

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
NOTICE and AGENDA FOR Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District (SVUESD) in the towns of Bennington, Pownal, Shaftsbury and Woodford are hereby WARNED and NOTICED that the SVUESD Board of Directors will be holding a public informational hearing by on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock in the evening (5:30PM)** at SVSU Administrative Offices, 184 North Street, Suite 1 in Bennington, VT to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2026 District Special Meeting Warning.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Participants may access the meeting through use of the Zoom computer application/program utilizing meeting ID:830 7986 8106 with passcode: 355476. A direct link is available on the SVSU website (www.svsu.org) which also lists call in numbers to access by phone.

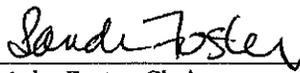
AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - o Public comment
3. Review and discuss **Article 2: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$33,128,598 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 per pupil education spending of \$13,884, which is 11.79% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.**
 - o Public comment
4. Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
5. Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

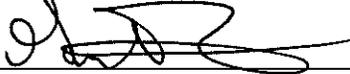
Dated this 24th day of March 2026 in Bennington, Vermont.

Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District

Signatures



Sandra Foster, Chair



Glenn Thurber, Vice Chair



Jeffrey Leake, Clerk

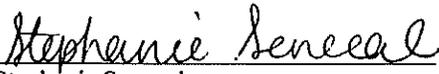


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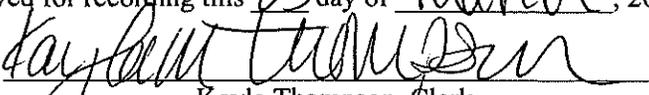


Christopher Murphy



Stephanie Senecal

Received for recording this 25 day of MARCH, 2026.



Kayla Thompson, Clerk
Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING WARNING
TUESDAY April 14, 2026**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District (consisting of voters of the Towns of Bennington, Pownal, Shaftsbury and Woodford) are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED that the following business will be transacted by Australian ballot on Tuesday April 14, 2026:

Article 1: To elect a School Director as indicated for such term to begin immediately. The School Board Directors to be elected, at large, as follows:

One (1) who is a resident and legal voter of the Town of Bennington (unexpired 3-year term)

Article 2: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$33,128,598, 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 per pupil education spending of \$13,884, which is 11.79% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

In person voting will be available at local polling places on April 14, 2026. To request that an absentee SVUESD ballot is mailed to you, please contact your Town Clerk or by using the "My Voter Page" online resource from the Secretary of State which can be found here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Absentee ballots must be returned before the close of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, or to the polling place before 7:00PM on the day of the election, to be counted.

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town; there will be separate polling places in each of the member districts of which the voter is a resident as follows:

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Pownal vote at the Pownal Town Office - 511 Center Street, Pownal, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Shaftsbury vote at the Town Garage - 526 North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Residents who are legal voters from the Town of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

Register to Vote! Residents of the District may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

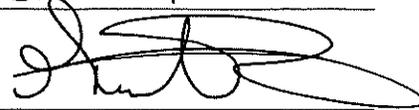
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Signatures

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Kayla Thompson, Clerk
Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE TO VOTERS WITH RESPECT TO CHECKLIST
AND ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026**

The checklist for the April 14, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District, is the most recently prepared, posted and revised in accordance with Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The checklist for the April 14, 2026 Annual Meeting has been posted as follows:

Town Clerk's Office
205 South Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201

Bennington Public Library
Silver St.
Bennington, Vermont 05201

In addition to the locations specified above, pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. 706p(a), current checklists and warnings will also be posted in at least one public place in each member school district of the union school district.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Voting by absentee ballot is permitted with respect to the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District, to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Absentee voting shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 51, Title 17 of Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 2531 entitled "Application for Absentee Voter ballot."

Application shall be made to the Clerk of the Southwest Vermont union Elementary School District, at the Clerk's regular business office during the Clerk's regular business hours, unless otherwise specified by the Clerk.

A voter who expects to be an early or absentee voter, or an authorized person on behalf of such voter, may apply for an early voter absentee ballot until 5:00 P.M or the closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day preceding the election.