

STARSBORO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2016 – 7:00PM – ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND
ELECTION AND UNIFICATION VOTE
NOVEMBER 8, 2016 – 7AM – 7PM – ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The legal voters of the Starksboro Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Robinson Elementary School on November 1, 2016 at 7:00PM, for a public information meeting to discuss the articles set forth below.

The legal voters are further notified and warned to meet at Robinson Elementary School on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, between 7:00AM and 7:00PM to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot:

Article I: Shall the voters of the Starksboro Town School District vote to form the Addison Northeast Supervisory District (“New Supervisory District” or “New SD”) on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below (referred to herein as “Member Districts”) shall all be identified as “necessary” for the formation of the New SD:

Bristol Elementary School District
Lincoln Community School District
Monkton Central School District
Beeman Elementary School District (New Haven)
Robinson Elementary School District (Starksboro)

The Mt. Abraham Union Middle and High School District shall also be considered necessary for the formation of the New SD 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 New SD will operate grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth (PK-12) to provide public education to all of the students in the New Supervisory District.
3. The New Supervisory District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors who shall have equal votes and are proportionally allocated based on population as follows:
 - a. The combined population of all Forming Elementary Districts (and after formation of the New SD, the town of each Forming Elementary District, referred to as “Member Town”) determined by the most recent U.S. census will be divided by thirteen (13) to establish an “Initial Population Minimum.” Each Forming Elementary District/Member Town shall be allocated one director for each Initial Population Minimum. (Example based on 2010 census: $10,649$ (total population of Forming Elementary Districts/Member Towns) / $13 = 819$; Bristol elects four (4) directors; Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro elect two (2) each, and Lincoln elects one (1)). (Allocation of only eleven (11) seats).
 - b. If, allocation in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) above does not allocate thirteen (13) seats, there shall be an additional allocation of one (1) director to Forming Elementary Districts/Member Towns whose populations, after subtracting one or more Initial Population Minimums have a greater remaining population than any other town until all thirteen (13) seats are allocated. (Example: Bristol and Lincoln have the largest remaining populations of 739 and 636 respectively. This allocates the two (2) remaining seats).
 - c. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each Forming Elementary District/Member Town and shall be elected by Australian Ballot vote by the respective voters of each Forming Elementary District/Member Town.
 - d. The initial Board of Directors shall have the following allocation:

Number of School Board Members by Town

Town	Board Members	Town Population
Bristol	5	3,894
Lincoln	2	1,271
Monkton	2	1,980
New Haven	2	1,727
Starksboro	2	1,777
Total	13	10,649

4. Real Estate and Personal Property.

- a. No later than June 30, 2018, the Forming Entities will convey to the New SD, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all of the real estate and personal property owned by them, including all land, buildings and contents.
- b. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the New SD Board determines that any of the real property, including buildings and land, conveyed to it by the Elementary Forming Districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the New SD and its educational programs, the New SD shall convey such real property, subject to any restrictions in the deed and all encumbrances of record, for the sum of one dollar, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes, and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the municipality in which it is located.

The conveyance of any real property to the town in which it is located shall be conditioned upon the town owning and using 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, then the town shall compensate the New SD for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the New SD and before sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, then the New SD shall sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the New SD Board of Directors. Any sale of school property shall be in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of state law.

5. School Closure.

- a. The New SD Board shall not close any school conveyed to the New SD by a Forming Elementary District within the first four (4) years of operation of the New SD. After four (4) years of operation, the New SD may close a school conveyed to the New SD by a Forming Elementary District upon affirmative votes of the New SD Board of Directors and the voters, voting by Australian ballot, of the Member Town in which the school is located.

6. Transfer of Funds

- a. Capital Debt: The New SD shall assume all capital debt of Forming Entities, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018, with the exception that any debt incurred by a Forming Elementary District for a non-essential repair of such Forming Elementary District's school building after November 8, 2016, that will not be repaid in full on or before June 30, 2018, shall not be assumed by the new SD unless the voters of the New SD vote to assume such debt as a debt of the New SD. The governing board of the New SD shall determine what constitutes an essential repair of a school building.
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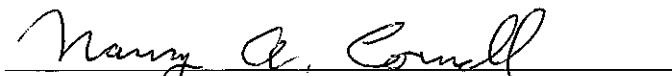
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Article II:

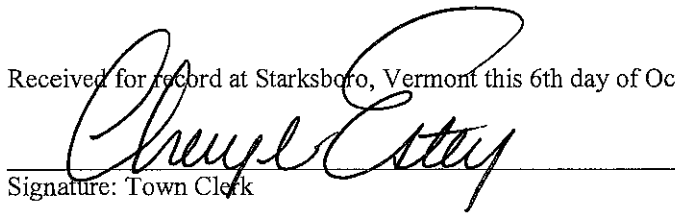
To elect from the nominees listed below, Directors for the Addison Northeast Supervisory District, as follows:

- A. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Bristol Director for a 1 year term
- B. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 2 Bristol Directors for a 2 year term
- C. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 2 Bristol Directors for a 3 year term
- D. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Lincoln Director for a 1 year term
- E. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Lincoln Director for a 3 year term
- F. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Monkton Director for a 2 year term
- G. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Monkton Director for a 3 year term
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- I. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 New Haven Director for a 2 year term
- J. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Starksboro Director for a 1 year term
- K. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, 1 Starksboro Director for a 3 year term

Dated at Starksboro, Vermont this 6th day of October, 2016.


Signature: Board Chair

Received for record at Starksboro, Vermont this 6th day of October, 2016


Signature: Town Clerk



STARKSBORO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR FORMATION OF THE
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NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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If in favor of Article I, make a cross (X) in this box

If opposed to Article I, make a cross (X) in this box

STARKSBORO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR ELECTION OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Article II: To elect from the nominees listed below directors for the Addison Northeast Supervisory District, as follows:

A. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, Starksboro Director (One Year Term)

Vote for not more than one

List name

Write in: _____

B. Addison Northeast Supervisory District, Starksboro Director (Three Year Term)

Vote for not more than one

List name

List name

Write in: _____

