

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
~ **Non-binding MINUTES of Informational Meeting ~**
MARLBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021 via video conference @ 6 PM

The legal voters and interested persons are warned and notified that an informational meeting (discussion and information, no actions taken) on Articles 1-4 will meet by ZOOM video conference on Monday, February 22, 2021 at the hour of 6:00 o'clock in the evening. Voters and interested persons can access and participate in the meeting remotely by using this link:

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/5201609340>

Meeting Id: 520 160 9340

To Join By Phone: 1-929-205-6099

The link and additional information will also be posted on the School

District's website: www.marlboroschool.net

Legal voters of the Marlboro Town School District, are hereby warned and notified that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of School Directors has determined, pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, that all articles of business (Articles 1-4) for the 2021 Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, will be voted by Australian ballot. A ballot and voting instructions were mailed to all registered voters of said School District on February 9, 2021. Additionally, the polls will be open for in-person voting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town House.

Present: Moderator Steven John, Marlboro School Board members Douglas Korb, Judith Robinson, Daniel MacArthur, Celena Romo, & David Holzapfel, Marlboro Select Board members Jesse Kreitzer, Julia von Ranson & Aaron Betts, Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel, Treasurer Linda Peters, Jonathan & Charlene Morse, Jean Boardman, Marcia Hamilton, Richard Hamilton, Kimi Hasegawa, Patricia Webster, Nancy Anderson, Jason Kohn, Andra Horton, Francie Marbury, Pamela Burke, Wayne Kermenski, Augusta Bartlett, Adrian Segar, Barbara Cole, Sophie Dennis, Lucy Gratwick, Catherine Hamilton, Erica Morse, Leslieanne Garziano, Beth McDermet, Julianne Mills (31 participants at peak, fluid participation)

Called to order at 6:05 PM, introduction by Moderator Steven John, who has agreed to facilitate this meeting. Doug Korb pointed out that in thanking the Treasurer Linda Peters with help in the financial transition to the district level, neglected to thank Gail Chaine. Doug thanked David Holzapfel for his years of service on the School Board. Doug discussed the weighting study (how students are counted) and the Board positioning themselves to testify before the legislature. Page 56 of Town Report on line 33 the education tax rate is likely to be \$1.70.

Doug opened the meeting up for questions:

- Forrest spoke to the Common Level of Appraisal which did increase in 2020.
- Wayne Kermenski discussed the benefits package for school employees.
- Lucy Gratwick asked a question about students.
- Jonathan Morse added a question about the CLA and the sale of Marlboro College.
- Francie Marbury asked a question about students tuitioning into Marlboro School.
- Catherine Hamilton asked a question about funding with COVID shortfalls.
- Wayne Kermenski spoke about the \$100,000 in grant money the school received for COVID

related help, including technology and an improved HVAC system. Financially the school is quite stable with the help from the State & Federal governments.

- Andrew Richardson asked about the pre-K program and full time versus part time.
- Francie Marbury asked about capital improvements at the school.
- Dan MacArthur talked about the leaky roof in an older section of the school and how it has been fixed but also looking into the future, the school needs more space and many general improvements. The school board is looking into how to fund improvements.
- Catherine Hamilton stated her sadness that more student parents were not on this zoom meeting, however Doug pointed out that there has been significant engagement from many parents over the last year once meetings went virtual last March.

Adjournment at 7:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk