Town of Charleston
Annual School District Meeting – March 1, 2016
Charleston Elementary School

MINUTES

The Annual Town & School District Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Moderator Jean Wilson, beginning with School Business.

Article 1. To elect a School Moderator for the ensuing year for the Town School District. Jean Wilson nominated by Tom Jensen, seconded by Medora Jensen. Unopposed. Elected for 1 year.

Article 2. To elect a School Board Director for a term of 3 years. Jason Brueck nominated by Tom Jensen, seconded by Sam Stevens. Unopposed; ayes have it. Elected for 3 years.

Article 3. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of 3 years. Teri Gray nominated by Jason Brueck, second by Chasity Austin. Unopposed; ayes have it. Elected for 3 years.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend $1,865,793.00, 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 $11,963 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.55% higher than spending in the current year. Moved by Nancy Engels, seconded by Sam Stevens. Discussion: School Board Chair Jason Brueck explained that after several years of downward trend, the equalized per pupil spending has increased by 7.55%—the result of losing 5.14 equalized students across nine grade levels—however, the overall budget has increased by only 2.42%. The Board has consolidated grades where possible, but only fourth and fifth are combined at present. Vote: Ayes have it. Approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the school board to transfer $9,237 from the Bus Reserve Fund to the Asset Replacement Fund? Moved by Tom Jensen, seconded by Nancy Engels. Discussion: Jason Brueck explained that the fund exists because the town used to own buses. The District finds leasing more cost effective and will never go back to owning them. With building repairs and other real expenses coming, the board would like to redirect these funds. Vote: Ayes have it. Approved.

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the school board to transfer $13,405 of unobligated fund balance from the FY2015 General Fund to the Asset Replacement Fund? Moved by Tom Jensen, seconded by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. Approved.

Article 7. Shall the voters authorize the board of school directors to transfer an amount not to exceed $25,000 from the Asset Replacement Fund to be used as revenue in the FY2017 budget based upon a determination of the board of school directors as to whether such transfer is necessary to stay below the Allowable Growth Cap in the FY2017 budget? Jason Brueck made a motion to pass over, seconded

by Tom Jensen. Discussion: Jason Brueck explained that the warning had to be finalized before the state legislature voted on Allowable Growth Caps. Had the bill passed, this article would have saved taxpayers a dollar-for-dollar penalty. The state got rid of the spending caps so there is no longer a need to address this. Moderator asked to hear from all those in favor of passing over the article without discussion. Vote: Ayes have it. Motion to pass over was approved.

Seeing no other business, the Annual School District Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

School Director	Moderator	Town Clerk