

Non-Operating Merger Study Committee  
Special Meeting  
August 3, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Celeste Keel, Megan McMahon, Dean Gianotti

**Administration Present:** Mr. William Bazyk,

**Audience Present:** Kent Young, John Everitt, Lorraine Weeks-Newell

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Meeting called to order at 9:00

Celeste Keel made a motion to Elect Dean Gianotti as Study Committee Chair. Seconded by Megan McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Giantotti made a motion to send a letter to Secretary of Education to formally recognize the merger study group. Moved by Celeste Keel. Seconded by Megan McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Giantotti made a motion to hire Dr. Daniel French to be the consultant on the merger study splitting the cost proportionally between the towns and apply for a state merger grant under Act 46. Moved by Celeste Keel. Seconded by Megan McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Giantotti made a motion to assign the BVSU to be the Financial Agent. Moved by Celeste Keel. Seconded by Megan McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Overall the tone of the meeting was very positive and collaborative to go forth with a study to have into the state for review by the end of August. Three areas of discussion are worth mentioning.

- 1) Setting tuition rates evenly across the new district.
- 2) Transportation obligations in the new district.
- 3) Arlington School District received information after the June meeting that they will not be eligible for the tax incentives and an offer from Burr and Burton Academy to make Arlington a sending town. This has given the ASD board more information to vet in a short time and could effect the outcome of being part of the 3 x 1.
- 4) Set future Meeting Dates for August 16 and August 22 for 7:00 at MEMS.

Meeting adjourned: 10:10