

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
Australian Ballot Vote

Legal voters of the Marlboro School District, are hereby warned and notified that all articles of business (Articles 1-12) for the 2024 Annual School Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, will be voted by Australian ballot. A ballot and voting instructions will be mailed to all registered voters of School District by February 14, 2024. In addition, the polls for in-person voting on March 5, 2024 will be open beginning at 9:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town House.

Informational meeting: The legal voters and interested persons are further warned and notified that an information meeting (discussion and information, no action) on Articles 1-11 will meet in person and by ZOOM on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Community Center. Voters and interested persons can access and participate in the meeting remotely by using this link:
<https://Us02web.Zoom.us/J/89755939733>

The link and additional information will also be posted on the School District's website:
www.marlboroschool.net

Article 1: To elect -

- One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2027.
- One (1) School Director to fill the remainder of a 3-year term ending in 2026.
- Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2025.

Please note: The School Directors are proposing to return to a 3-person Board and if this passes the two one-year terms will not be needed. See Article 2 below.

Article 2: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District will approve the change from a 5-person School Board to a 3-person School Board, as of March 6 2024, with three 3-year terms one of which is elected each year.

Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$3,846,620 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year and which is approximately 2% less than the current year budget."

Article 6: "Beginning with the high school graduating Class of 2029 (currently in 7th Grade), shall the voters of the Marlboro School District change from an open tuition district and instead designate Twin Valley, Leland & Gray, and Brattleboro Union High School as the high schools of the District, meaning that the District shall pay tuition

only to those designated schools thereafter, subject to 16 V.S.A. § 827? The District will continue to pay tuition to the high schools of Marlboro students 'choice through the high school graduating Class of 2028 (currently in 8th Grade).

Please note: A yes vote on article 6 will be a vote to change our policy to only pay tuition to the three local public high schools. A no vote will be a vote to maintain our current open tuition policy.

Article 7: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 8: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize moving the operational surplus, if any, from FY 2024 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 9: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District will authorize the School Directors to establish an Operational Reserve Fund, to be used for such things as major building changes, emergency expenditures, or to reduce tax impact.

Article 10: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District will authorize the School Directors to move the balance from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Operational Reserve Fund.

Article 11: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District choose to return to an in-person Town Meeting pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2640 for the purpose of adopting all budget Articles by a floor vote in place of by Australian ballot.

Article 12: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District choose to return to an in-person Town Meeting pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2640 for the purpose of adopting all public questions by a floor vote in place of by Australian ballot.

Please note: Articles 11 and 12 were presented to the School Directors by a group of petitioners with a request that we add them to our Warning. The board voted to add them to its Warning, as has the Town. There are two separate Articles because one is required for monetary matters and a second is required for non-monetary matters such as authorizing the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Dated at Marlboro, Vermont this 25th day of January 2024.

Dan MacArthur, Chair,
Rachel Boyden, Vice Chair,
Andrea Burke, Clerk
Douglas Korb
Natasha Russo Andrews