

MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING
LINCOLN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator, Alan Kamman, called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. He introduced himself and thanked the voters for electing him to moderate this school district's last meeting, as it will transition to the newly formed Mount Abraham Unified School District beginning July 1, 2018.

The legal voters of the Lincoln Town School District, Lincoln, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss and transact the following business. *Articles 2 and 3 require a vote by Australian ballot* to take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Lincoln Town Office.

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. (Articles 2 & 3.) For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 7:00AM until 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

The legal voters of Lincoln Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Article 1: To establish salaries for the Town School District Officers and Directors for the period from their election to the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement as approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on September 20, 2016.

MOTION: *Ilana Brett, SECOND: Mark Mulqueen, DISCUSSION: Question: What is the amount? School Board Chair, Rebecca Otey, said she thinks these salaries will come out of the new budget. Lincoln Community School (LCS) Board members receive \$250/year and the Mt. Abraham Board members get \$1200/year. Question: Is this current board's salary being set until July 1, or just for this evening? Rebecca wasn't certain but she thinks it is until June 30. Confusion is due to the transitional process. Ann Pollender made a motion to amend Article 1 to pay the school district officers and directors the same amount as last year, prorated to the time*

when the district ceases to exist [on July 1, 2018]. Barry Olson seconded. [Mark Mulqueen offered a friendly amendment adding, “on July 1, 2018”, which was accepted by Ann and Barry.] Discussion about whether this meant newly elected directors or also the incumbent members. There is uncertainty whether anyone new would be elected, since nobody is running for the LCS Director positions. This agenda was warned before we knew whether any candidates would run for these positions. Rebecca Otey pointed out that the board will be called back to sign off on the audit when it is ready. Dan Ober pointed out that this is a lame duck board and for three months work, the pay should be zero. Rebecca: if nobody is elected it will end up being zero.

Bill Finger made a **motion to call the question, seconded** by David Marsters. **The motion to call the question passed by unanimous consent.** **Ann Pollender’s amendment passed by voice vote.** **Article 1 as amended, passed by voice vote.**

Article 2: To elect Town School District Officers and Directors as follows, each for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement as approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on September 20, 2016 by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2018:

- 2 - School Directors (Elementary)**
- 1 - School Director (High School)**
- 1 - School District Moderator (Elementary)**

No action needed, none taken.

Article 3: To elect Town Unified School District Directors for the coming year by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

- 1 - School Director for the Mt. Abraham Unified School District 3 years**

No action needed, none taken.

Article 4: To transact any other legal and proper business coming before said meeting.

- *Rebecca Otey reminded everyone that there are two candidates running for the Unified School District Director position. Please vote!*
- *Rebecca Otey thanked the Lincoln voters for all of their support through the years, which made service to this organization a positive experience. Rebecca introduced the other board members present for this final meeting: Ari Kirshenbaum, Scott Bernoudy, Christie Sumner, and there is one vacant seat. She encouraged the community to come to meetings of the new unified board and stay involved with the work being done there.*
- *Mike Fisher pointed out that the articles of agreement for the new Unified Board, included community engagement as a priority. Local committees may be formed, and he encouraged public participation to give input to our new unified school board.*
- *Paul Forlenza thanked Rebecca Otey for her work as the board chair.*
- *Nancy Stevens asked all people in the room who have served as Lincoln school board directors through the years to stand up and be recognized. Quite a few people stood up and received a round of applause.*
- *Claude Rainville informed us that in the 1960's when the Lincoln Community School was built, a lot of the smaller schools in the hamlets were closed. The price paid for the LCS land was just \$2500 back then.*
- *Mark Mulqueen made a **motion to adjourn**, Paul Forlenza **seconded**. **Passed by voice vote.***

Time adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally Ober, Clerk _____

Approved by School Board Chair, Rebecca Otey _____

Approved by School Moderator, Alan Kamman _____