

**ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - Minutes of February 27, 2024
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District met at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, VT on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Board Chair, Barbara Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and read Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers: a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk

- a. Suzanne Buck/James Malcolm nominated James Douglas for Moderator. Passed unanimously.

Moderator Douglas resumed the gavel.

- b. Suzanne Buck/Ellen Whalen-Wuest nominated Michele Warren for Treasurer. Passed unanimously.
- c. Mary Heather Noble/Suzanne Buck nominated Mary Gill as Clerk. Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a new ACSD At-Large Board Member for the Patricia A. Hannaford RTSD.

Michele Warren/Barbara Wilson nominated Lindsey Hescock.

Linda Barrett/Jason Chance nominated Michael Giorgio.

The Moderator called for a paper ballot. Results were tallied by Michele Warren and Linda Barrett. Michael Giorgio was elected by a vote of 15-13 over Lindsey Hescock.

ARTICLE 3: To hear and act upon the reports of the school district officers. (no action was taken)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters of the Addison Central School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

James Malcolm/Diana Bain moved, "To approve Article 4". Motion passed.

ARTICLE 5: To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Rosemary Payne asked that in future the candidates for positions be in written form or somehow known to voters before the Annual Meeting.

Barbara Wilson spoke about the Superintendent searches, district strategic plan, and Legislative actions around school funding, the new Superintendent Dr. Wendy Baker and thanked Lindsey Hescock for her contributions during her three years on the board.

Brian Bauer spoke about the outstanding efforts of the MUHS Nordic ski teams. The girls are currently in 1st place and the boys are in 2nd place in Division II.

James Douglas thanked Dr. Tim Williams for stepping in to be the Interim Superintendent and wished him well in his next retirement. Lindsey Hescock thanked student Board member Eddie Fallis. Ellen Whalen-Wuest thanked the administration, especially Dr. Williams and Business Manager, Matt Corrente.

Jason Chance/Suzanne Buck moved to recess the meeting until the March 5, 2024 Australian voting. Passed.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Moderator Douglas called the Public Information Hearing to order at 7:28pm and read the three **Articles** on the warning for March 5, 2024.

Board Chair, Barbara Wilson spoke about the challenges they faced to produce this proposed budget. Superintendent, Tim Williams spoke about the loss of ESSER funds and the impact of Act 127. Business Manager, Matt Corrente, presented a comprehensive explanation of the proposed budget and other information relative to the Articles. Discussion ensued.

Moderator Douglas invited the candidates for Board positions to introduce themselves. The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - ANNUAL MEETING - March 5, 2024
Results of Australian Ballot Voting

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD School Board to expend \$50,604,080 which represents a 6.5% increase in Total Spending and is the amount the ACSD School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Total votes cast = 3389 2081 YES 1157 NO 151 BLANK OR SPOILED

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD School Board to appropriate \$2,033,842 the FY 2023 Unassigned Fund Balance to the ACSD Capital Reserve Fund?

Total votes cast = 3389 2347 YES 865 NO 177 BLANK OR SPOILED

ARTICLE 3: To elect four (4) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Addison Central School District Board for the following terms:

- One (1) who is a resident of Cornwall for a three-year term
- Two (2) who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.
- One (1) who is a resident of Shoreham for a three-year term.

Total votes cast = 2391

Cornwall: Ellen Whelan-Wuest 2569

Middlebury: Mary Heather Noble 2471
 Laura Harthan 2232

Shoreham: Barbara Wilson 2546

Respectfully submitted,
Linda J. Barrett, ACSD Clerk