

**WARNING  
ANNUAL MEETING  
ALBANY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town School District of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Albany on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 at 1:00 pm to transact the following business, namely:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.

Article 3: To elect the following officers as provided by statute:

- A) A school director for a term of three years.
- B) A school director for the Lake Region Union High School District for a three-year term.

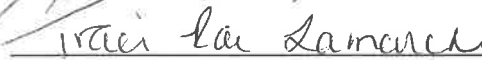
Article 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money to pay indebtedness and current expenses of the District.

Article 5: To act on any other business, which may legally come before, said meeting.

Article 6: To adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont this 17 day of January 2019.

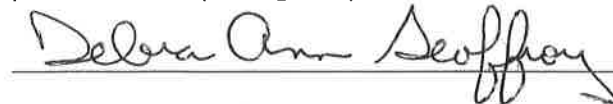
  
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ALBANY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I hereby certify the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Albany Town School District previous to the posting and publication thereof.

  
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ALBANY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Minutes of Albany School District Meeting – March 6, 2018

Meeting came to order at 1:00 P.M. by Moderator Gary Heath Mason. The following articles were acted upon by the recorded motions and actions.

Moderator Announcement: If you plan on voting today, please make sure to check off your name. Only registered voters may vote so please check-in at the entrance table before voting commences. Also, please stand (if you are able) if you desire to speak and announce your name. For Paper ballot issues, you must personally deposit your ballot; no one else may do it for you. If you need assistance, raise your hand and a member of the civil board will oblige. All paper voting ballots are to be placed in the box on the stage. Our School Meeting is an old tradition, a democratic process that allows a majority to pass articles, while sanctioning the vocalization of any concerns. School Meeting provides the forum to speak up, express opinions, and vote. Respectful and courteous participation is always encouraged. Debate the issues, not the personalities.

Art. 1. To Elect a Moderator. A motion to nominate Gary Heath Mason as moderator was made by Melissa Larabee. No other nominations. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and Town Clerk cast one ballot for Gary Heath Mason. Motion approved. Gary Heath Mason was elected Moderator by one ballot cast by the Town Clerk.

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the report of the district Officers. Motion to accept report of the district officers made by S Christopher Jacobs; seconded by Ed O'Leary. Neil Urie requested of the moderator, time to allow the new principal, Steve Owens to address the meeting.

Steve Owens presented a visual program outlining the scores and measurements of the proficiency of the students. Of note, every 8<sup>th</sup> grader heading to Lake Region next year placed into Honors Algebra. Steve advised that they have adopted the standard approach of safety protocols and have coordinated these safety response guidelines with the various community municipal departments such as the Albany Fire and Orleans Sheriff. Steve encouraged parents and non-parents of the community to volunteer at the school. Principal Owens also spoke about Wendy Little who will be replacing Jane Naylor as school secretary at the end of this month. Discussion – Angela Ross inquired which position was being eliminated. Steve advised that a teaching position being vacated due to an out of state move was not being refilled; rather the duties were divided and assimilated into other classes.

Current – 76 students; approximately 10% increase from last year. Motion passed unanimously.

Art. 3. To elect the following district officers as provided by Statute:

A. One school director for a three-year term. Neil Urie nominated by Jennifer McKenzie. No other nominations. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and Town Clerk cast one ballot for Neil Urie. Motion passed. Neil Urie reelected school director for a three-year term by one ballot cast by the Town Clerk.

Art. 4 To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money to pay for indebtedness and current expenses of the District. Motioned by Jeanne Peters; seconded by Jennifer McKenzie. Question asked was what the interest rate is on borrowed money. The School Board and Town Clerk answered to the best of their knowledge. Motion unanimously passed.

Art. 5. To see what salaries the electorate shall authorize in payment of the school directors. Motion made by Val Mason to pay the school directors \$1,000 each; seconded by Angela Ross. Discussion revealed last year's payment was \$850.00. John Nielsen asked how often the Board meets. Traci Lamarche, School Director stated that they meet once per month for regular meetings and they are also on various committees for the Supervisory Union. Motion unanimously passed.

