

Arlington School District Study Committee
Minutes—October 30, 2017

The Arlington School District Study Committee met on October 30, 2017 from 7:00AM to 8:50AM. Study Committee members present at the meeting were Dr. Joshua Sherman (Chair), Marshall Cross, Kevin Smith, Kate Bryan, Elizabeth Berger, Dr. Brian Allen, and Florence Belnap. Also present at the meeting was Superintendent Bill Bazyk.

On a motion made and seconded, the group approved the minutes from the last meeting held on October 22, 2017. It was agreed that Ms. Belnap would send the minutes to Superintendent Bazyk and request that they be posted on the website, so that minutes are available to the public.

The group discussed how to approach writing the Act 46 and Act 77 reports. The group extensively discussed the pros and cons of recommending that the BVSU continue to exist versus recommending that the ASD join either the SVSU or the BRSU. Two major points for keeping the BVSU included: 1) Lack of significant cost savings in dissolving the BVSU and joining another SU; 2) Loss of local control could affect the ability to implement the Pathways vision. Superintendent Bazyk and Marshall Cross voiced concern that the State Board of Education will dissolve the BVSU and questioned why we do not recommend a different path. The group struggled with the fact that Act 46 serves neither the BVSU nor the ASD but that we must make a recommendation under this law.

There being no further business, the group agreed to adjourn.