

WARNING
SPECIAL MEETING

CASTLETON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Town of Castleton School District in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont are hereby duly warned and notified to meet at the Castleton Fire Station in said Town of Castleton on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles.

Article I. Shall the Castleton Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Benson, Castleton-Hubbardton Union, Fair Haven, Fair Haven Union High School, Hubbardton, Orwell, and West Haven, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Slate Valley Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

The above referenced school districts that are not union school districts are hereinafter referred to as the "town districts". There are no additional school districts being recommended at this time. The interest of the voters of the two union school districts are represented by the voters in the member town districts.

In the event that the majority of the town districts vote to approve the merger, but one or two town districts votes against merger, pursuant to Act 156 (2012), Sec. 17, as amended, a Modified Unified Union School District (MUUSD) will be formed. In this case, the MUUSD shall be named the Slate Valley Modified Unified Union School District. Notwithstanding the above, due to their membership in the Castleton-Hubbardton Union School District, the Castleton Town School District and the Hubbardton Town School District must both vote to approve a merger in order for either town school district to become a PreK-12 member of a MUUSD. As such, neither town school district's vote shall be included in the "majority of districts voting to approve the merger," as defined in this paragraph, unless both districts vote to approve the merger. The Articles governing the Unified School District shall govern the MUUSD except as specifically provided in Articles 17-19 and Appendix A.

- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all of the students in the unified union school district. Hubbardton students enrolled or attending a public or approved independent high school (grades 9-12) during the 2017-2018 school year at the expense of the Hubbardton School District as tuitioned high school students shall be "grandfathered". Such Hubbardton students shall be permitted the option to continue to attend at the same public or approved independent school as tuition students at the expense of the Union School District. Except as specifically approved by the Union District's Board of School Directors, and consistent with the state law, the tuitioning of "grandfathered" high school students shall cease on June 30, 2021.
- (b) A town district's representation on the Union School District Board of School Directors will be determined as an at-large "hybrid model". Membership on the Union School District Board is apportioned to each town in equal numbers. Apportionment does not have to be proportional to the town's population. Voters in the proposed member towns will vote on the same slate of candidates. The ballot is categorized to represent each town's apportioned seats on the Union School District Board of School Directors.

At no time will a town/village corresponding to a pre-existing member school district have less than one board member with a single vote of one on the board of school directors.

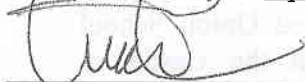
The Union School District Board of School Directors shall have eighteen (18) members.

- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 as set forth in the Final Report are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Castleton Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

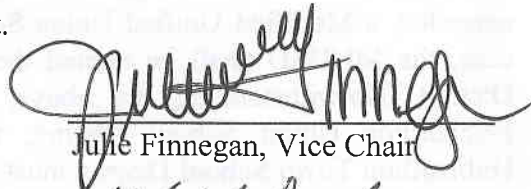
The legal voters of the Castleton Town School District are further warned and notified that a public informational meeting will be held at the Castleton Elementary School in said Town of Castleton, Vermont on May 4, 2017 commencing at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of explaining the Articles.

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 VSA § 721c, the warning for this special meeting has been adopted and posted by the Castleton Hubbardton Union School District Board of School Directors on behalf of the Castleton Town School District.

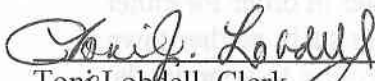
Dated this 5th day of April, 2017 at Castleton, Vermont.



Timothy Smith, Chair



Julie Finnegan, Vice Chair



Toni Lobdell, Clerk




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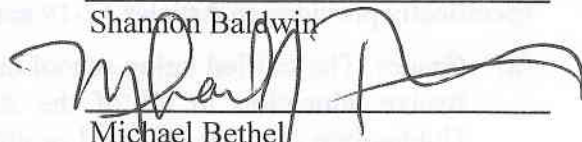


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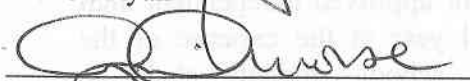
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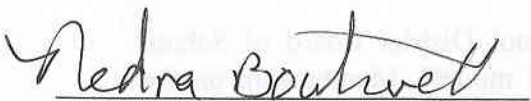


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Received for record this 6th day of April, 2017.



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