

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POMFRET SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Pomfret School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Hall, located in North Pomfret, Vermont, in said District, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of the Pomfret School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby further warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, convening at 7:00 A.M. at which time the polls will open and continuing until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To accept the reports of the Pomfret School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director to the Pomfret School Board for a term of three years, who shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE 4: To elect one School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for a term of three years, who shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE 5: To elect one School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for the remaining year of a two year term, who shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Pomfret School District approve the Prosper Valley Joint Board budget to expend one million, six hundred fifty thousand, six hundred ninety five dollars (\$1,650,695) which the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,425 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 18.1% higher than spending for the current year. (It is estimated on the basis of current information that the Pomfret School District assessment will be nine hundred twenty two, six hundred seventy one dollars (\$922,671) and that the Bridgewater School District assessment will be seven hundred twenty eight thousand, twenty four dollars (\$728,024) of the total Joint School budget.

(NOTE: This Article must be voted from the floor without amendment, by paper ballot, pursuant to the Prosper Valley Joint School Board Agreement.)

ARTICLE 7: To authorize the Pomfret School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Pomfret School District vote to form the Windsor Central Unified Union School District ("New Unified District") on the following terms:

1. A.) The Town School Districts of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, Killington and Woodstock (hereinafter referred to as the “Town School Districts”) are advisable districts for the establishment of the New Unified District.

B.) The Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School District shall also be considered an advisable district for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts.

C.) The Woodstock Union High School District shall also be considered an advisable district for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts (except Plymouth).

D.) If the New Unified District or a Modified Union District is created, then the Town School Districts that vote in favor of the merger and the Woodstock Union High School District shall be referred to herein as the “Forming Districts.”

2. If the voters of the six (6) Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, the New Unified District will be established. If the voters of at least four (4), but not all, of the Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, a modified unified union school district will be established to be known as the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District (“Modified Union District”).

3. The New Unified District or Modified Union District will operate grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.

4. A.) If all town school districts vote to establish the New Unified District it shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of eighteen (18) individuals elected by Australian ballot by the voters of the municipalities in which they reside. Each municipality within the New Unified District shall be guaranteed at least two resident representatives.

Based on the 2010 census, the new unified union board will consist of two (2) representatives residing in and representing Barnard; two (2) residing in and representing Bridgewater; two (2) residing in and representing Killington; two (2) residing in and representing Pomfret; two (2) residing in and representing Plymouth; two (2) residing in and representing Reading; and six (6) residing in and representing Woodstock.

B.) If a Modified Unified Union School District is formed, any Pre-K-6 districts that are members of the Woodstock Union High School that vote NO will be referred to as Non-Member Elementary Districts (NMED). Board representation in the Modified Union District will be proportional as provided in sub-section 4. A above, including full proportional representation from each NMED. Board members from each NMED will have voting powers for all general Modified Union District actions, but will recuse themselves from consideration and voting upon programmatic, budgetary, personnel, or building matters of the Modified Union which correlate to grades operated by the NMED.

5. The New Unified District or Modified Union District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the Forming Districts that joined the new union district. It shall also assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the Forming Districts that may exist on the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds, specific endowments or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the New Unified District or Modified

Union District, and will be applied for established purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.

6. A.) No later than June 30, 2018, the town school districts that voted to join the new union district and the Woodstock Union High School District will convey to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to the encumbrances of record, all of their school-related real and personal property, including all land, buildings, and content.

B.) In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of Directors determines, in its discretion, that continued possession of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the town school districts will not be used in direct delivery of student educational programs, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall offer for sale such real property to the town in which such real property is located, for the sum of one dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes, and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants required by Vermont law, in addition to costs of capital improvements subsequent to July 1, 2018.

The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and using the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event the town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the New Unified District or Modified Union District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the New Unified District or Modified Union District prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of School Directors.

7. The provisions of the Report and Formation Plan approved by the State Board of Education on _____, 2017, which is on file at the offices of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, shall govern the New Unified District.

ARTICLE 10: To elect one School Director to the Windsor Central Unified Union School District Board for a term of two years, expiring March 2020.

ARTICLE 11: To elect one School Director to the Windsor Central Unified Union School District Board for a term of three years, expiring March 2021.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Jody Eaton, Chair
Seth Westbrook
Patti Kuzmickas