

# Reorganization Committee Meeting

December 20, 2021

## AGENDA

1. QUESTIONS
  - a. FAQ Page
2. PETITION
3. NEXT STEPS

## Questions that Have Emerged?

- Over the past two weeks, have there been any questions that have been asked of you or that you have heard?
- Web Page Information
- FAQ Document

## Petition Part 1

- That the Lu Verne Community School District and the Algona Community School District be merged and consolidated into a new community school to be known as \_\_\_\_\_ Community School District to include the area as set forth in Exhibit A attached herto and made a part hereof and comprising all of the territory of the two existing districts.
  - In previous re-organizations and mergers, the Algona Community School District name has been used as the name of the new district. This would be the recommendation based on past precedent.
  - Boundary Map (exhibit A) - Recommendation would be to accept the map as is. Individuals are able to petition the AEA to be placed in other district.

## Petition Part 2

2. That the Lu Verne Community School District and the Algona Community School District believe that the proposed school district conforms with the plans developed by the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency, but, if such proposed district does not conform, they request that the plans of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency be changed to conform to the proposed district.

## Petition Part 3

3. That the Lu Verne Community School District and the Algona Community School District believe that all necessary studies and surveys have been conducted which are a prerequisite to this proposed reorganization, but, if further studies or surveys are required, they request that the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency conduct such studies or surveys for the proposed reorganization.

## Petition Part 4

4. That the number of directors of the proposed school district shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and that the method of election of the proposed district shall be the method authorized by Section 275.12 of the Code of Iowa, with election of \_\_\_\_\_.

- We need to select the number of directors for the proposed district.
  - 5 Members or
  - 7 Members (Algona CSD has 7)
    - This would be the recommendation based on what currently exists.
- We need to select the method of electing these board members.
  - Elected by representative districts (based off of population)
  - Elected at-large (which both districts currently do)
  - Combination of Districts and at-large.
    - Recommendation would be at-large based on what each district currently does.

## Petition Part 5

5. That the initial board of the proposed school district shall be established using the alternative method for director elections pursuant to Section 275.41 of the Code of Iowa. The initial board shall consist of \_\_\_\_\_ directors. The Lu Verne Community School District Board of Directors shall designate \_\_\_\_\_ of its members to be retained as members of the initial board and the Algona Community School District Board of Directors shall designate \_\_\_\_\_ of its members to be retained as members of the initial board, such numbers of directors being proportionate to the populations of the district.

## Petition Part 5 cont...

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- The initial board can be selected from among the existing members of the current board (alternative method)
- Special Election Method could also be used
  - Recommendation would be for the Lu Verne CSD Board of Education to appoint one member to become part of the Board of Education of the proposed district and the Board of Education of the Algona CSD to appoint six members to become part of the Board of Education of the proposed school.

## Petition Part 6

6. That neither the Lu Verne Community School District nor the Algona Community School District have approved the issuance of general obligation bonds at an election pursuant to Section 296.6 of the Code of Iowa during the preceding six-month period.

## Petition Part 7

7. That the Lu Verne Community School District and the Algona Community School District are contiguous to one another as required by Section 275.1(2) of the Code of Iowa, and the proposed school district will contain a combined enrollment in excess of the minimum enrollment prescribed by Section 275.3 of the Code of Iowa.

## Petition Part 8

8. That following a hearing as required in accordance with Sections 275.16 of the Code of Iowa, and the approval of the Prairie Lake Area Education Agency Board of Directors, a special election be held as required by Section 275.18 of the Code of Iowa, and that such other proceedings be had as are required in accordance with Chapter 275 of the Code of Iowa in order to effectuate the reorganization requested in the Petition, with said reorganization to become effective on July 1, 2023.

## Petition Part 9

9. That a revenue purpose statement pursuant to Section 423F.3 of the Code of Iowa, authorizing the use of any School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenues received for any authorized "School infrastructure purpose" now or hereafter authorized by law, be voted upon for the proposed school district as the special election conducted under Section 275.13 of the Code of Iowa on the Reorganization.

## Petition Part 10

10. That the voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy provided in Section 298.2 of the Code of Iowa be voted upon at the election conducted under section 275.13 of the Code of Iowa on the reorganization.

## Petition Part 11

11. That the assets and liabilities of the Lu Verne Community School District and the Algona Community School District be merged, including the payment of principal and interest on any outstanding indebtedness payable from the School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenues of the historical Algona Community School District and the historical Lu Verne Community School District, except: 1) the existing debt service levy for payment of principal and interest on outstanding general obligation bonds of the historical Algona Community School District will remain with the territory of the historical Algona Community School District, including any refunding or reissuance of the outstanding general obligation bonds.

## FYI: ALSO ON BALLOT

***\*Our recommendation is to include a PPEL (Physical PLant and Equipment Levy) proposal of 67 cents per thousand for the new district (reminder: Algona has this, Lu Verne does not. This will need to be approved by the Lu Verne District for petition to pass). - Part 10 of the petition***

***\*Revenue Purpose Statement: New District will have to have a new approved Revenue Purpose Statement. - Part 9 of the petition***



## Next Steps/Questions

1. We will send the finalized petition to our reorganization attorney's to make sure everything is acceptable for a petition
2. We will then send the petition to the committee for distribution and Board of Education members (we will have a system to know what petitions are still out for signatures and where they are placed).
3. We will collect signatures until FEB 1. If a sheet is filled up, please return it to Mr. Carter or Mr. Hueser.
4. We need 400 (would like at least 430) signatures from the Algona District and 210 (would like at least 230) signatures from the Lu Verne District.
5. Petitions are due to the AEA by March 1.

