

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
BARRE TOWN MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use **BLACK PEN** or **PENCIL** to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

ARTICLE I

Shall the Barre Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed union school district, join with the Barre City School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed union school district, for the purpose of forming a union school district to be named the Barre Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

- **Grades.** The Barre Unified Union School District shall operate and manage schools offering instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12.
- **Board of School Directors.** A member town's representation on the School Board of the Barre School District will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial fixed composition is based upon the most recent Federal Census (2010), and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a member town have less than one school director on the District Board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- **Assumption of debts and ownership of school property.** The Barre Unified Union School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school properties of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the Final Report.
- **Final Report.** The provisions of the final report proposed to the State Board of Education for approval on the 15th day of August, 2018, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the Barre Unified Union School District. Upon approval of the Barre Unified Union School District, The following Articles of Agreement from the Final Report can only be changed by a majority vote of the Barre Unified Union School District:

Article 8:

The Board of School Directors shall have nine (9) members, with four (4) residing in and representing Barre City; four (4) residing in and representing Barre Town; and one (1) elected at-large by the voters of both municipalities. The Barre Town and Barre City specific numbers of directors are consistent with current census figures.

Each time there is a new decennial census, the proportionality of the Barre Town and Barre City specific numbers of directors shall be aligned to the new counts if necessary.

The Board member elected at-large shall be subject to voting by the electorate in both forming districts, with the candidate receiving the highest vote total prevailing. The eight Board members representing a specific municipality shall be subject to voting only in their municipality of residence, with the candidate(s) receiving highest vote totals prevailing.

Article 9:

School Directors will be elected by Australian ballot for three year terms, except for those initially elected at the time of the formation of the new Unified District (Barre Unified Union District). In the initial election of School Directors, the terms of office will be as follows:

Town	Term ending March 2020	Term ending March 2021	Term ending March 2022
Barre City	2	1	1
Barre Town	1	2	1
At- Large	0	0	1

The terms of the initial school directors indicated above will include the months in between the organizational meeting and the first annual meeting.

Nominations for the office of Barre Unified Union School Director representing a specific town shall be made by filing, with the clerk of that district/town proposed as a member of the Unified District, a statement of nomination signed by at least 30 voters in that district/town or one percent of the legal voters in the district/town, whichever is less, and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not fewer than 30, nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote.

Nominations for the office of the at-large School Director shall be made by filing a statement of nomination signed by at least 60 voters from one or more of the forming districts with the clerk of any district/town proposed as a necessary member of the Unified District. A statement shall be filed not fewer than 30, nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote.

Total on checklist
5751
Total Voted =
1501

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. - 706j(b), directors initially elected to the new district shall be sworn in and assume the duties of their office.

Thereafter, members of the Board of School Directors will be elected by Australian ballot at the unified school district's Annual Meeting. Terms of office shall begin and expire on the date of the school district's annual meeting. In the event the district's annual meeting precedes Town Meeting Day, the Director's terms shall expire on Town Meeting Day.

Article 13:

Any proposal by the district's new unified board of directors to restructure the district's current elementary school configuration into one elementary and one middle school may not be considered without the approval of the electorate of the Barre Unified Union School District. Any proposal by the district's new unified board of directors to close any school in the district may not be considered without the approval of the electorate of the Barre Unified Union School District.

Article 14:

Students in elementary schools (PreK-8) will not be required to attend school outside of their current town of residency. Students and their families may voluntarily request assignment at another elementary school (Prek-8) according to policies on intra-district choice established by the Board.

Article 15:

The new unified board shall ensure ongoing opportunities for local input on policy, budget development, and other topics relevant to the operation of the schools. Structures to support and encourage public participation within the Barre Unified Union School District, such as site-based or school-based councils, will be established by the Board prior to the commencement of operation of the Barre Unified Union School District.

952 YES
534 NO
Early Voted = 715
% Voted = 26.94%
YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING!

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