

## Item F

### **BVSU Timeline**

3/16/2020

#### **May 18, 2010 – State Board of Education Meeting**

A letter from the Battenkill Valley S U Board chair requested permission to hire an interim superintendent for two years. Commissioner Vilaseca recommends a one-year hire and a study to be reported back to the Board to consider merging Battenkill Valley with another supervisory union. The Battenkill Valley SU consists of two towns, Sandgate and Arlington, with fewer than 400 students. Commissioner Vilaseca noted that he hoped the Legislature would go further with consolidation during its session, and therefore, considers this is an opportunity to merge the districts with a larger supervisory union. Motion: Stephan Morse moved, seconded by Don Collins: "The State Board of Education vote to place the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union under consideration for a supervisory union boundary change and permit the Supervisory Union Board to hire an interim superintendent of schools for one year while the study on joining an adjacent supervisory union is completed." The Board further stipulated that the study be completed by November 1, 2010. The motion passed (6-0).

#### **August 5, 2010 – Letter from BVSU Board to Education Commissioner Requesting Extension**

BVSU requests extension of deadline from November 1, 2010 to May 1, 2011.

#### **September 21, 2010 – State Board of Education Meeting**

Kathy Larsen moved, seconded by Brian Vachon, to grant the request of the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union Board to extend the November 1, 2010 deadline to June 1, 2011 for final recommendations for the supervisory union's boundary change. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### **April 19, 2011 – State Board of Education Meeting**

Tom Gallagher of Battenkill Valley SU explained to the Board their current position, asking the Board to extend their deadline to two years so they can explore a RED study with Southwest Vermont SU. Board members questioned the length of the extension, and Livingston noted that there was legislation already proposed to extend their deadline.

Motion: Kathy Larsen moved, seconded by Robert Kelley, that the State Board grant the requested extension of time, from 6-1-2011 to 6-1-2013, to allow the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union and its member districts to participate in an Act 153 Regional Education District (R.E.D.) Study (with the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union and its member districts). the motion passed 7-0-1 (Oller abstained).

Motion: Judy Livingston moved, seconded by Stephan Morse, that the Board stipulate that a status report be provided to the State Board as of or before April 18, 2012. The motion passed 7-0-1 (Oller abstained).

#### **May 15, 2012 – State Board of Education Meeting**

Superintendent Tom Gallagher and Arlington SD Board Chair Todd Wilkins presented their required update to the Board, noting that the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union currently provides business services and there are curricular collaborations with the Bennington-Rutland and Windsor Southwest SUs.

#### **August 20, 2013 – State Board of Education Meeting**

Motion: MacLean moved that the State Board of Education leave the Battenkill Valley SU as is. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Motion: Oller moved, seconded by Perrin, that the Board vote to regroup the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union with the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union. Motion failed (1-7).

Motion: Perrin moved, seconded by Oller, that the BVSU studies are currently on hold, but may be revisited upon the results of any future statewide policy studies/discussions. Motion passed (7-1).

#### **October 29, 2018 – State Board of Education Meeting**

State Board discusses re-assignment of Arlington and Sandgate school districts to a different supervisory union within the context of Act 46. No action taken.

#### **November 15, 2018 – State Board of Education Meeting**

Secretary French recommends assignment of Arlington & Sandgate School Districts to BVSU, effective July 1, 2020. Board votes to assign Arlington and Sandgate to SVSU, per 16 V.S.A. § 261 (not Act 46). After hearing from members of BVSU board and regional superintendents, SBE chooses to make effective date July 1, 2021. In addition, the SBE:

- “authorize[d] the board of the Arlington School District to appoint three of its members to the SVSU board on or after November 15, 2018 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 166 to assist with the transition to full operations of the enlarged SVSU;” and
- “authorize[d] the board of the Sandgate School District to appoint one of its members to the SVSU board on or after November 15, 2018 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 166 to assist with the transition to full operations of the enlarged SVSU.”

#### **December 19, 2018 – State Board of Education Meeting**

The SBE considered whether to waive the default membership on the SU board. The Board voted to “table this item to a future State Board meeting and requested that representatives from the SU address the State Board.”