

**MINUTES**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**ELMORE MORRISTOWN UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 6:00 P.M**  
**MORRISTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The legal voters of the Elmore Morristown Unified Union School District comprising the voters of the Town of Elmore and the Town of Morristown notified and warned, met at the Morristown Elementary School on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in the library of said school, at 6:00 p.m. and took action upon the following warned articles.

Amy Fowler, Deputy Secretary of Education, opened the meeting followed by Dave McAllister who led the flag salute, and Jon Gailmor who sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Stephanie Craig led the introduction of the current school board members and those recently elected to the Elmore Morristown Unified Union School District (EMUU) Board; Deputy Secretary of Education Amy Fowler; Elmore and Morristown Town Clerks and Morristown's Moderator. She then went over the following recap of the EMUU: This is an organizational meeting which sets the framework for the basic operations for the new school district. The new school board, which normally would lead the meeting, has not been sworn in, has not met, and while they do have prior knowledge given who they are as individuals, they have not been able to start the work of the new district yet. Accordingly, Superintendent Tracy Wrend would like to offer to advise and inform the voters as well as the board in planning for this and future meetings.

Amy Fowler administered the Vermont Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office to the school board members, and Mary Ann Wilson notarized the oaths.

Deputy Fowler saluted the collaboration between the Elmore and Morristown School Districts and thanked all the individuals who were involved for their hard work in forming the Elmore Morristown Unified Union School District.

**ARTICLE 1:** David Polow was elected as Temporary Presiding Officer of the Unified Union School District.

Sharon Draper was elected as Temporary Clerk of the Unified Union School District.

**ARTICLE 2:** Finding no errors or corrections, voters agreed to waive the formal reading of the articles in their entirety, and to adopt Robert's Rules of Order to govern the parliamentary procedures of this and subsequent meetings of the Unified Union District.

**ARTICLE 3:** David Polow was elected Moderator for the year ensuing and Sharon Draper administered the oath.

Sharon Draper was elected Clerk for the year ensuing.

Mary Ann Wilson was elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 4:** The voters of the Unified Union School District voted to pay the officers the amount of \$100 for Moderator, \$200 for Clerk and \$2500 for Treasurer. Moderator David Polow declined payment.

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion to accept the article to establish a date of the annual meeting was made, followed by a motion to amend the article with a date. To more closely align the EMUU Annual Meeting with the Annual Town Meeting on the first Tuesday of March, an amendment was proposed to have the Unified Union District School Meeting and informational meeting for 2017 and for the future to be on the Thursday evening before the Annual Town Meeting. Said meeting to be adjourned for the Australian Ballot vote on Town Meeting day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The initial School District Meeting and informational meeting for 2016 will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Elmore Town Hall, with the Australian Ballot vote to be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the designated polling places for Elmore and Morrystown. Article 5 as amended was voted affirmatively.

**ARTICLE 6:** The voters agreed to establish provisions for the payment of any expenses incurred by the Unified Union District. Andy Lundeen, Director of Finance and Operations, explained that the finances for the EMUU District would continue with the policies and procedures consistent with Vermont Statutes and those of the current Elmore and Morrystown School Districts.

**ARTICLE 7:** The voters authorized the Unified Union District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date: provided, however, that the newly formed Unified Union District is authorized by Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

**ARTICLE 8: OTHER BUSINESS** – Tracy Wrend recommended that the location for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Unified Union School Meeting be held at the Elmore Town Hall.

Jon Gailmor inquired when and where the minutes of this meeting will be and was informed that they will be available on both the Elmore and Morrystown web sites as soon as they have been prepared and approved. Minutes will also be kept in the Office of the District Clerk, Imore, Vermont.

Susan Southall asked for a non-binding vote to have the annual Unified Union School District Meeting start at 7:00 p.m. So voted. The board will take that suggestion under advisement.

Meeting adjourned upon motion at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Draper/Clerk of the Unified Union School District

Attest:

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David Polow, Moderator

Attest:

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Penny Jones, Chair – Elmore School District

Attest:

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Stephanie Craig, Chair – Morristown School District