

BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

The legal voters of the Barstow Unified Union School District, consisting of the Towns of Chittenden and Mendon are hereby notified and warned to meet in person at the Barstow Memorial School Hall on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:30 PM**, to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-9) and for a public informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 10-11). **Legal voters who attend via Zoom may not act upon Articles from the floor but may participate for informational purposes only.** The legal voters are further notified and warned that voting on Articles shall take place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the times and places listed for the official polling places of the respective Towns comprising the district below.

Virtual Option
for Observing Annual District Meeting

Remote attendees may not act upon Articles from the floor but may participate for informational purposes only. Meeting link and dial-in information can be found on the calendar on the RNESU website: <http://www.mesu.org>.

To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator who shall assume office immediately and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 2: To elect a Clerk who shall assume office on July 1, 2025 and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office on July 1, 2025 and serve one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 4: To establish the salaries for the elected officers of the District.
- A. School Directors - \$1,500 per member per year and an additional \$750 for the member serving as the School Board Chair
 - B. Moderator - \$150 per meeting
 - C. Clerk - \$150 per meeting
 - D. Treasurer - \$2,000 per year
- Article 5: To approve all minutes from the last Unified Union District annual meeting to date.
- Article 6: Shall the legal voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?
- Article 7: To hear and discuss the Board of School Directors of the Unified Union District's presentation of its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year as stated in Article 10 to be voted upon by Australian Ballot.
- Article 8: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 9: To adjourn the meeting until 8:00 AM March 4, 2025, when voting by Australian ballot shall commence.

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on March 4, 2025:

Article 10: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend Six Million Two Hundred Forty-five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$6,245,598) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Barstow Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,235, which is 8.83% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

Article 11: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until March following the election and qualification of their successors:

- A. School Director, Chittenden for a term of three (3) years
- B. School Director, Mendon for a term of three (3) years

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:

In person voting will be available at local polling places on **March 4, 2025**. To request to have a BUUSD absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact your Town Clerk, or use the "My Voter Page" online resource from the Secretary of State which can be found here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Please make your request for **mailed** ballots to your Town clerk no later than **February 25, 2025**. 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 7:00 PM on the day of the election, to be counted.

The Town polls will be opened for voting March 4, 2025 as follows:

Town of Chittenden	9:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Chittenden Town Office
Town of Mendon	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Mendon Town Office

Upon closing of the polls in Chittenden and Mendon, the ballot boxes will be sealed, transported to, and re-opened at the Chittenden Town Office, where the ballots will be counted and commingled by a tabulator under observation of representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Chittenden and Mendon under the supervision of the Clerk of the Barstow Unified School District. The legal voters of the Barstow Unified School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

On behalf of the Barstow Unified School District Board of Directors:

Dated at Chittenden, Vermont
January 15, 2025



Deborah Singiser, Board Chair
Barstow Unified Union School
District No. U049