

Middletown Springs School District Board of Directors
Special Meeting
June 9, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:47. In attendance: Meredith Morgan, Clarence Haynes, Jennelle Carr, Chris Smid, Sarah Haley, Rick Beal, Supt. Paustian arrived at 7:18.
2. Act 46 Update:
 - a. On 6/1/16 RCSU and RSWSU had another meeting to discuss possibilities for the future. Junior high is the stumbling block, since either district would need to give up something because the standard models for Act 46 don't really fit. One proposal, was that Rutland Town and MSES unified their k-6 programs and Rutland Town would operate grades 7 and 8 for a set period of time to sunset the program. Rutland Town is willing to consider this since they feel like otherwise they would lose 9-12 choice and do not want to give this up. The Act 46 consultant, Steve Sanborn, will check with the state to see if the proposed idea would be acceptable as an alternative structure.
 - b. We are now hearing there could be some renewed interest from Rupert, Pawlet, and Wells, provided they can get out of their formal studies. We do not want to formally join a study because it could limit our options with potentially more compatible districts. We will still continue working with Rutland Town without being a formal member to see what some articles of agreement might look like. And maybe if it works, more districts might decide to join in. We have already heard that the Wells board has voted to informally join a study with us.
3. Other Lawful Business: None
4. Adjourned at 7:29 motion by Clarence Haynes, 2nd by Sarah Haley