

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TOWN OF PAWLET  
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

**ARTICLES**

**Article 1:** Shall the voters of the Pawlet School District vote to form the Mettawee School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:

1. The Pawlet Town School District and the Rupert Town School District are necessary districts for the establishment of the Union School District. Union District #47 (Mettawee Community School), formed by the Pawlet and Rupert town school districts, is also necessary to creation of the Union School District but, by statute, the two town districts represent its interests.
2. The Union School District will operate the Mettawee Community School in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through Six (PreK-6) and pay tuition for students in Grades Seven through Twelve (7-12) to provide for the education of all resident students in the Union School District.
3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of six (6) directors. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each town and shall be elected by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of each town. Pawlet shall have four (4) directors and Rupert shall have two (2) directors, and directors shall have equal votes.
4. Real Estate and Personal Property
  - a. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.
  - b. Disposal of Real Estate. Except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by Union School District #47, in the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town 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 Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #47 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

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**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 1 CONTINUED FROM FRONT**

5. Transfer of Funds
  - a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
  - b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
  - c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any pre-existing school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.
6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on October 18, 2017 which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

YES   
NO

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- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**Article 2:** To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Mettawee School District:

FOR PAWLET DIRECTOR	FOR PAWLET DIRECTOR	FOR PAWLET DIRECTOR
one (1) year term      Vote for not expiring in March 2019    more than ONE	two (2) year term      Vote for not expiring in March 2020    more than ONE	three (3) year term      Vote for not expiring in March 2021    more than TWO
RICHARD CLEVELAND <input type="radio"/>	TIMOTHY HUGHES-MUSE <input type="radio"/>	SUSAN M. CEGLOWSKI <input type="radio"/>
SCOTT McCHESNEY <input type="radio"/>	JULIE MACH <input type="radio"/>	DIANE MACH <input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CORI RAIL <input type="radio"/>
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