

AGENDA
WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Friday, Mar. 10, 2017, 9 AM

Call to order

Board Reorganization

Local Act 46 Study Committee

Adjourn

Next meeting: School Board - Apr. 3, 2017, 4 PM; Local Act 46 Study Committee meeting –
Mar. 20, 2017, 5 PM.

***WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR 3/10/2016***

Present: Mickey Parker-Jennings, Carolyn Partridge, BJ Davis, Antje Ruppert, Gail Wyman, Kathy & Kord Scott

Convene: 9:03 am by Mickey Parker-Jennings

Board Reorganization:

Carolyn P. - Chair

Antje R. - Vice Chair

BJ D. - Clerk

Authorized signature: all members

Paper of record: Brattleboro Reformer

Meeting times/dates: 1st Monday of the month at 4pm unless otherwise warned.

Truancy: Windham Sheriff

WCSU Policy Committee meeting: BJ D.

WCSU voting representatives: all members

Designated posts of warning: School, Town Office, Meeting House

Act 46 election: Antje R. moves to form a local Act 46 Study Group to study an alternative governance structure, BJ D. 2nd. This group would include all three board members and any community member willing to participate.

An alternative structure requires a minimum of 4 towns. Carolyn P. already spoke with the principal of Marlboro, a former Board member of Wardsboro, and Rich Werner, chair of the Dover Board. All of these districts are interested in a conversation with WES. This approach would allow us to keep our local boards, have our own budgets, and we would continue to cooperate with the WCSU. To qualify for such a structure we will have to gather evidence on how we can better meet the goals of Act 46. This will include a census of the 0-5-year-olds in Windham (Kathy will look into this), a 10-year review of the standardized test scores (Mickey and Gail will look into this), and potentially a survey similar to the one conducted in Peacham, VT.

Antje R. suggests to also perform a side study on a reduction of supervisory unions in Vermont.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2017, at 4 pm

Adjourn: 5:40 pm

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 MEETING
Monday, Mar. 20, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

Election of Chair

Election of Secretary

New Business - Discussion of next steps for Act 46 and tasks that need to be done
Consideration of an Alternative Governance Structure
Survey
Evidence gathering needed

Other Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: TBD *Apr. 3, 2017 5PM*

Act 46 Study committee

March 20, 2017

John Moran, Beth M, Sarah Birge, John and Sally Hoover, Kathy Scott, Jerry and Nancy Dyke, Mary Boyer, Gail Wyman, Howie Iris, Donna Sebastian (Wardsboro), Antje, Carolyn, BJ (Barbara Davis)

Election of Chair: Antje nominated Carolyn, Howie seconded

No treasurer needed yet.

It has been suggested that everyone go to: PeachamAct 46.org website. They are working on an alternative system for their school. Just their reorganization alone would eliminate two supervisory unions.

Minimum of four towns needed to form a district.

We have until November 30 to get this straightened out.

Marlboro, Wardsboro, Windham, Grafton, Athens, Westminster voted no.

In Westminster David Major is already working on what they can do now that they voted no.

We can go outside our district to form, we need to talk to other boards

Kathy Scott is going to a forum in Barre at the Agency of Education on March 21 to listen to what other communities have done about Act 46.

Howie will try to build a website ...will take quite a bit of work. We would do a survey of people in the town about school and Act 46.

Mickey and Gail will put together test scores for last ten years.

Peacham has video testimonials on the web.

We could do matching funds to cover web costs.

96 schools voted down Act 26.

S130 and S122 check these out for more learned info for self.

There is a committee bill from the senate addressing concerns re: Act 46

Carolyn will ask Mike Hebert in Vernon what they are doing.

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE
Monday, Apr. 3, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

New Business

Report regarding next steps
Survey subcommittee to develop questions

Other Business

Adjourn

Next meeting: May 8, 2017, 5 PM

Act 46 Study Committee

Meeting 4-3-2017

Minutes:

Attendees:

Mary Boyer	Mickey Parker-Jennings
Barbara Davis	Carolyn Partridge
Nancy Dyke	Kathy Scott
Jerry Dyke	Antje Rupert
Beth McDonald	Gail Wyman

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:07pm

Gail read the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting, Minutes were approved unanimously.

Carolyn reviewed her conversation with Donna Russo Savage from the Stat BOE, explaining that we are not allowed to form a side with Wardsboro, Dover and Marlboro. Our only real option is to make the case that we need to be allowed to remain as we are.

Mickey pointed out how confusing this is.

Antje expressed her longstanding frustration with the attitude of the boards know as

Nancy, Jerry and Kathy gave their opinions about the Barre Testimony they attended. There was agreement that the legislature is where we have to focus our attention rather than the State BOE. Nancy and Jerry said the afternoon discussion was informational.

Some goals were established regarding doing outreach in the community and making our case to be left alone.

Mickey has been printing test scores which show the children are performing well.

Gail has a census list of children under five and we need to formalize our outreach to the children and their families.

We need to revisit the web-site issue with Howie Ires and get it up and running.

We need to get our survey questions organized and get the survey out to the community. Everyone was encouraged to review the Peacham Survey on their site. Mary Boyer said there is very clear information on there. Mary asked if we are permitted to use the Peacham model, Carolyn felt that was fine.

