

TIMELINE OVERVIEW
based on draft default articles of agreement and legislative deadlines

State Board's Final Plan – November 30, 2018 – deadline by which State Board must issue its final statewide plan

- “Date X” – actual date on which State Board issues its final statewide plan

Organizational Meeting – Date X + 60 days – deadline by which Secretary of Education warns and convenes Organizational Meeting at which, among other things (See Art. 8):

1. Transitional Board is sworn in and begin duties
2. Voters decide if budgets will be voted by Australian ballot
3. Voters decide if elections will occur by Australian ballot

- Superintendent posts warning for Organizational Meeting 30-40 days in advance

First Meeting of Transitional Board – deadline is Organizational Meeting Date + 14 Days – deadline by which Superintendent convenes first meeting of Transitional Board at which, among other things, Board members:

1. Elect Chair and Clerk of Transitional Board
2. Warn special meeting of the District for the voters to vote whether to amend Articles [*if Act 49 group has been created*] –
 - Deadline for Vote per Act 49 = Date X + 90 days
 - Vote to amend under Act 49 is preceded by 30-40 day warning period
 - Superintendent should consider convening first meeting of Transitional Board to occur on the same day as (and immediately after) the Organizational Meeting, especially if s/he expects that a vote to amend under Act 49 is likely

[Can also amend at any time in future per process in 16 VSA ch. 11]

Additional explicit duties of Transitional Board – performed before election of initial members of the New Union District Board, but not necessarily at first meeting of Transitional Board:

3. Prepare first draft of proposed FY 2020 budget for the New Union District, which Transitional Board provides to initial New Union District Board at District Board's first meeting
4. Warn special meeting of the District to elect initial members of New Union District Board – probably on Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2019 unless there is a vote to amend (#2 above) the make-up of the initial Board members
5. Perform other duties necessary to begin to transition the New Union District to full operations on July 1, 2019 that must occur before initial Board is elected

(Potential) Special Meeting of the District – deadline is Date X + 90 days – if an Act 49 group is created, voters vote whether to amend Articles before begin full operations on July 1, 2019

- As enacted by the Legislature, a vote to amend under Act 49, Sec. 8 cannot occur on TMD 2019, even if State Board does not issue the final statewide plan until the last day permitted (November 30) because TMD is more than 90 days after November 30

Special Meeting of the District – Probably on Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2019 – to elect initial members of New Unified District Board

- Vote is preceded by 30-40 day warning period
- Petitions for candidates if election by Australian ballot (at org mtg):
 - Only signed by residents of Town to which seat is allocated
 - Filed with Town Clerk for town to which seat allocated
 - deadline for petitions:
 - § 706k(b) – by 5 p.m. on 6th Monday before vote (if TMD – January 28)
 - (§ 706e, initial bd in voluntary merger, requires 30-40 days before vote; January 28 = 36 days before vote)
 - Within 7 days after deadline: town clerks send names to District clerk for compilation into ballot

First Meeting of Initial Board of New Union District – deadline is Election Date + 14 days – deadline by which Superintendent convenes first meeting of Initial Board at which, among other things, Board members:

1. Are sworn in and assume duties
2. Elect Chair and Clerk of New Union District Board
3. Receive / consider draft proposed FY2020 budget prepared by Transitional Bd

Additional explicit duties of Initial Board – performed before July 1, 2019, but not necessarily at first meeting of Board:

4. Revise and adopt draft proposed FY2020 budget
5. Warn special meeting of the District to vote on proposed FY2020 budget
6. Perform other duties necessary to transition New Union District to full operations on July 1, 2019

Special Meeting of the District – recommended to be no later than May 1, 2019 – to vote on proposed FY2020 budget for New Unified District

- Vote is preceded by 30-40 day warning period

July 1, 2019 – New Union District assumes full responsibilities for resident students and Forming Districts cease to exist except to finalize audits as necessary