

**WARNING
SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

MAY 31, 2017

The legal voters of the Whitingham Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center in said Town of Whitingham, Vermont on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) for the purpose of voting on Article I and Article II.

- ARTICLE I: Shall the voters of the town of Whitingham School District of which the State Board of Education has found to be necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with school district of Wilmington which the State Board of education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:
- a) Grades. The unified union school district shall operate and manage schools offering instruction in grades Pre-K through 12.
 - b) Board of School Directors. The unified union school district board of directors shall be elected consistent with the proportional representation requirements of the Equal Protection Clause. The method of apportioning the representation that each proposed member town shall have on the proposed unified union school board shall provide that the board shall have no more than 18 members total, and each member town shall be entitled to at least one representative.
 - c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the liabilities and indebtedness of member districts, acquire the assets of member districts, including the school properties of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.
 - d) Final Report. The provisions of the final report approved by the State Board of Education on the 18th day of April, 2017, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the unified union district.
- (Australian Ballot Polls open at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

- ARTICLE II: Shall the voters of the Whitingham School District elect three (3) school directors to serve on the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organization meeting for terms as provided in the final report.
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The legal voters of the Whitingham Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee/early voting relative to this special meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. Absentee/early ballots will be available at the Whitingham Town Clerk's office on or about May 8, 2017.

The legal voters of the Whitingham Town School District are further notified that an informational hearing will be held on May 23, 2017, at the Twin Valley Middle High School in the Town of Whitingham at 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of explaining the proposition of forming a unified union school district.

The legal voters of the Whitingham Town School District are further notified that copies of the final report approved by the State Board of Education on the 18th day of April, 2017 are available at the Whitingham Town Clerk's office, and by request to Windham Southwest Supervisory Union at (802)-464-1300.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont, this 19th day of April 2017.

Scott D. Boyd
Shirley J. Boyd
John G. Boyd
Aimee B. Boyd

School Directors

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD

this 27 day of APR A.D. 2017 at
01 o'clock 15 minutes P. M. and
Recorded in Vol. 11 at Page 510
of LAND RECORDS

Attest

Alma L. [Signature] Town Clerk

Sample

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL SPECIAL MEETING
WHITINGHAM, VERMONT
MAY 31, 2017**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

ARTICLES

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YES
NO

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YES
NO

SCHOOL DIRECTOR	SCHOOL DIRECTOR	SCHOOL DIRECTOR
1 year term ending March 6, 2018 Vote for One	2 year term ending March 5, 2019 Vote for One	3 year term ending March 3, 2020 Vote for One
JOHN DOTY <input checked="" type="radio"/>	SETH D. BOYD <input checked="" type="radio"/>	SHARON BERRY <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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