

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES – 2017
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legally qualified voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, met at the Montgomery Elementary School in the said Town, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, on Monday the 13th day of March A.D. 2017 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following business:

Timothy Murphy, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator.

Patrick Farmer nominated Timothy Murphy. Hearing no other nominations, Timothy was re-elected by voice vote

ARTICLE 2: To elect one School Director for a term of two years. (Mary Niles – term expires)

Carol Farmer nominated Mary Niles. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Mary.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director for a term of three years. (Christina Suarez-Pratt – term expires)

Marijke Dollois nominated Christina Suarez-Pratt. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Christina.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 into the Capitol Project Fund?

Scott Perry made a motion as written and was seconded.

Sharon Perry asked the Board if there had been any discussion regarding potential future expansion to accommodate the pre-k and playschool programs. Charles Purrier, School Board Chair, stated that there has been no discussion regarding this matter.

Scott Perry asked where the \$10,000 is from and what it will be used for. Charles Purrier stated the monies are from the 2015/2016 surplus. The funds will be used to make repairs to the aging building.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of school district approve the school board to expend \$2,671,504, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,884 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.64% higher than spending for the current year.

Richard Morgan Daybell made a motion to approve the school board to expend \$2,671,504 and was seconded.

Marijke Dollois asked why the number of para-educators has increased so drastically over the years. Charles Purrier said the number of students requiring additional support has increased and warrants the increase in staff.

Carol Farmer asked why there is a 7.64% increase. Charles Purrier stated the overall spending for the ensuing year remains level but the revenue has decreased.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Sharon Perry asked why, with the failed Act 46 vote, Board and Supervisory Union employees are not in Montpelier lobbying for changes to, and relief from, Act 46. Christina Suarez stated that Montpelier is simply not listening to Towns that oppose the law and encouraged voters to pursue any and all avenues to be heard.

Elizabeth Crane asked that the Town thank Jay Nichols, Superintendent, for his years of service.

Carol Farmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 P.M and was second. Motion passed by voice vote.

True records this 13th day of March, 2017

ATTEST: _____
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

ATTEST: _____
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: _____
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman