

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MONTPELIER-ROXBURY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 18, 2017
MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL

The legal voters of the Montpelier-Roxbury Unified Union School District met in the City of Montpelier on October 18, 2017.

Governor Phil Scott brought the meeting to order at 7:10PM. Governor Scott welcomed the voters to the meeting and stated he is proud of what they have been accomplished. He recognized the study committee for their hard work and dedication. Governor Scott recognized the new Montpelier-Roxbury Unified Union School District Board.

Only registered voters of Montpelier and Roxbury can vote.

Governor Scott swore in the new board. The new board members are:

Bridget Asay - Montpelier
Becky Bowen - Montpelier
Michelle Braun - Montpelier
Lisa Frost - Roxbury
Steve Hingtgen - Montpelier
Tina Muncy - Montpelier
Jim Murphy - Montpelier
Peter Sterling - Montpelier
Ryan Zajac - Roxbury

Article 1: To elect a temporary presiding officer and clerk from among the qualified voters.

Michelle Braun moved to elect Paul Giuliani as temporary presiding officer. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

At this time Paul Giuliani took over as presiding officer.

Ryan Zajac moved to nominate Tammy Legacy as temporary clerk. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Mr. Giuliani stated that the Warning for this organizational meeting had been posted and published as required by law. The vote tally of the June 20, 2017 election of School Directors was entered in the minutes. Recording of the Secretary of the Agency of Education's certification of the establishment of the District with the Vermont Secretary of State was CONFIRMED in the minutes.

Article 2: Amend article to: To adopt Robert's Rules of Order or other rules of order to govern the parliamentary procedures of this and subsequent meetings of the District and

to authorize the Board or a committee thereof to develop supplemental by-laws and procedural rules?

Michelle Braun moved the article. The amended article was seconded. The article was before the voters. The article, as amended, passed with all ayes.

Article 3: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification for one year or until the election and qualification of their successors.

- **Moderator**
- **Clerk**
- **Treasurer**

Jim Murphy nominated Paul Giuliani as Moderator. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Michelle Braun nominated Tammy Legacy as District Clerk. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Jim Murphy nominated Shelley Quinn as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

The oath of office taken by the Moderator, District Clerk and District Treasurer were entered into the record.

Article 4: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District Officers.

Bridget Asay moved to pay the Moderator \$100 per year, Clerk \$1,000 per year, Treasurer \$2,000 per year. The article was seconded.

Questions were asked about the compensation. The Moderator mentioned the history of the Clerk and Treasurer and their duties and responsibilities. It was stated that the Clerk and Treasurer will get support from the staff.

Jim Murphy amended the article to provide for the Board of School Directors and Officers elected to furnish blanket and fidelity bonds within ten days, as provided in 16 V.S.A. 706q(b). The amendment was seconded. The amended article is before the voters.

To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District Officers and to provide for the Board of School Directors and Officers elected under this Article to furnish blanket and fidelity bonds within ten days, as provided in 16 V.S.A. 706q(b). The article, as amended, passed with all ayes.

Article 5: To establish a date of the annual meeting.

Bridget Asay moved to establish the annual meeting to be the first Tuesday in March for the Montpelier/Roxbury Unified Union School District. The motion

was seconded.

There was discussion on the date and type of meeting it would be. Voting would be done by Australian ballot. There would be an informational meeting within ten days before the election.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 6: To establish provisions for the payment of any expense incurred by the District.

Michele Braun moved to establish provisions for the payment of any expense incurred by the District. The article was seconded.

The Moderator explained the article. The article would authorize the School Directors to pay or reimburse third party vendors cost incurred in setting up the Unified Union School District.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 7. To authorize the District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date: provided, however, that the newly formed District is authorized by the Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

Bridget Asay moved to approve Article 7. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator explained the article. The article allows the Board to borrow funds if necessary. The new District does not actually take place until July 1, 2018.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 8. To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to School Board Directors.

Becky Bowen moved to pay the Chair \$1,000, Vice-Chair \$750 and the members \$750 per year. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion on whether this compensation was enough to cover the expenses of the new Board Members.

Richard Smith amended the article to pay the Chair \$1,500, Vice-Chair \$1,200 and the members \$1,000 to be prorated this year. The article was seconded.

There was discussion on the amendment, duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair and other possible ways of compensation.

The article is before the voters: **To compensate the Chair \$1,500, Vice-chair \$1,200 and the members \$1,000 to be prorated this year.** The article, as amended, passed with all ayes.

Article 9. To determine whether to authorize the Board of School Directors, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 563 (10) & (11) (C), to provide mailed notice to residents of the availability of the Annual Report and proposed school budget in lieu of distributing the Annual Report and proposed budget.

Michelle Braun moved the article. The motion was seconded. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 10. To transact any other school business thought proper when met and to commingle Australian ballots of the district.

Bridget Asay moved the article. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion on an amendment to provide for commingled ballots. The amended article was before the voters. The article failed with all nos.


The original article is before the voters. To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

The article was moved and seconded. The article was before the voters. The Article passed with all ayes, there being no other school business to be conducted.

Ryan Zajac moved to adjourn the meeting (8:15pm). The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.



Tammy Legacy, District Clerk



Date



Paul Giuliani, Moderator



Date

There were 17 Montpelier Voters and 4 Roxbury Voters in attendance.