

WARNING

**Orange Southwest Unified Union School District
(Orange Southwest School District)
For Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2026**

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF RANDOLPH, BRAINTREE, and BROOKFIELD:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the voters of Randolph, Braintree & Brookfield will be held in the Auditorium at the Randolph Union High School in the Town of Randolph on Monday, March 2, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Following updated guidance from state agencies and in order to comply with those directives, this meeting will also be available remotely. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link:

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/nup-dkew-oga

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 252-397-0145

PIN: 650 984 479#

NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, and VI will be voted on the Floor on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Polls for voting on Articles VII, VIII, IX & X will be open on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at the following locations and at the following times in each town:

Braintree: Braintree Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brookfield: Brookfield Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Randolph: Randolph Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

ARTICLE II: To elect a Clerk for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

ARTICLE III: To elect a School District Treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

ARTICLE IV: To fill any vacancies existing or occurring on March 3, 2026.

ARTICLE V: To hear and act upon recommendations contained in the reports of the officers of the school district.

ARTICLE VI: To see whether the school district will authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof.

ARTICLE VII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Randolph VT for a term of three years.

ARTICLE VIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Brookfield VT for a term of three years.

ARTICLE IX:

To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the school board to expend \$29,159,606 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. The Orange Southwest School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of **\$15,339.41** which is **1.22% lower** than per pupil education spending for the current year.


ARTICLE X:

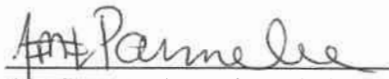
To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

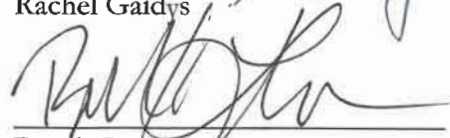
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$1,887,000 in surplus funds from the 2024-2025 school year to the Building Reserve Fund?

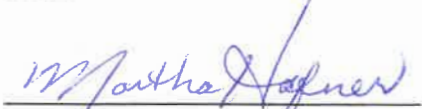
DATED at Randolph in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, this 15th day of January 2025.


Anne Kaplan, Chair


Rachel Gaidys



Almil Parmelee, Vice-Chair


Beverly Lauchner


Martha Hafner, Clerk

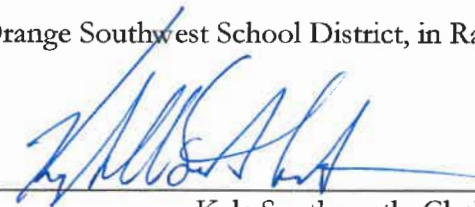

Sam Hooper


Rachel Fish


Ryan Anderson

OSSD School Board Directors

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Orange Southwest School District, in Randolph on January 15th, 2026 before being posted.

ATTEST: 
Kyle Southworth, Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Attached is some basic information about the Orange Southwest School District meeting warned. If you have any questions, please contact your Town Clerk.

- Braintree Town Clerk - 728-9787
- Brookfield Town Clerk - 276-3352
- Randolph Town Clerk - 728-5682

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by February 1, 2026. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by February 21, 2026.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to <https://mvp.vermont.gov>.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election, in person, in writing, by telephone or email. The latest you can request ballots for the Orange Southwest School District Election is as follows:

TOWN OF BRAINTREE: By close of the Town Clerk's office on March 2, 2026.

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD: By close of the Town Clerk's office on February 26, 2026.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH: By close of the Town Clerk's office on March 2, 2026.

(17 V.S.A. § 2531) (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot to be sent to you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You must vote in the town clerk's office of the town you live in before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have a ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two Justice of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of the election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

- If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form for Same-Day Voter Registration.
- If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.
- If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.
- If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
- If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.

- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
- Display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
- Solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
- Interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer bribes, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading this, or at any time during the voting process, ask your town clerk or another election official.

CHECK-IN

- 1) At the entrance checklist table, state your name, and if asked, your residence, in a clear, audible voice.
- 2) Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

ENTER

- 1) Enter within the guardrail, and an election official will hand you a ballot(s).
- 2) Take your ballot(s) to a vacant booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT

- 1) **HOW TO MARK:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."
 - If you are voting in a town that does not use voting machines to count ballots, mark a cross (X) in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) you want to vote for.
 - If you are voting in a town that uses voting machines, follow the instructions on the ballot to either fill in the oval or to connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate(s) you want to vote for.
 - If you are unclear about the instructions, ask an election official to assist you.
- 2) **WRITE-IN:** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in lines on the ballot. You may place a label or sticker with your candidate's name on the write-in line or you can write the name.
- 3) **MISTAKES or SPOILED BALLOTS:** If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may give your spoiled ballot to an election official and receive another ballot to mark. You may request up to three new ballots.

CHECK OUT

1. If your town uses an exit checklist, go to the exit checklist table and state your name in a clear, audible voice.
2. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official and then proceed to cast your ballot.

VOTE

1. In a town that does not use voting machines, deposit your voted ballot in the ballot box.

2. In a town using voting machines, do not fold or bend your ballot. Simply insert your ballot into the slot on the voting machine.

LEAVE

1. Leave the voting area by passing through the interior doors.
2. Continue outside the polling place before beginning socializing or conversations that could disrupt other voters.

Posting in conformance with 17 V.S.A. §2521 by the Clerk on or before February 1, 2026.

Jessica M Brassard

Jessica Brassard, Braintree Town Clerk

Carol J Monness

Carol Monness, Brookfield Town Clerk

Tammy Munyon

Tammy Munyon, Randolph Town Clerk