Beth was planning to attend the meeting in Wardsboro Tuesday evening. Donna Russo Savage will be in attendance.

The next meeting was set for Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 5:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:04PM

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 MEETING
Monday, May 8, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

New Business

Report regarding next steps
Survey questions

Other Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: June 5, 2017 5 PM

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, May 8, 2017, 5 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mary Boyer, Mickey Parker Jennings, Antje Ruppert, Barbara Davis, Carolyn Partridge, Jerry Dyke, Nancy Dyke, Kathy Scott, Gail Wyman

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:01 PM

Gail read the minutes from the April 3, 2017 meeting, Minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kathy reviewed the meeting held at Westminster. There were two people from Grafton who wish to discuss the possibility of Windham partnering with Athens and Grafton.

We discussed the survey questions in more detail.

The next meeting was set for Monday, June 5th, 2017 at 5:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE
Monday, June 5, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

Discussion – Goals for Windham Elementary School

New Business – Review Act 46, Sec. 9 (draft) Self-Evaluation, Regional Conversations, and Proposals for “Alternative Structures”

Old Business: Survey Questions

Adjourn

Next meeting: Sept. 11, 2017, 5 PM

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, June 5, 2017, 5 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mary Boyer, Mickey Parker Jennings, Antje Ruppert, Barbara Davis, Carolyn Partridge, Jerry Dyke, Kathy Scott, Gail Wyman

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:01 PM

We had a discussion about our goals for the Windham School including the continuation of good educational opportunities and transportation. We want to encourage parental and community involvement. We want to maintain our budgetary transparency that allows the community to have a voice in budget construction.

OLD BUSINESS: We discussed the survey questions in more detail and the desire to have a fair and unbiased survey. We want to know what the townspeople value.

The next meeting was set for Monday, Sept 11, 2017 at 5:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 MEETING
Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

New Business – Roll-out for Survey – Mary Boyer and Kathy Scott

Old Business – Draft Survey Questions

Other Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: Oct. 2, 5 PM

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, Sept. 11, 2017, 5 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mary Boyer, Carolyn Partridge, Barbara Davis, Antje Ruppert, Kathy Scott, Mickey Parker-Jennings, Gail Wyman, Jerry Dyke

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:05 PM

Gail read the minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting, Minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: We reviewed the meeting of the Survey Subcommittee held regarding Survey Questions.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed the Survey Rollout Brunch to be held at the WES on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at 10:00AM

The next meeting was set for Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at 10:00 am

The meeting adjourned at 6:04PM

AGENDA
LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE SURVEY ROLL-OUT
Sat. Sept. 30, 10:00 AM

Welcome

Survey Roll-Out

Questions

Adjournment

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, 10 AM

MINUTES

Attendees: Mary Boyer, Carolyn Partridge, Barbara Davis, Kathy Scott, Jerry Dyke, Nancy Dyke, Antje Ruppert, Gail Wyman

There were 33 Members of the Public in attendance

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 10:02 AM

NEW BUSINESS: The Survey was presented to the public with discussion and questions and answers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE
Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

Old Business – Discuss Survey Roll-out Brunch and timeline for accepting and tallying the Surveys.

New Business – WCSU vote to support Windham's proposal.

Adjourn

Next meeting: Nov. 6, 2017, 5 PM

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, Oct. 2, 2017, 5 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mary Boyer, Carolyn Partridge, Antje Ruppert, Barbara Davis, Kathy Scott, Mickey Parker-Jennings, Gail Wyman, Jerry Dyke

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:01 PM

OLD BUSINESS: We recapped the Saturday Brunch. We made plans to review and tally the Survey.

NEW BUSINESS: Carolyn reported on the WCSU Retreat (held at Mt. Snow) vote. The participants voted to support whatever the Windham Act 46 Local Study Committee proposed to the State.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM

AGENDA
WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE
Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, 5 PM

Call to Order

New Business – Preliminary Survey Results

Adjourn

Next meeting: Dec. 4, 2017, 5 PM

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, Nov. 6, 2017, 5 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mary Boyer, Carolyn Partridge, Antje Ruppert, Barbara Davis, Kathy Scott, Jerry Dyke, Mickey Parker-Jennings, Gail Wyman

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS: Carolyn presented the preliminary survey results.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM

AGENDA
WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, 4 PM

Call to Order

Minutes and Correspondence - 5 minutes

Bills and Pay Orders - 5 minutes

Members of the Public – 5 minutes

Principal's Report - 20 minutes

Superintendent's Report - 15 minutes

Old Business

School brochure

Update on siding/building repair

New Business

Hot lunch program issue

Executive Session for Contract Discussion

Other Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: Jan. 8, 2018, 4 PM

LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Proposal Update and Status Report

Adjourn

WINDHAM LOCAL ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, Dec. 4, 2017, 5 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mary Boyer, Kathy Scott, Carolyn Partridge, Barbara Davis, Antje Ruppert, Jerry Dyke

Called to Order by Carolyn Partridge at 5:21 PM

NEW BUSINESS: Carolyn reviewed the draft of the proposal and there was discussion. The plan is to finish up and deliver our proposal to the State Board of Education on Dec. 22, sooner if possible.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM