

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Williamstown are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Williamstown Middle High School on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) to act upon the following articles. Voting for all Australian Ballot articles and elections will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from ten o'clock in the forenoon to seven o'clock in the evening (10:00 AM – 7:00 PM).

The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Matthew Powell, Moderator, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Matthew Powell read the warning.

ART 1: To elect the following officers of the Central Vermont Unified Union School District for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot: Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. For the purpose of this article, the polls will be opened at 10:00 o'clock AM and closed at 7:00 o'clock PM.

The total votes cast were 470 for School Directors. The results were as follows:

School Director, 3 years

Rama Schneider.....	388
Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	8
Blank.....	74
Spoiled.....	0
TOTAL.....	470

School Director, 2 years

Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	27
Blank.....	443
Spoiled.....	0
TOTAL.....	470

ART 2: To see if the Unified Union School District will authorize the Board of Directors of the Central Vermont Unified Union School District to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise, in anticipation of taxes, by Australian Ballot.

Williamstown	Northfield
YES.....333	YES.....647
NO.....121	NO.....261

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....	980
NO.....	382

ART 3:

Shall the voters of the Unified Union District approve the Central Vermont Unified Union School District to expend \$17,352,047 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year for the Central Vermont Unified Union School District. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,774.41 per equalized pupil. As this is the first year of operations for the new school district, the projected spending per equalized pupil cannot be compared to a prior year, as it does not exist, by Australian Ballot.

Williamstown	Northfield
YES.....302	YES.....616
NO.....151	NO.....298

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....918
NO.....449

ART 4:

To see if the Unified Union School District will vote to allow the Central Vermont Unified Union School District to borrow up to \$75,000 for the purchase of a new generator for the Williamstown Elementary School, by Australian Ballot.

Williamstown	Northfield
YES.....341	YES.....515
NO.....113	NO.....384

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....856
NO.....497

ART 5:

To see if the Unified Union School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000, to create, and be placed in a Central Vermont Unified Union School District Capital Improvement Fund, by Australian Ballot.

Williamstown	Northfield
YES.....290	YES.....526
NO.....127	NO.....299

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....816
NO.....426

School Moderator

Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....38
Blank.....429
TOTAL.....467

School Clerk

Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....38
Blank.....429
TOTAL.....467

School Treasurer

Kim Pedley.....295
Write-Ins-Misc.....4
Blank.....168
TOTAL.....467

Rama Schneider gave a brief discussion on the combined budgets. That there will always be routine maintenance with all 4 schools as in this year, the replacing of the generator at the Williamstown Elementary School. Conrad Beattie asked what their plans were with the old generator. Chris Locarno, Business Manager was given permission to speak as he is not a town resident. Chris said the generator could not be repaired and that they have not done anything with the old one. Rama also made mention to the Town Report's dedication to long time school employee, Jennifer Earls, who passed away in June. After 7 years of being the principal of Williamstown Middle High School, Scott Lang is retiring. When Scott arrived the graduation ratio was at 65% at Williamstown and this year's graduating class is now at 90%. The combination of Scott and the faculty, has made it much more of a challenge to graduate. Marie Abare mention that there will be a community involvement which also includes students in both Northfield and Williamstown in naming the new school district. The choices are as follows: Paine Mountain, Exit 5 and Central Vermont.

There was no further business and the motion was made by Richard Powell and seconded by Marion Powell to recess for 10 minutes at 10:17 AM. The motion passed by voice vote.

/s/Matthew Powell, Moderator

/s/Barbara Graham, Town Clerk

/s/Rama O.A. Schneider

/s/Amanda Mills-Brown, Chair

/s/Marie Abare

/s/Holly Vermette

/s/Sheena Pierce