Orleans Central Supervisory Union
ONE-BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: VIRTUAL ONLY Tuesday, July 28, 2026 — 6:00 to 7:00 pm

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Note taker?
4. Additions or changes to agenda
5. Approval of minutes of meeting of 7/07
6. Legal requirements update
    - Status of efforts - Lisa in contact with town clerks, letters to be written, other?
7. Communications plan update
    - Flyers
    - Spreading the word
8. Other business
9. Next steps
10. Adjournment

OCSU One Board Committee
7-7-26 Committee Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Barbara Postman, Sarah Kinsley, Freddie Very, Gerry Cahill, & Richard Carbonetti

Staff: Jackie Ramsay-Tolman

1) B Postman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2) R Carbonetti agreed to take notes and prepare minutes.
3) Minutes of 6-2-26 meeting were reviewed and approved with a unanimous vote of committee members present.
4) Barbara informed the committee that both the LR & EMS boards have voted affirmatively to recommend to the public that the district move to one board. There was a difference in the vote on how board members would be elected if a town could not find the two required candidates for the board. Therefore, that element of the process will be settled by the transition process prior to the annual meeting on 3-16-26 - if the vote for one board by the district's voters is in the affirmative.
5) Update on Legal Requirements of forming One-Board for the District. Superintendent Ramsay-Tolman provided the following update regarding the legal requirements OCSU will have to comply with to create one board:
   a. Our informational meeting on 8-25-26 meets the requirement for public information.
   b. The vote must be by Australian Ballot. That vote is scheduled to take place on September 15, 2026.
   c. We need to draft a letter that will be sent to the State Board of Education and to AOE secretary Saunders outlining our plan.
   d. We need to develop a report to be delivered to the State Board of Education that will include our reasons for moving to one board, our draft Articles of Agreement, and the letter noted in c. above.
   e. Jackie has provided a draft 8-page report for the committee and boards to consider and edit, and will work with Barbara to get the needed documents sent.
   f. The target is to get on the agenda for the state board's September 16th meeting where we can report the results of the 15th vote if the voters approve the move to consolidation to one board.
6) Transition Planning:

a. Even if the vote is positive the three current boards will continue to act as they have until the new single board is elected on March 16th, 2027.
b. We will create a combined budget committee to enable us to have a single budget to present to the voters on March 16th.
c. EMS & LR boards would create a transition committee to address any issues related to moving to one board, including how the elections of the new board will occur on 3-16-2026.
d. Gerry Cahill brought up two questions on the voting procedures.
   i. The first was whether absentee ballots would be required. Barbara agreed to reach out to the Secretary of States office to determine if that process is required.
   ii. The second was what happens if a town votes no versus other towns voting yes. The committee discussed this and the fact is that since the merger of boards occurred under Act 46 all votes for board members and other district votes like the budget are not by town but are tallied in total across the 7 voting entities. Therefore, one town's vote on its own is not a factor. Each town's yes and no votes are totaled across the district. The totals of the yes or no votes determine the outcome of the vote. This is not a change in how voting in the district occurs but has been the practice for many years now.

7) Communication Strategy Discussion:

a. Goal is to have the informational flyer prepared and printed for distribution ASAP. We needed to update the final draft with the day and time of the informational meeting as 8-25-26 @ 6:00 PM at Lake Region.
b. We would again utilize Front Page Forum, Facebook, the OCSU website, and articles and QR codes to get information to the widest number of community members possible.
c. Board members will fill out the Google doc that was created to list all the potential functions where informational flyers can be made available my board members volunteering to deliver the flyers.
d. Flyers will also be provided to town libraries, town clerk's offices, store bulletin boards etc.
e. The board voted to authorize the placement of the information flyers in two ads (weeks) in the Chronicle with a cost not to exceed $850.00. The vote was 4 in favor and one abstention (Cahill). Goal is to maximize opportunities for public awareness to the issues, the informational meeting and the vote.

8) Next meeting is July 28th at 6:00 PM and only on Google Meet.

9) Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Richard Carbonetti 7-9-26