

**SPECIAL MEETING
BROOKLINE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
MARCH 7, 2017**

Instruction to Voters: To vote in favor or against an article fill in the oval at the bottom of the article.

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval at the right of that person's name. To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and fill in the oval to the right of that blank line.

*** TWO-SIDED BALLOT!**

Article I. Shall the Brookline Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Newfane, and Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School #34, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the school districts of Jamaica, Townshend and Windham, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the West River Education District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

In the event the necessary town school districts and a majority of the advisable town school districts all vote to approve the merger, but one district votes NO, a Modified Unified Union School District (MUUSD) will be formed pursuant to the provisions of Act 156 of 2012. In this case, the MUUSD will be named the West River Modified Union Education District. If a MUUSD is established, then the town school district (the "Non-Member District") that did not vote to join the Unified District will be a member of the Unified District for Grades 7-12 with voting membership on the Board for matters related to Grades 7-12.

- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all of the students in the unified union school district.
- (b) Board of School Directors. The unified district board of school directors initially will be comprised of nine members elected from the electorate in individual towns. For the nine members elected in individual towns, representation on the Unified District Board will be closely proportional to the fraction that the town's population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial Board

composition will be based upon the year 2010 Federal Census and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a town district have less than one member on the Board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Board of School Directors shall be expanded to include two members elected at large for a total of eleven members. The two at large members will be elected by a vote of the entire electorate of all towns joining the unified union school district or modified union school district. Votes of the entire electorate shall be counted together (comingled) without being first counted at the town level. The at large members shall be elected at the 2018 annual meeting.

Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the forming districts; acquire, maintain, and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 6, 7, and 14 regarding special funds, indebtedness, real and personal property and closing of school buildings are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.

- (c) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016 and including an amendment approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Yes

No

Article II. To elect one (1) school director from the nominees residing in Brookline to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

One (1) school director for a four-year term.

FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

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