Art. 6. Discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot. The Moderator requested any discussion from the floor. Traci Lamarche presented a power point showing the proposed school budget and expenditures, highlighting an overall savings of 5.64% for the 2018-2019 budgets. Meghan Stotko expressed her appreciation and support of the after school program. Tracy Lamarche spoke on behalf of the School Board stating that they too support this program and will look to secure funding for its continuation. Angela Ross inquired how many children are home schooled in Albany. Steve Owens has a report at the school and would be happy to verify and provide the number. Brian Goodridge inquired if the Craftsbury School might be interested in utilizing classroom space in Albany School. At this time Craftsbury is evaluating building a new school. Lake Region Director for Albany, Jennifer Mckenzie went over a few items of the Lake Region budget when the question was asked about the Albany Student at Lake Region and the cost per Student. John Nielsen asked about the cost savings by our local school board members and what will happen at the state level with rates we will see on tax bills. Lots of components go into the school rates sent to Towns by the State noted the School Board therefore a local savings might not result in a tax rate reduction. Discussion ceased.

Art. 7. To see what the date, time and location the Annual School District meeting will be held in 2019. Motion made by Melissa Larabee and seconded by Jeanne Peters to hold the 2019 School District meeting at the Town Hall on Town Meeting Day at 1:00pm. Motion unanimously passed.

Art. 8. Discussion of other nonbinding business: Tom Chaffee stated that only he and Jennifer Mckenzie the LR School Director from Albany were the only ones to attend the Lake Region Budget Meeting and a 6 million plus budget was passed in only 30 minutes.

The Chairs in the Town Hall donated by Mr. & Mrs. Cross are greatly appreciated by all.

Meredith Holch is the newly hired Albany Project Coordinator of the Promise Community Grant. The goal is to help families thrive, especially the 0-5 age group. Projects include: upgrades at the Albany Library (Children's Corner), Town Hall (updated kitchen), pedestrian signage on VT-14, Pre-K cooking

classes for parents, book programs and expansion of the Albany Food Shelf. Monthly community dinners are being planned, and Meredith encouraged anyone and all to participate in their planning.

Heather Morris introduced herself from Vermont Veterans Outreach, and to contact her if any veteran assistance services are needed.

The following article will be voted on by Australian ballot:


Art. 9. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$1,523,473, 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 \$15,833 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.48% lower than spending for the current year.

Polls for voting will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Town Hall in Albany, Vermont from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Result of the Australian Ballot Voting: Yes-73 No-11.

Motion to adjourn by Jeanne Peters; seconded by Casey Butler. Annual Albany School District meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

Albany Town Clerk's Office received for recording March 7, A.D. 2018 at 9:00 A.M. of which the foregoing is a true record.

ATTEST:  Albany Town Clerk  
 Moderator  
 Selectperson

## Albany Community School

### ENROLLMENT (as of 12/31/2018)

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Elementary (K-6)	68	64	57
Secondary (7-8)	13	11	14
Secondary (9-12)	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>39</u>
Total	113	111	110

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES AT 6/30/18

	BALANCE 7/1/2017	RECEIVED 2017-18	INTEREST EARNED *	EXPENDED 2017-18	BALANCE 6/30/2018
DOUGLAS FUND	\$ 3,177.60	\$ -	\$ 11.14	\$ -	3,188.74
BEVANS FUND	\$ 647.29	-	2.27		649.56
RESERVE FUND *	\$ 39,500.89	110,000	121.33	117,510.00	32,112.22
EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 69,895.89	-	79.85	69,950	25.74
ESTATE OF EZRA CHAFFEE	\$ 253.45	-	0.89	-	254.34
JANE DAVS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 698.10	200	-	150	748.10
GEORGE FREDERICK MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 300.00	-	-	-	300.00
	<u>\$ 114,473.22</u>	<u>\$ 110,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 215.48</u>	<u>\$ 187,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,278.70</u>

Orleans Central Supervisory Union

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 07/01/2017 \$ 1,101,636.99

Income: \$ 10,553,203.76

Interest: \$ 3,601.12

Expense:

