

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
2017 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Williamstown School District in the County of Orange, in the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Williamstown Middle High School on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM to act upon the following articles, viz:

The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Winston Chambers, Moderator, before Barbara Graham, Town Clerk read the warning, she thanked Winston for his several years of service as Moderator as this was his final meeting.

ART 1: To elect all necessary Town School District officers for school Director for the ensuing year by Australian ballot. For the purpose of this article, the polls will be opened at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M.

The total votes cast were 414 for School Directors and 413 for School articles. The results were as follows:

School Director, 3 years

Amanda Mills-Brown.....	357
Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	6
Blank.....	51
Spoiled.....	0
TOTAL.....	414

School Director, 2 years

Marie Abare.....	349
Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	3
Blank.....	62
Spoiled.....	0
TOTAL.....	414

ART 2: To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise, in anticipation of taxes.

The motion was made by Rama Schneider and seconded by Alvin Avery to approve the article as written There was no discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

ART 3: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000, to pay the School Directors, by Australian Ballot.

YES.....	285
NO.....	124
BLANK.....	4
SPOILED.....	0
TOTAL.....	213

ART 4:

**To vote by Australian ballot on the following:
Shall the voters of the Williamstown School District approve the School board to expend \$8,134,722, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This represents a (-10.14) % decrease from the previous year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,809 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.62% higher than spending for the current year.**

Freda Hollyer asked the school board to explain the decrease in percent on one line and increase in percent in another line and Rama Schneider explained due to the State wording requirements there was a decrease in local budget and increase to the Supervisory Union budget with overall a 2 ½% increase in the proposed budget.

YES.....259
NO.....146
BLANK.....8
SPOILED.....0
TOTAL.....413

ART 5:

To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000, to be placed in the Capital Improvement Fund, by Australian Ballot.

YES.....291
NO.....120
BLANK.....2
SPOILED.....0
TOTAL.....413

ART 6:

To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000, to be placed in the Roof Fund, by Australian Ballot.

YES.....310
NO.....102
BLANK.....1
SPOILED.....0
TOTAL.....413

ART 7:

To see if the Town School District will vote to use \$25,000 of the FY16 (2015-2016) audited fund balance, for the construction of a parking area behind the Williamstown Middle High School.

Mike Sprano asked instead of spending \$25,000 for a parking area to put that money back into the budget. Conrad Beattie asked if that \$25,000 included construction and paving. Rama Schneider explain that would not include all of the construction and Chris Locarno, business manager was given permission to speak as he is not a Town resident. Chris said it does not include paving.

YES.....240
NO.....171
BLANK.....2
SPOILED.....0
TOTAL.....413

ART 8:

To transact any other business that may properly come before this Meeting.

Rama Schneider briefly discussed the proposed merger with Northfield. The merger vote is scheduled to take place May 2, 2017 at the Public Safety Building. Petitions are now available at the Town Clerk's office for board directors of the Central Vermont Unified Union School District.

There was no further business and the motion was made by Heather Powell and seconded by Stanley Peake to adjourn at 10:20 A.M. The motion passed by voice vote.

/s/Winston Chambers, Moderator

/s/Barbara Graham, Town Clerk

/s/Rama O.A. Schneider, Chair

/s/Amanda Mills-Brown

/s/Marie Abare

/s/Holly Vermette

/s/Sheena Pierce