

**MOUNTAIN TOWNS REGIONAL EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of the Mountain Towns Regional Education School District, consisting of the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the gymnasium of the Flood Brook School in Londonderry, Vermont on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM to consider and act upon the following articles (1-11) and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot (Articles 12 and 13).

To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 28, 2017:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator to serve a term of one year commencing with this meeting.
- Article 2: To elect a School District Clerk to serve from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- Article 3: To elect a School District Treasurer to serve from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- Article 4: To fix the salaries of the School District Officers for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Article 5: To determine the date and time on which the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Mountain Towns Regional Education District shall be held, and where such meeting shall be held.
- Article 6: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District directors and officers.
- Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?
- Article 8: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,700 for the 2017-2018 school year for resident pupils in grades 9 through 12 who attend any approved independent school?
- Article 9: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$7,738,590, 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 \$14,300 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.9% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article 10: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 12 and 13).
- Article 11: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

To be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017:

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Mountain Towns Regional Education District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:

The Dorset Town School District
The Manchester Town School District
The Mountain Towns Regional Education District

The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.

The Danby Town School District
The Mt. Tabor Town School District
The Sunderland Town School District
Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)

2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8) and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.
3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
TOTAL	13

b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
TOTAL	10

c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
TOTAL	12

d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
TOTAL	9

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.

B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and 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 as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, 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 as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, 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 as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such

terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

5. Transfer of Funds

- a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
- b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.

7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

Article 13: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

Danby	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Landgrove	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Londonderry	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Peru	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Sunderland	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Weston	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021

Danby	
Dorset	
Londonderry	4 Directors for one (1) year term expiring in March of 2019
Manchester	

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:

Voters of the Town of Landgrove will vote at the Landgrove Town Hall at 88 Landgrove Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Londonderry will vote at the Londonderry Town Hall on Old School Street. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Peru will vote at the Peru Town Office at 402 Main Street. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Weston will vote at the Weston Town Office at 12 Lawrence Hill Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.


The legal voters of Mountain Towns Regional Education School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 9th day of January 2017.


On behalf of the Mountain Towns Regional Education District Board of School Directors:



Jon Mowry, Chair

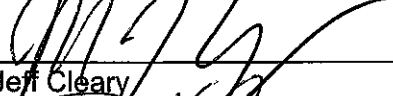


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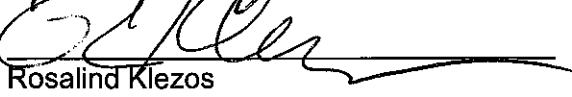


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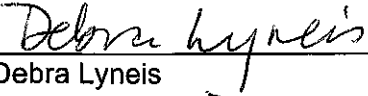
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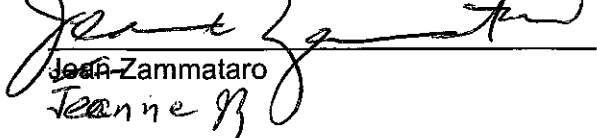
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Received for the record and recorded this 11 day of January 2017 by:



Duane Hart, Clerk of the District