

**SCHOOL WARNING
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, READSBORO, VERMONT
February 29, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Readsboro, Vermont are hereby notified to meet at the School Auditorium in the Town of Readsboro, Vermont on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles of the School District Warning.

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for voting on the remaining articles by Australian Ballot. For this purpose the polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and started with the pledge of allegiance.

ARTICLE I

To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot.

Voted on March 1, 2016. See results at end of minutes.

ARTICLE II

To elect a School Director for three (3) years, by Australian Ballot.

Voted on March 1, 2016. See results at end of minutes.

ARTICLE III

To hear the reports of the Town School District Officers and act thereon.

Principal Chris Smith gave an overview of what is happening at the school and test scores. School Board members Mary King and Cherie Giddings reviewed the budget, salary increases and Act 45/156.

Larry Hopkins, Kim Thayer, Rhonda Smith and Cheryl Green made several comments and asked several questions regarding the increase in the salaries and budget as well as the concern in adding a second day of music instruction and how that would affect the students core subjects. The School Board as well as the District Financial Manager, Karen Atwood, addressed questions and concerns.

Moderator Bill Lequier paused the discussion on article III to allow Representative Laura Sabilia to speak. Representative Sabilia discussed Act 46, Bill 718, and the proposed Carbon Tax. Moderator Bill Lequier thanked Rep. Sabilia and briefly resumed the discussion on Article III. Annalisa Carew made a motion to accept the report of the Town School District. John Walker seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE IV

To see if the Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District in anticipation of taxes.

Raymond made a motion to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Robert Sanderson seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE V

To see if the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,467,999, 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 \$11,473 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.5% higher than spending for the current year.

Voted on March 1, 2016. See results at end of minutes.

ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Larry Hopkins questioned why over 50% of the time there is not a full School Board present. Cherie Giddings stated that she felt it was appropriate that if someone was not present that they have a reason for their absence.

John Whitman made a motion to adjourn. Anna Bolognani seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

*Respectfully Submitted
Amber J Holland
Town Clerk*

School Board Election March 1, 2016

	Packet 1	Packet 2	Packet 3	Packet 4	Total
School Director 3 Years					
Mary King	33	53	46	49	181
Larry Hopkins	16		10	6	32
Blank	17	12	9	9	47
Spoiled			1	1	2
Total	66	65	66	65	262
Moderator					
Bill Lequier	15	4	15	10	44
Robert Tool	2	1	1	1	5
Ted Hopkins		1	1		2
Mary King		1	1		2
Larry Hopkins	1	1			2
Justin Gamache			1		1
Helyn Strom Henriksen			1	1	2
David Switz	1		1		2
Jim Damato			1		1
Tom Boudreau	1				1
Tom Dente	1				1
Billy Wheeler	1				1
Lorre Adams	1				1
Allen Buttrick	1				1
Marcia Stevens				1	1
David Giddings				1	1
Mary Angus				2	2
Blank	42	57	43	48	190
Spoiled			1	1	2
Total	66	65	66	65	262
Budget					
Yes	22	34	27	25	108
No	38	29	37	35	139
Blank	6	2	2	5	15
Spoiled					0
Total	66	65	66	65	262