

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Huntington School District
June 7, 2011

Article I.

Shall the Huntington Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district to be named the Chittenden East Regional Education District, join with the Bolton School District, Jericho School District, Richmond School District, Underhill Town School District, Underhill Incorporated School District and Mount Mansfield Union School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district, for the purpose of forming a regional education district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements?

- (a) Class of Schools. The regional education district will offer education to students in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, and will offer Pre-K education as determined by the regional education school board.
- (b) Board of School Directors. The regional education district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the regional education district. The initial composition of the Regional Education District Board of School Directors will be based upon the year 2000 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a combining/forming town/district have less than one board member on the regional education board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- (c) Apportionment of Expenses. Pursuant to the provisions of Act 130 of the 2004 General Assembly and related provisions of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, the proposed regional education district will receive revenue directly from the State of Vermont Education Fund and therefore allocation of town, incorporated, or union district income and expenses will no longer be necessary to be accounted for separately, except in so far as is necessary to effectuate the return of net proceeds of the return of any real property.
- (d) Assumption of Debts and Ownership of School Property. The regional education district will assume all capital debt of member school districts for both principal and interest that is owed at the time of the formation of the regional education district. Any and all operating deficits and/or surpluses of any of the combining/forming districts shall become the property, and/or the obligation, of the regional education district effective on the date of the creation of the regional education district.

No later than July 1, 2012, the School Districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town, Underhill Incorporated, and Mount Mansfield Union, will convey to the Chittenden East Regional Education District all of their school-related real and personal property, for One Dollar, and the regional education district will assume all capital debt associated therewith, effective the creation of the regional education district.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the following forming districts: Bolton – Smilie Memorial School, Huntington – Brewster Pierce Memorial School, Jericho – Jericho Elementary School, Richmond – Richmond Elementary School, Underhill – Underhill Central School; is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, to the town in which it is located. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the regional education district for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the regional education district and before the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional Education District Board of School Directors.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and building, conveyed to it by the Underhill Incorporated School District, is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall sell the real property. The net proceeds (sale price less expenses, discharge of all associated debt, etc.) from the sale of such property, shall be placed in a reserve fund for the sole purpose of reducing the school tax rate in the former Underhill Incorporated School District for a period of up to three years.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mount Mansfield Union School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional District Board of School Directors.

(e) Final Report. The provisions of the Revised Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on April 19, 2011, which is on file in the Huntington Town Clerk's office, shall govern the regional education district.

YES

NO

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