

WARNING PLYMOUTH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING BY BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town School District of Plymouth, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the **Municipal Building** in said Plymouth on **Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM** or immediately following the Town Meeting to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls open at the same location for voting by Australian ballot on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**.

The business to be transacted to include:

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Plymouth Town Office

- Article I:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending June 30, 2016.
- Article II:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth Town School District approve the school board to expend **\$1,029,319.00**, which is 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 **\$18,701.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per pupil is **9.60%** higher than spending for the current year.
- Article III:** Shall the Plymouth School District authorize the School District Officers to place all unencumbered surplus funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of partially defraying unanticipated operational expenses pursuant to Title 16 §567 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
- Article IV:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at **\$500.00**.
- Article V:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth School District approve the Act 46 Merger with the proposed Windsor Central Unified Union School District for FY 2019.
- Article VI:** To transact any other necessary and legal business.

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Plymouth Town Office

- Article I:** To elect a Town School District Moderator (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 3).
- Article II:** To elect a Town School District Clerk (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 3).
- Article III:** To elect Officers for the ensuing year.
- Article IV:** To elect a Town School Board Director for a 3 year term (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 10).
- Article V:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth Town 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 "Forming Districts") are advisable districts for the establishment of the New Unified District.

B. The Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall also be considered advisable 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 advisable 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).

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 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 town school districts that joined the new union district. It shall also assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the town school 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 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 the 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 February 21st, 2017, which is on file at the offices of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union shall govern the New Unified District.

- Article VI:** To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the New Unified District: **(Drafting Note: Include only the director positions for the specific district in the warning.)**

Barnard:	2 Directors 1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019 1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
Bridgewater:	2 Directors 1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019 1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
Killington:	2 Directors 1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020 1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
Pomfret:	2 Directors 1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020 1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
Plymouth:	2 Directors 1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019 1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020
Reading:	2 Directors 1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2019 1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2020
Woodstock:	6 Directors 2 for one year terms expiring in March of 2019 2 for two year terms expiring in March of 2020 2 for three year terms expiring in March of 2021

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Plymouth School Board of Directors:
Julie Dupont, Board Chair

Rebecca Geary, Board Clerk