prohibit the board from holding a special election to vote on a question multiple times a year - the limit applies to the petitions that can be brought by voters compelling a re-vote. Nicole Mace

New re-vote by June 30 ---could it still be accelerated Yes, if the revote is unsuccessful. The initial vote must occur before July 1.

Article 17 and the current law---authority to discontinue? dissonance? See page #5 on the authority of the new union district to override. Chris Leopold question

MUUSD v. Layered Merger Comparison by Jeff Maher

MUUSD	Layered	Analysis
Single school district PK-12.	Two school districts.	Ideal structure for coordination of educational programming and fiscal efficiency in MUUSD. While a greater degree of both is achieved in a Layered than the current WWSU structure, the Layered still presents potential for

		impediments to educational coordination, and, fiscal efficiencies.
One board PK-12.	Two boards.	All communities represented on one board in a MUUSD with comprehensive PK-12 perspective.
One budget.	Two budgets.	Planning, budget development, and, public communication of rationale for annual budget streamlined, collaborative in a MUUSD. Two processes in Layered perpetuate current issues.
No supervisory union board.	Coordination between two districts remains a concern. Will there be a need for a third governance entity to arbitrate differences/facilitate discussion on decision-making?	Decision-making in a MUUSD adheres to one mission/vision for all students in all communities.