

BRANDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING
SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
JANUARY 18, AND JANUARY 19, 2016

The legal voters of the Brandon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Neshobe School Gymnasium on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM to discuss the articles set forth below and transact any business not involving voting by Australia Ballot.

Article I:

To discuss the Act 46 Study Committee Report and the articles set forth below.

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

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in order to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the Neshobe School Gymnasium.

Article II:

Shall the voters of the Brandon Town School District vote to form the Otter Valley Unified Union School District ("Unified District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Unified District (referred to herein as "Member Districts"):

Brandon Town School District
Goshen Town School District
Leicester Town School District
Pittsford Town School District
Sudbury Town School District
Whiting Town School District

The Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 shall also be considered necessary for the formation of the Unified District but it shall not be referred to as a Member District and its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts.

2. The Unified District shall be formed and the terms hereby voted shall become effective on the date this article is approved by a majority vote of the electorate of each Member District voting in a meeting for adoption of this article and said votes become final per 16 V.S.A. 706g, provided that, votes approving this article shall not become effective unless and until the voters of the other Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union town school districts (Chittenden and Mendon) vote to approve formation of the Barstow Unified Union School District and said vote becomes final, thereby forming a Supervisory Union with two Unified Districts ("Side by Side").
3. The name of the district shall be the Otter Valley Unified Union School District.
4. The Member Districts and the Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 will convey to the Unified District all of their school-related real and personal property, for One Dollar, and the Unified District will assume all capital debt associated therewith and state construction aid refunding obligations, on or after the effective date of this article but prior to

the Operation Commencement Date. The Unified District recognizes the long term financial investments and community relationships that each town has with its elementary school building. The Unified District will encourage use of each building by the students and community according to the policies and procedures of the Unified District.

5. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Unified District determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the Member Districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Unified District and its educational programs, the Unified District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances, debt and state construction aid refunding obligations, to the town in which it is located. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Unified District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Unified District and before the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Unified District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Unified District Board of School Directors.

6. For a period of four (4) years from the Operation Commencement Date the Unified District shall operate as public schools the following:

Leicester Central School in Leicester;
Lothrop School in Pittsford;
Neshobe School in Brandon;
Sudbury Country School in Sudbury;
And Whiting School in Whiting.

During this four (4) year period, the Unified District may not close any of these schools without first obtaining approval of a majority of the electorate of the town in which the school is located. Upon expiration of this four (4) year period, the Unified District's Board of Directors may vote to close any of these schools provided the board so votes by a two thirds (2/3) majority.

7. The Unified District shall continue to operate Otter Valley Union Middle/High School in Brandon until otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.

8. The Unified District shall commence operating the above-mentioned schools on July 1, 2016 ("Operation Commencement Date") provided this article shall have become effective by such date.

9. The Unified District shall operate schools to provide for the enrollment of all legal pupils of the towns who are members of the Unified District for grades pre-k through 12.

10. Any and all operating deficits and/or surpluses of any of the Member Districts and the Otter Valley Union High School District No. 8 shall become the property, and/or the obligation of the Unified District, on the Operation Commencement Date.

11. The Unified District shall apportion its expenses in accordance with applicable law.

12. The Unified District shall be governed by a thirteen (13) member Board of Directors.

A. Nine (9) directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of the individual member towns with the number of directors nominated by a single town being apportioned on the basis of town population as determined by the most recent U.S. Census. Membership on the

initial Board of Directors shall be apportioned as follows:

Brandon	3 directors
Goshen	1 director
Leicester	1 director
Pittsford	2 directors
Sudbury	1 director
Whiting	1 director

Persons nominated from a town for the position of School Director shall be elected by a vote of the Unified District's electorate.

B. Four (4) directors shall be elected by the voters of the Unified District on an at-large basis. Any legal voter of any member town shall be eligible to be elected as an at-large director.

13. An initial Board of Directors shall be elected at the town school district special meetings to be held on January 19, 2016. The terms of the initial Board of Directors are set forth in the Articles of the Formation Plan. Upon expiration of the respective terms of the initial Board of Directors, successors shall be elected for terms as specified by law.

14. The provisions of the Report and Formation Plan approved by the State Board of Education on December 15, 2015, which is on file at the offices of the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union shall govern the Unified District.

Article III: To elect from the following officers:

- A. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Brandon Director for a term of 1 year
- B. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Brandon Director for a term of 2 years
- C. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Brandon Director for a term of 3 years
- D. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Goshen Director for a term of 2 years
- E. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Leicester Director for a term of 1 year
- F. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Pittsford Director for a term of 2 years
- G. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Pittsford Director for a term of 3 years
- H. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Sudbury Director for a terms of 3 years
- I. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, Whiting Director for a term of 2 year
- J. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, At-Large Director for a term of 1 year (2 directors)
- K. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, At-Large Director for a terms of 2 years
- L. Otter Valley Unified Union School District, At-Large Director for a terms of 3 years

BRANDON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Lisa Kenyon, Chair	2018
Erin Gallivan, Clerk	2016
Devon Fuller	2017
Debra Boyce	2017
Michael Lufkin	2016