

# W A R N I N G

## RANDOLPH SCHOOL DISTRICT RANDOLPH, VERMONT

### ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Randolph Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet for the Annual Town School District meeting in the **CHANDLER MUSIC HALL** in the Town of Randolph on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.** to act on the following articles of business:

**NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES II, III, IV, AND V WILL BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT. POLLS WILL BE OPEN IN THE RANDOLPH TOWN HALL FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. TO VOTE ON THESE ARTICLES. ARTICLES I, VI, AND VII WILL BE VOTED ON THE FLOOR.**

- ARTICLE I: To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town School District Officers and Committees.
- ARTICLE II: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following Town School District Officers:  
- SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a term of two years.  
- SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a term of three years.  
- SCHOOL DIRECTOR for Union High School District No. 2 for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE III: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:  
- Shall the voters of the Randolph School District approve the school board to expend \$4,727,663, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This represents a 3.38% increase from the previous year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,384 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.93% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE IV: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:  
- Shall the voters of the Randolph Town School District approve the transfer of \$50,024 in surplus funds from the 2014-2015 school year to the Building Maintenance Fund?
- ARTICLE V: To vote by Australian Ballot on the Orange Southwest Unified District proposal and board members. (See addendum)
- ARTICLE VI: To vote on the floor the following:  
- Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money up to but not exceeding the anticipated revenue for the ensuing year?
- ARTICLE VII: To do any other business proper to come before this meeting.

DATED at Braintree, Vermont this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

/s/ Anne Black Cone \_\_\_\_\_, Chair

/s/ Jennifer Messier \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-Chair

/s/ L. Brooke Dingleline \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

/s/ Anne Kaplan \_\_\_\_\_

Randolph School District Board

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Randolph School District at Randolph, Vermont on January 21 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, before being posted.

Attest: /s/ Joyce L. Mazzucco \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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**NOTICE TO VOTERS**

Attached is some basic information about the Randolph Town School District meeting warned. If you have any Questions, contact your Town Clerk.

Randolph Town Clerk – 728-5682

# **WARNING ADDENDUM**

## **RANDOLPH SCHOOL DISTRICT RANDOLPH, VERMONT**

**MARCH 1, 2016**

The voters of the town school district of Randolph are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Randolph Town Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016 to vote by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, upon the following articles of business:

### **Article I**

Shall the town school district of Randolph, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD), join with the school districts of Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph Union High School, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD), for the purpose of forming a unified district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

(a) Grades. The union school district shall operate and manage a school offering instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

(b) Board of School Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of 8 members elected by Australian ballot by all qualified voters residing in the proposed unified district towns of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph, as follows:

1. Two (2) Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD) directors shall be elected from the nominations of Braintree residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Braintree.
2. Two (2) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Brookfield residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Brookfield.
3. Four (4) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Randolph residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Randolph.

(c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The OSUD shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school

properties of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.

(d) Final Report. The provisions of the final report approved by the State Board of Education on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the OSUD.

## **Article II**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of 8 members elected by Australian ballot by all qualified voters residing in the proposed unified district towns of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph, as follows:

1. Two (2) Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD) directors shall be elected from the nominations of Braintree residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Braintree.
2. Two (2) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Brookfield residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Brookfield.
3. Four (4) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Randolph residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Randolph.

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by January 31, 2016. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by Saturday, February 20, 2016.

**REGISTER TO VOTE** no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Town Clerk's Office. All Clerk's offices will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. [Note to Clerks: If the Wednesday is a legal state holiday, the filing deadline becomes 5:00 p.m. on Thursday (see 17 V.S.A. §2103(13).]

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone or email. The latest you can request ballots for the Randolph School District Annual School Meeting Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on Monday, February 29, 2016. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### ON ELECTION DAY:

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that your name be added to the checklist today.

- ! The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you swear to an affidavit that you had submitted a timely application and add your name to the checklist or explain why it cannot be added.
- ! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail**, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

### NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Accuvote Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Posting in conformance with 17 V.S.A. §2521 by the Town or City Clerk on January 21, 2016.

/s/ Joyce L. Mazzucco  
Signature of Randolph Town Clerk