

WARNING

The voters of the Northfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Northfield Middle/High School on the 2nd day of May, 2017 to vote by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, upon the following articles of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall the voters of the Northfield Town School District vote to form the Central Vermont Unified Union School District ("Unified District") on the following terms:

1. The School Districts of Northfield and Williamstown are necessary for the establishment of the Central Vermont Unified Union School District and are hereinafter referred to as the "Forming Districts."
 2. The Unified District shall be formed and the terms hereby voted shall become effective on the date this article is approved by a majority vote of the electorate of each Forming District voting in a meeting for adoption of this article and said votes become final pursuant to 16 V.S.A. 706g. The Unified District will assume full operations on July 1, 2018.
- If the Unified District is formed and if the voters of the Orange School District and the Washington School District vote to approve the formation of the Orange Washington Unified Union School District and said vote becomes final and that district becomes operational on July 1, 2018, then both new unified union school districts would be members of a new supervisory union and would meet the criteria of "Side-by-Side" mergers pursuant to 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156.
3. The name of the district shall provisionally be the Central Vermont Unified Union School District.
 4. The Central Vermont Unified Union School District will operate grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.
 5. The Central Vermont Unified Union School District will provide for the transportation of students, assignment of staff, and curriculum that is consistent with the practices/contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and provisions of law that are in effect during the first year that the new Unified District is providing full educational services and operations.
 6. The Central Vermont Unified Union School District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the forming school districts that joined the new union district.

The Central Vermont Unified Union School District shall assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the forming districts that may exist on the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific local purposes will be transferred to the Central Vermont Unified Union School District, and will be applied for their original established purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.

The Forming Districts will transfer to the Central Vermont Unified Union School District any preexisting specific endowments, scholarships, or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, held by school districts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship accounts or similar accounts, held by the forming districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

7. No later than June 30, 2018, the Forming Districts will convey to Central Vermont Unified Union School 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.

8. The Central Vermont Union School District shall be governed by a nine (9) member Board of Directors elected by Australian ballot for three-year terms, except for those initially elected at the time of the formation of the new Unified District:

- A. Five (5) residing in and representing the Town of Northfield; and
- B. Four (4) residing in and representing the Town of Williamstown.

9. An initial Board of Directors shall be elected at the town school district special meetings to be held on May 2, 2017. The terms of the initial Board of Directors are set forth in the Articles of the Agreement. Upon expiration of the respective terms of the initial Board of Directors, successors shall be elected for terms as specified by law.

10. The Articles of Agreement and the Final Report of the Act 46 Study Committee is on file at the offices of the Washington South Supervisory Union and the Orange North Supervisory Union and shall govern the Unified District.

ARTICLE II

To elect five (5) Directors to serve on the Central Vermont Unified Union School District Board from the date of the organization meeting for terms as provided in the Final Report, from the following nominees:

1. To elect two (2) School Directors for a term ending 2019. (Australian Ballot)
2. To elect one (1) School Director for a term ending 2020. (Australian Ballot)
3. To elect two (2) School Directors for a term ending 2021. (Australian Ballot)

NORTHFIELD TOWN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Justin Wrigley, Chair

3-29-17

Date

Sophia Bennett, Vice-Chair

3/27/17

Date

Emily Gray, Clerk

3/28/17

Date

Peter Evans, Member

3/24/17

Date

Mike Bailey, Member

3/24/2017

Date

March 30, 2017 - Reid Gimfedley
Run Clerk