

SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**NOTICE TO VOTERS WITH RESPECT TO CHECKLIST
AND ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 4 AND MARCH 5, 2024**

The checklist for the March 4 and March 5, 2024 Annual 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 March 4 and March 5, 2024 Annual 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 Annual Meeting of Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

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.

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 4 AND MARCH 5, 2024**

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet at the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Administrative Office, 184 North Street - Suite 1, Bennington, Vermont, or remotely via the Zoom computer application/program utilizing meeting ID: 870 8435 6299 with Passcode: 130410 (a direct link is available on the SVSU website www.svsu.org which also lists numbers to access by phone) on **Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening (6:00PM)** to transact the following business from the floor:

ARTICLE I: To accept the reports of the District's officers for the preceding year as reported in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE II: To establish the annual salaries of the District officers as follow:

- a) Moderator: \$ 100.00
- b) District Clerk: \$ 1,500.00
- c) School Directors: \$ 2,000.00 each
- d) Treasurer: \$27,673.00

ARTICLE III: To authorize the School Board to transfer and expend funds from the established and audited capital reserve fund for capital expenses.

ARTICLE IV: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District are hereby **FURTHER WARNED** to meet at their respective polling places on Tuesday March 5, 2024, to transact business by Australian ballot as follows:

ARTICLE A: To elect from the legal voters of the District:

- One (1) Moderator for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2024**
- One (1) Clerk for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2024**
- One (1) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2024**

ARTICLE B: To elect School Directors as indicated for such terms to begin immediately. The School Board members to be elected are as follows:

- One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Bennington (3-year term)**
- One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Pownal (2-year unexpired term)**
- One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Shaftsbury (3-year term)**
- One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Woodford (3-year term)**

ARTICLE C: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$30,032,215, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 Firehouse - River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Pownal vote at the Pownal Town Office – 511 Center Street, Pownal, 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 Garage - North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

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

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

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify the SVSU at 447-7501 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

DATED at Bennington, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2024.

Christopher Murphy, Chair _____

Scott McEnaney, Vice Chair Scott McEnaney

Jeff Leake, Clerk _____

Sandra Foster Sandra Foster

Susan Hoag Susan L Hoag

Christelle Nicol Christelle Nicol

Glenn Thurber Glenn Thurber

Received for recording this 1st day of February, 2024.



Cassandra J. Barbeau, Clerk

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