

**WARNING**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Waitsfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Waitsfield Elementary School in said Town of Waitsfield on June 7, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles.

**Article I.** Shall the Waitsfield Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Warren, and Waterbury, 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 Harwood Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

In the event that the majority of town school districts vote to approve the merger but one or two districts vote NO, a Modified Unified Union School District will be formed pursuant to the provisions of Act 156 of 2012. In this case, the “MUUSD” will be named the Harwood Modified Unified Union School District. Notwithstanding the above, due to their membership in the Waterbury-Duxbury Union School District, the Duxbury Town School District and the Waterbury Town School District must both vote to approve a merger in order for either town school district to become a member of a MUUSD. As such, neither town school district’s vote shall be included in the “majority of districts voting to approve the merger,” as defined in this paragraph, unless both districts vote to approve the merger.

- (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. Each municipality within the Unified District shall be guaranteed at least one resident representative. The number of representatives in excess of one from each municipality shall be determined on the basis of relative population within the Unified District. Additionally, the votes of the unified district board of school directors will be weighted to reflect the fraction that each town’s population bears in the aggregate population of the unified union school district. Board composition and weighting is based upon the 2010 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census.

- (c) 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 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 5 and 6 as set forth in the Final report are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on April 19, 2016, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

**Article II.** To elect two (2) school directors from the nominees 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 three-year term.

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

The legal voters of the Waitsfield Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting and voting procedures relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2016, at Waitsfield, Vermont.

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Eve Frankel

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Christine Sullivan

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Jonathon Goldhammer

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Jeremy Gulley

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Received for record this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2016, at Waitsfield, Vermont.

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Jennifer Peterson, Town Clerk