

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

Instructions to Voters: to vote for an issue printed
on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of your choice.

Article 1:

Shall the voters authorize the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District as owner to lease a +/-5,162 square-foot (58-foot by 89-foot) parcel of land located +/-15 feet northerly of the northerly wall of kindergarten wing of the Pownal Elementary School building at 94 Schoolhouse Road in Pownal to United Children's Services of Bennington County, Inc., so that it may construct a new building for a Head Start preschool and associated early educational services, which lease has a term of 30 years with one 30-year renewal term and an annual rent of \$1.00?

Yes.....

No.....

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**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING WARNING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District (consisting of voters of the Towns of Bennington, Pownal, Shaftsbury and Woodford) are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED that a special meeting will be held to transact the following business by Australian ballot on Tuesday, June 13, 2023:

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In person voting will be available at local polling places on June 13, 2023. To request that an absentee Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District ballot is mailed to you, please contact your Town Clerk or by using the "My Voter Page" online resource from the Secretary of State which can be found here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Absentee ballots must be returned before the close of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, or to the polling place before 7:00PM on the day of the election, in order to be counted.

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town; there will be separate polling places in each of the member districts of which the voter is a resident as follows:

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Pownal vote at the Pownal Valley Center Firehouse, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Shaftsbury vote at the Town Office on Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District (consisting of voters of the Towns of Bennington, Pownal, Shaftsbury and Woodford) are further warned and notified that the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District Board of Directors will hold a public informational hearing to discuss Article 1 on Monday, June 12, 2023, commencing at five thirty o'clock in the afternoon (5:30 p.m.), in the Large Conference Room at the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Central Office, 184

North Street, Suite 1, Bennington, Vermont 05201.

Register to Vote! Residents of the District may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at www.ovr.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible residents registering on the date of Special Meeting must do so at the polling place where they will cast their ballot.

DATED at Bennington, Vermont this 09 day of May, 2023.

Signatures

Christopher Murphy, Chair

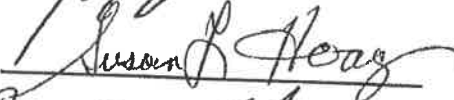


Scott McEnaney, Vice Chair

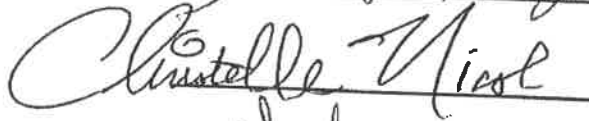
Jeff Leake, Clerk



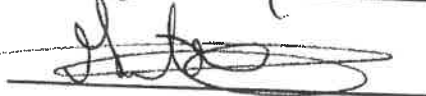
Susan Hoag



Christelle Nicol



Glenn Thurber



Sandy Foster



Received for recording this 10 day of May, 2023.



Cassandra J. Barbeau, Clerk
Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE TO VOTERS WITH RESPECT TO CHECKLIST
AND ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023**

The checklist for the June 13, 2023 Special Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District, is the most recently prepared, posted and revised in accordance with Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The checklist for the June 13, 2023 Special Meeting has been posted as follows:

Town Clerk's Office
205 South Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201

Bennington Public Library
Silver St.
Bennington, Vermont 05201

In addition to the locations specified above, pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. 706p(a), current checklists and warnings will also be posted in at least one public place in each member school district of the union school district.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Voting by absentee ballot is permitted with respect to the Special Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District, to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Absentee voting shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 51, Title 17 of Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 2531 entitled "Application for Absentee Voter ballot."

Application shall be made to the Clerk of the Southwest Vermont union Elementary School District, at the Clerk's regular business office during the Clerk's regular business hours, unless otherwise specified by the Clerk.

A voter who expects to be an early or absentee voter, or an authorized person on behalf of such voter, may apply for an early voter absentee ballot until 5:00 P.M or the closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day preceding the election.