School Board Orders: \$ 5,262,776.21

Payroll: \$ 5,153,876.81

Ending Balance 06/30/2018 \$ 1,241,788.85

**ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION  
PROGRAM FINANCIAL REPORT**

	FUND BAL	PROPOSED RECEIPTS	PROPOSED EXPENSES	PROPOSED FUND BAL
<b>FY19</b>	<b>7/1/2018</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>6/30/2019</b>
ART	7,538	94,608	92,488	9,658
Audits	15,330	42,000	42,000	15,330
Central Office	65,876	619,110	680,118	4,868
COFEC Building	22,711	197,112	193,521	26,302
EEE/PRE-K	(141,524)	901,949	787,239	(26,814)
Mainstream	129,769	4,151,504	4,129,609	151,664
Music	2,292	154,935	157,558	(331)
Nurse	27,129	41,195	56,105	12,219
Physical Education	(3,414)	112,299	111,484	(2,599)
Transportation	0	779,753	779,753	0
Food Service Coordinator	2,480	28,247	30,430	297
Education Media	620	84,710	85,330	0
Curriculum/Improv. Of Instr,	(4,115)	74,651	74,802	(4,266)

	ANTICIPATED FUND BAL	PROPOSED RECEIPTS	PROPOSED EXPENSES	PROPOSED FUND BAL
<b>FY20</b>	<b>7/1/2019</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>6/30/2020</b>
ART	9,658	85,784	95,442	0
Audits	15,330	26,670	42,000	0
Central Office	4,868	696,999	701,867	0
COFEC Building	26,302	179,672	205,974	0
EEE/PRE-K	(26,814)	674,189	647,375	0
Mainstream	151,664	4,345,885	4,497,549	0
Music	(331)	162,955	162,624	0
Nurse	12,219	46,222	58,441	0
Physical Education	(2,599)	118,862	116,263	0
Transportation	0	797,135	797,135	0
Food Service Coordinator	297	31,235	31,532	0
Education Media	0	98,197	98,197	0
Curriculum/Improv. Of Instr,	(4,266)	83,625	79,359	0
Behavior Specialist	0	36,016	36,016	0



# Superintendent's Report

2018-2019

I would like to start by thanking school board members, community members, parents, students, staff, teachers, and administration. You all contribute to making the Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU) a special place. I am excited about the teaching and learning happening in our schools and the dedication of everyone working to provide the best opportunities for students.

This year, I will continue to focus on the following areas:

- Fostering Educational Excellence
- Developing Quality Leadership and Staff
- Connecting School and Community
- Aligning Resources with Needs

Under “Fostering Educational Excellence”, I am supporting boards as they review and revise policies, and develop meeting agendas that are focused on the work of the Board. I visit all schools on a regular basis and talk with principals, teachers, staff, and students about the learning that is happening. I am currently working on developing a recognition system that celebrates the dedicated teachers and staff that work in OCSU.

“Developing Quality Leadership and Staff” includes holding regular administrative team meetings focused on building the knowledge and skills of administrators so that they can support their teachers and staff in continued growth. I also meet individually with all administrators to support them in leading their own schools. Director of Instruction Mike Moriarty and I collaborate to plan for professional development that meets the needs of teachers, support staff, and administrators. In order to improve my own knowledge and skills I meet regularly with other superintendents and attend workshops on topics specific to my role.

The area “Connecting School and Community” is one that is extremely

important to focus on. We know that it is critical that we partner with families and community members in order to serve the needs of all students. Over the last year we've developed an active social media presence and we are using both Facebook and Twitter to "tell our story". As a member of the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative (VREC) we are partnering to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing rural schools.

"Aligning Resources with Needs" is an area that we must focus on if we are to maintain a strong system that offers a high-quality education to our students at a cost our communities can afford. My work in this area includes meeting with representatives from Wildbranch to ensure that we are using technology to make our systems more efficient. I've also been working with central office staff to streamline their work so that they can offer high-quality support to schools. Business Manager Heather Wright and I collaborate to ensure that finances are on track, and that budgets are developed that meet the needs of both schools and community members.

As the world of education, and the world in general, continues to change, we must do so as well. If we build and maintain a strong system that focuses on the areas above, we'll be able to weather these changes and OCSU will remain the special place that it is.

Respectfully,

Beverly Davis, Superintendent