Town of Wallingford School District

WARNING

Act 153 School District Consolidation

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Wallingford Elementary School, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening on February 29, 2016 for the purpose of a final informational meeting on Act 153 consolidation of the school districts of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, Wallingford, and Mill River Union School District #40 into a new union school district, which for election purposes has been assigned the temporary name of "White Rocks Unified School District". The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Wallingford Town Hall, from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot upon the following articles of business:

Article I

Shall the Town of Wallingford School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in a proposed new union school district, join with the school districts of Clarendon and Shrewsbury, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed new union school district, the school district of Tinmouth, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed new union school district, and the Mill River Union High School District #40, which the State Board of Education found necessary for the formation of the new union school district but which shall not be referred to as a member district as its interests are represented by the voters of Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Wallingford town school districts, for the purpose of forming the White Rocks Unified School District as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements (by Australian ballot):

(a) Grades: The White Rocks Unified School District shall operate and manage schools offering instruction in grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (12).

(b) Board of School Directors: The White Rocks Unified School District Board of Directors shall consist of eleven members, distributed for the census period following 2010 as follows: Clarendon, 4 directors; Wallingford, 4 directors; Shrewsbury, 2 directors; and Tinmouth, 1 director. The membership may be reallocated following a decennial census consistent with the proportional representation requirements of the US Constitution and 16 VSA 706b(9).

(c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property: The White Rocks Unified School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school properties, or rights thereto, of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.

(d) School Closing: No elementary school shall be closed without a unanimous vote of the White Rocks Unified School District Board, and an affirmative vote of the town in which it is located.

(e) Final Report: The provisions of the final report approved by the State Board of Education on the 15th day of December, 2015, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the White Rocks Unified School District.

Article II

To elect four (4) White Rocks Unified School District Directors: one (1) director for a term of one (1) year, two (2) for a term of two (2) years, and one (1) for a term of three (3) years from the date of the organizational meeting for terms as described above.

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Kenneth Fredette, Chair
Tara Lidstone
Shannon Pytlik
Janine Rodgers
Paul Rondinone

Dated at Wallingford, Vermont this 20th day of January, 2016

TOWN CLERK

Julie Sharon