

WARNING
for the
SPECIAL MEETING
of the
BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 19, 2019

The legal voters of the Barre Unified Union School District who are residents of the City of Barre and the Town of Barre, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barre City Municipal Auditorium in the City of Barre, on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock in the forenoon (a.m.) at which time the polls will open and seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon (p.m.) at which time the polls will close; and the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School in the Town of Barre, on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock in the forenoon (a.m.) at which time the polls will open and seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon (p.m.) at which time the polls will close, respectively, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall the the Barre Unified Union School District amend the Articles of Agreement, as issued by the Vermont State Board of Education on December 3, 2018, as follows?:

- To strike out Articles 3 and 4 and replace them with new Articles 3 and 4, to read:

Article 3 – School Restructuring and Closing

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

Article 4 – Redistricting/Choice

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.

- To revise all appropriate cross-references in Articles 6 and 14 to reflect the substantive amendments above.

ARTICLE II

Shall the Barre Unified Union School District amend Articles of Agreement, as issued by the Vermont State Board of Education on December 3, 2018, as follows?:

- To strike out Articles 10 A, B, and C and replace them with new Articles 10. To strike out Article 11 and replace with new Article 11 A, to read as below. Articles 10 D and E will be re-numbered to 11 B and C:

Article 10: Board of School Directors Representation

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 at-large Board member shall be elected by the voters of the entire New Union District, with the candidate receiving the highest vote total prevailing. The eight Board members representing a specific municipality shall be elected by the voters residing only in their municipality of residence, with the candidate(s) receiving highest vote totals prevailing.

Article 11: Initial Directors

A. Terms of Office

School directors will be elected for three year terms, except for those initially elected at the time of the formation of the New 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 School Director representing a specific town shall be made by filing, with the clerk of that district/town proposed as a member of the New Union 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 residing in the New Union District 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.

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

Thereafter, members of the Board of School Directors will be elected at the Barre Unified Union 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.

- To revise all appropriate cross-references in Articles 9 and 14 to reflect the substantive amendments above.

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The legal voters and residents of Barre Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held in the Library at the Spaulding High School and the Central Vermont Career Center in the City of Barre on Monday, February 18, 2019 commencing at six (6:00) o'clock in the afternoon (p.m.) for the purpose of explaining the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of Barre Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Transitional Board of School Directors of the Barre Unified Union School District held on January 10, 2019. Received for the record and recorded in the records of the Barre Unified Union School District on February 1, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Clerk  
Barre Unified Union School District

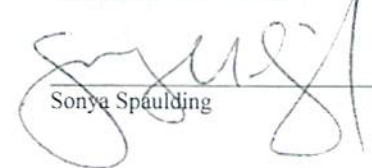
  
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