

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

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm and April 9, 2024, 7:00 am-7:00 pm

The legal voters of the Essex Westford Educational Community Unified Union School District #51 (hereafter "Essex Westford School District") comprising the voters of the City of Essex Junction, Town of Essex (outside of Village), and the Town of Westford are hereby notified and warned to meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Essex High School on Educational Drive, in the auditorium of said school, to transact any of the following business and to take action upon the following articles not involving Australian Ballot:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term ending at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
- Article 2: To elect a Clerk for a term ending at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
- Article 3: To elect a Treasurer for a term ending at the 2025 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 the date of issuance pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund.
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?
- Article 6: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District elect all non-appointed District's officers by Australian ballot?

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, April 9, 2024, for the purpose of voting Articles 7-13 by Australian ballot at the respective polling places hereinafter named between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

- Article 7: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend **\$97,820,207** which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024?
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend **\$9,239,165** 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, 2024?
- Article 9: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District authorize the school board to allocate the Center for Technology Essex FY23 audited fund balance of **\$327,435** without effect upon the District tax levy as follows: assign **\$78,804** as revenue for the Center for Technology Essex 2024-2025 operating budget and assign the remaining balance, **\$248,631** as revenue for future operating budgets?
- Article 10: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. §735(a), vote to authorize the school board to appoint both the clerk and treasurer of the School District commencing in 2025?

Article 11: Shall the voters of Essex Town elect one (1) school director for a term of three (3) years?

Article 12: Shall the voters of the City of Essex Junction elect one (1) school director for a term of three (3) years?

Article 13: 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 11 through 13 will be counted by local town/city 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.

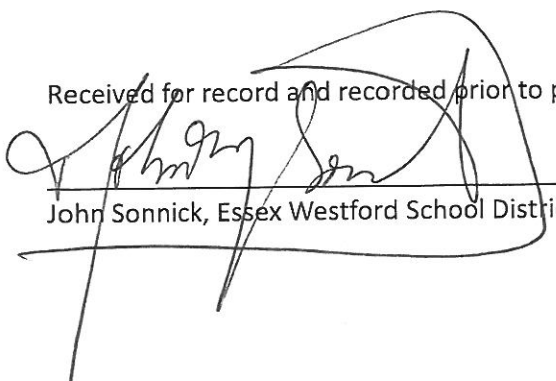
Informational Hearing

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, at 7:00 pm at the Essex High School, on Educational Drive, in Essex Junction shall also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Articles 7 through 11, which will be voted on by Australian ballot on **April 9, 2024**.

ATTEST:


Robert Carpenter, Essex Westford School Board Chair

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 23 day of February 2024


John Sonnick, Essex Westford School District Clerk