

**MINUTES**  
**of the Annual Town School District Meeting**  
**for the Town of Wolcott, Vermont**  
**March 6, 2018**

School Moderator, Joe Hester-Ingram, the Wolcott School District meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Reading of the School Warning was waived by the voters.

**Article 1. To elect the following school district officers for the ensuing year:**

**School District Meeting Moderator – one year term**

Belinda Clegg nominated Joe Hester-Ingram. Kimberly Gravel seconded the nomination. Peter Burgess called for nominations to cease. Belinda Clegg seconded the motion  
Voice vote - passed.

**Joe Hester-Ingram elected as Moderator for a term of one year.**

**District Clerk – one year term**

Kimberly Gravel nominated Linda Martin. Amy Coolbeth seconded the nomination. Belinda Clegg called for nominations to cease. Peter Burgess seconded the motion.  
Voice vote - passed.

**Linda Martin elected as District Clerk for a term of one year.**

**District Treasurer- one year term**

Linda Martin nominated Belinda Clegg. Pam Peck seconded the nomination. Peter Burgess called for nominations to cease. Deb Klein seconded the motion.  
Voice vote - passed.

**Belinda Clegg elected as District Treasurer for a term of one year.**

**Alternate District Treasurer – one year term**

Belinda Clegg nominated Linda Martin. Peter Burgess seconded the nomination. Kimberly Gravel called for nominations to cease. Belinda Clegg seconded the motion.  
Voice vote - passed.

**Linda Martin elected as Alternate District Treasurer for a term of one year.**

**Article 2. To elect all necessary School Directors as required by law:**

**School Director - three years term**

Amy Davidson nominated Rebecca Ventrice. Peter Burgess seconded the nomination. Belinda Clegg called for nominations to cease. Peter Burgess seconded the motion.  
Voice vote - passed.

**Rebecca Ventrice elected as School Director for a term of three years.**

**School Director - two years term**

Pam Peck nominated Nell-Marie Rowland. Peter Burgess seconded the nomination. Kimberly Gravel called for nominations to cease. Peter Burgess seconded the motion.  
Voice vote - passed.

**Nell-Marie Rowland elected as School Director for a two year term.**

**Article 3. To see if the voters of the school district will authorize the following salaries to be paid for the officers and directors of the school district:**

**School Board Chair and members \$000.00/yr**

**District Treasurer \$850.00/yr**

**District Clerk \$000.00/yr**

**Alternate District Treasurer \$ 25.00/pay period as needed**

Kimberly Gravel motioned to accept the article. Deb Edwards seconded the motion. Peter Burgess motioned to call the question. Deb Edwards seconded the motion. Voice vote - passed.

**Article 4. To receive and act upon the various reports of the Town School District Officers and directors.**

Peter Burgess motioned to approve the article. Deb Edwards seconded the motion. There was discussion around the numbers on page 110 in the Town Report. They are calculated wrong. Bill Cotten made the motion to amend the number to 272 to reflect the correct information. Bessie Martin seconded the motion. More discussion. Peter Burgess motioned to call the question. Joshua Ventrice seconded the motion.

Voice vote to amend the article - passed.

Voice vote to approve the amended article - passed.

**Article 5. Shall the voters of the School District approve the school board to expend \$4,551,468.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved will result in education spending of \$16,051.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .32% higher than spending for the current year.**

**Voting on the aforementioned Article 5 will be by Australian ballot at the Wolcott Town School on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close. The legal voters of the Wolcott Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapter 43 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes annotated.**

The floor was opened for discussion on the proposed budget. Bill Cotten asked about the deficit and if it was being paid in full at the end of Fiscal year 2018. If so, why was it in the budget for FY19? The response was that this information was not available at the time the warning needed to be posted. Questions were asked about the increase in tax rate, new legislation in Montpelier and what can be done about rising costs. Belinda Clegg made the motion to close the discussion. Deb Edwards seconded the motion. Voice vote to close discussion passed.

Australian ballot results –177 ballots cast

Yes – 117

No – 60

Article 5 approved by Australian ballot.

**Article 6. To see if the voters of the town will authorize the School Board to borrow money in anticipation of state revenues.**

Bill Cotten motioned to approve the article. Pam Peck seconded the motion.  
Peter Burgess called the question. Pam Peck seconded the motion.  
Voice vote - passed.

**Article 7. To transact any other proper business.**

Belinda Clegg made the motion to adjourn. Kimberly Gravel seconded the motion.

Voice vote – passed.  
Wolcott School District Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

***Respectfully Submitted,***



***Linda J. Martin, Town Clerk***

***Minutes Attested by:***



***Belinda H. Clegg, Assistant Election Official***