

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 2 AND MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet at the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Administrative Office, 184 North Street - Suite 1, Bennington, Vermont, or remotely via the Zoom computer application/program utilizing meeting ID: 897 5042 3773 with Passcode: 248470 (a direct link is available on the SVSU website [www.svsu.org](http://www.svsu.org) which also lists numbers to access by phone) on **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:45 o'clock in the evening (5:45PM)** to transact the following business from the floor:

**ARTICLE I:** To accept the reports of the District's officers for the preceding year as reported in the Annual Report.

**ARTICLE II:** To establish the annual salaries of the District officers as follows:

- a) Moderator: \$ 100.00
- b) District Clerk: \$ 1,500.00
- c) School Directors: \$ 2,000.00 each
- d) Treasurer: \$29,358.00

**ARTICLE III:** To authorize the School Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District for the 2026-27 school year.

**ARTICLE IV:** To authorize the School Board to transfer and expend funds from the established and audited capital reserve fund for capital expenses.

**ARTICLE V:** To hold a public informational hearing March 2, 2026 on articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026.

**ARTICLE VI:** To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday March 3, 2026, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian ballot as follows:

**ARTICLE A:** To elect from the legal voters of the District One (1) Clerk for a one-year (1-year) unexpired term beginning July 1, 2026

**ARTICLE B:** To elect School Directors as indicated for such terms to begin immediately. The School Board members to be elected are as follows:

**One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Bennington (3-year term)**  
**One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Pownal (3-year term)**  
**One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Woodford (3-year term)**

**ARTICLE C:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$33,499,825, 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 per pupil education spending of \$14,051, which is 13.1% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

DATED at Bennington, Vermont this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town; there will be separate polling places in each of the member districts of which the voter is a resident as follows:

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Bennington vote at the Bennington Firehouse - River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Pownal vote at the Pownal Town Office – 511 Center Street, Pownal, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Shaftsbury vote at the Town Garage – 526 North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

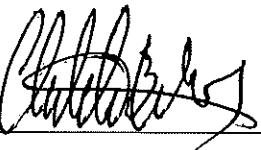
Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Hall - Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

**Register to Vote!** Residents of the District may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at [www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us). Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

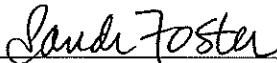
Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify the SVSU at 447-7501 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

### Signatures

Christopher Murphy, Chair



Sandra Foster, Vice Chair



Jeffrey Leake, Clerk



Cynthia Brownell



Corrinne Levin



Christelle Nicol



Stephanie Senecal

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Glenn Thurber

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Received for recording this 22 day of January, 2026.

Kayla Thompson

Kayla Thompson, Clerk  
Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District

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**NOTICE TO VOTERS WITH RESPECT TO CHECKLIST  
AND ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 2 AND MARCH 3, 2026**

The checklist for the March 2 and March 3, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District is the most recently prepared, posted and revised in accordance with Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The checklist for the March 2 and March 3, 2026 Annual Meeting has been posted as follows:

Town Clerk's Office  
205 South Street  
Bennington, Vermont 05201

Bennington Public Library  
Silver St.  
Bennington, Vermont 05201

In addition to the locations specified above, pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. 706p(a), current checklists and warnings will also be posted in at least one public place in each member school district of the union school district.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Voting by absentee ballot is permitted with respect to the Annual Meeting of Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Absentee voting shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 51, Title 17 of Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 2531 entitled "Application for Absentee Voter ballot."

Application shall be made to the Clerk of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District at the Clerk's regular business office during the Clerk's regular business hours, unless otherwise specified by the Clerk.

A voter, who expects to be an early or absentee voter, or an authorized person on behalf of such voter, may apply for an early voter absentee ballot until 4:30 P.M. or the closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day preceding the election.