

WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

ESSEX WESTFORD EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #51

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Polls open for Australian Ballot)

The legal voters of the Essex Westford Educational Community Unified Union School District #51 (hereafter "Unified Union School District #51") comprising the voters of the Village of Essex Junction, Essex Town and the Town of Westford are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Essex Community Education Center, on Education Drive, in the auditorium of said school, at **7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 9, 2018**, to transact any of the following business and to take action upon the following articles not involving Australian Ballot and thereafter to hold a public informational hearing on the fiscal year 2019 budgets:

Article I: To elect the following officers:

- Moderator for one year
- Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for one year

Article II: To hear and act upon the reports of the Unified Union School District #51, Officers and the Board of School Directors.

Article III: To authorize the Unified Union School District #51 to borrow money to be used for the payment of District expenses by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date of issuance pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund.

Article IV: To receive from the Board of School Directors its estimate of expenses of the Unified Union School District #51 for the ensuing year. This time serves as a public informational hearing for public review of the proposed 2018-2019 budget for discussion purposes only.

Article V: To transact any other school business thought proper and lawful when met.

WHEREUPON, after disposition of said business and informational hearing on Monday, April 9, 2018, said meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened on the following day, **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**, when legal voters are hereby notified and warned to meet at the respective polling places of their member communities as outlined below **between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to vote by Australian ballot on Articles VI-VIII.**

Polling Places

The voters residing in each member community will cast their ballots from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. in the polling places designated for their community as follows:

Essex Town: Essex Middle School in the Town of Essex

Town of Westford: The Westford School in the Town of Westford

Village of Essex Junction: Essex Community Educational Center in the Village of Essex Junction

Article VI: Shall the voters of Unified Union School District #51 approve the school board to expend \$76,618,154 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,814 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.82% lower than spending for the current year.

Article VII: Shall the voters of Unified Union School District #51 appropriate \$1,000,000 necessary to supplement the Capital Reserve Fund in support of the District's Capital Plan?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,076 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.18% lower than spending for the current year.

Article VIII: Shall the voters of the Unified Union School District #51 approve the school board to expend \$8,035,801 which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the support of the Center for Technology, Essex for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018?

Upon closing of the polls, the ballots will be counted by local town/village election officials who shall transmit the voting results to the Clerk of Essex Westford Educational Community Unified Union School District #51, who will then tabulate the final results for the District.

The legal voters of Unified Union School District #51 are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Sections 706u of Title 16 and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a duly noticed, called and held meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Unified Union School District #51 this 8th day of March, 2018 by the Unified Union School District #51 Board of School Directors at Essex Junction, Vermont.

ATTEST:

Patrick Murray
Patrick Murray

Al Bombardier

Diane Clemens
Diane Clemens

Liz Subin
Liz Subin

Keeley Schell
Keeley Schell

Brendan Kinney

Marla Durham
Marla Durham

Martha Heath
Martha Heath

Kim Gleason
Kim Gleason

Andre Roy
Andre Roy

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 8th day of March, 2018

John Sonnicks
John Sonnicks, Clerk, Unified Union School District #51

Received for record March 9, 2018 at 12:48 p.m.

Attest: Nanette Rogers
Nanette Rogers, Town Clerk

Posted at: Westford Town Office, Westford School, Westford Library and Westford Post Office