

**ESSEX WESTFORD EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY
UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #51**

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm and April 11, 2023 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

The legal voters of the Essex Westford Educational Community School District #51 (hereafter "Essex Westford School District") comprising the voters of the City of Essex Junction, Town of Essex (outside of the City), and the Town of Westford are hereby notified and warned to meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 10, 2023, in the auditorium at Essex High School on Educational Drive, to transact any of the following business (Articles 1-5) not involving Australian Ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 am at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot (Articles 5-10).

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term ending at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk for a term ending at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer for a term ending at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Article 4: To authorize the Essex Westford School District 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 5: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$90,796,463 which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$8,897,662 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, 2023?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District authorize the school board to allocate the Center for Technology, Essex FY'22 audited fund balance of \$483,223, without effect upon the District tax levy as follows: assign \$295,488 as revenue for the Center for Technology, Essex 2023-24 operating budget and assign the remaining balance, \$187,736 as revenue for future operating budgets?

Article 8: Shall the voters of Essex Town (outside of Village) elect two (2) school directors for a term of three (3) years? One three-year term, and one one-year term

Article 9: Shall the voters of the City of Essex Junction elect two (2) school directors for a term of three (3) years?

Article 10: Shall the voters of Westford elect one (1) school director for a term of three (3) years?

Polling Places

The voters of the Essex Westford School District, residing in their respective city and towns, will cast their ballots from 7:00 am-7:00 pm in the polling places designated for their community as follows:

Town of Essex: Essex Middle School in the Town of Essex

Town of Westford: Westford School in the Town of Westford

City of Essex Junction: Champlain Valley Expo Blue Ribbon Pavilion in the City of Essex Junction

Upon closing of the polls, the ballots for Articles 8-10 will be counted by local town/village election officials who shall transmit the voting results to the Clerk of the Essex Westford School District, who will then tabulate the final results.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballots for all other Australian ballot items shall be transported by the members of the Board of Civil Authority to a central location where the ballots will be comingled and counted under the supervision of the Clerk of the Essex Westford School District, who will then tabulate the final results (pursuant to 16 VSA Section 741-742).

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

Informational Hearing

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**, at 6:30 pm at the Essex High School Library, on Educational Drive, in Essex Junction shall also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Articles 5-7 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on **April 11, 2023**.

ATTEST:



Erin Kennedy Knox, Essex Westford School Board Chair

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 22 day of February 2023



John Sonnick, Essex Westford School District Clerk