

# **SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HALIFAX SCHOOL  
READSBORO SCHOOL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**



### **Informational Meetings:**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> at Halifax School 7:00PM  
February 26<sup>th</sup> at Readsboro School 7:00PM**

### **Annual Meeting:**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> at Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium,  
Whitingham at 7:00PM**

### **VOTING:**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Town Meeting by Australian Ballot  
Halifax School 10AM-7PM  
Readsboro School 10AM-7PM**

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# **SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Homer Sumner, Chair  
Paul Blais  
Jessica Cooney  
Cindy Florence  
Helyn Strom-Henrickson  
James Irace

## **PRINCIPAL:**

Sandra Pentak-Cohen

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:**

Barbara Anne Komons-Montroll

## **WSWSU BUSINESS MANAGER:**

Karen Atwood



# Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent Letter

2019-2020

Dear Families and Friends,

I am pleased to offer my second letter to you, the community members that comprise Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. It is a privilege to continue to serve as your Superintendent. Over the past year and eight months, I have been able to get to know the many wonderful people that work across our supervisory union. Wow, we have such a capable and caring team of people! I am particularly impressed by our faculty and staff's dedication and passion. Furthermore, we have board members and community partners who demonstrate a deep and long commitment to our schools. It is clear that it is our shared ethic of care and hard work that makes Windham Southwest Supervisory Union special.

While we at WSWSU are proud of our people and their accomplishments, we know that the work must continue. Windham Southwest continues to be on the path of transformation to create schools that provide learning environments where every child succeeds. We are moving steadily forward on this path with enthusiasm and a sense of urgency to reach our goals. We take the responsibility of every child's learning seriously and understand that every moment counts for our children. The direction in which we are moving is outlined in our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP). Our CIP plan is a multi-year action plan that has three major components that together guide the work that we are doing:

1. *Improve student learning and ensure students are proficient in, or demonstrate mastery in, the core subject areas and transferable skills (the soft skills needed to succeed in the workplace): a.k.a. Proficiency Based Learning*
2. *Make learning more personalized, meaningful and engaging: a.k.a. Personalized Learning*
3. *Ensure that we have safe and healthy schools where students have their social and emotional needs met and are ready to learn.*

All WSWSU professionals are invested in this important work. The WSWSU Administrative Leadership Team facilitates this work among our educators to realize these goals. This year we have been focusing on creating a more effective Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) at every school. We view our MTSS as a vehicle to reach our goal of improving student learning, and ensuring students are proficient in the core subject areas, social emotional skills, and transferable skills. We have identified that an effective MTSS includes the following components:

- High quality instruction and intervention in academics and social emotional learning
- Comprehensive assessment
- Expertise
- Effective collaboration
- Constant decision making for excellence and equity
- A culture of continuous improvement

Across WSWSU we are engaged in professional development to support our work around MTSS and our CIP. We aim to foster environments where students are ready to learn and can master what they need to learn. We are committed to offering the best education for our students and we will not stop working towards every child reaching their full potential.

Lastly, and most importantly, I want to express my appreciation to the residents and taxpayers for your continued support of the students in our districts. We can not do the important work that we do without you. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Anne



## Principal's Report

SVUUSD Principal, Sandra Pentak-Cohen  
The Southern Valley Unified Union School District at Halifax and Readsboro students, staff and families continue to work together to create an environment that encourages lifelong learning in an ever-changing world.

Teachers have continued to integrate into their work the principles found in Sean Cain's book; Fundamental Five. This focus applies to all academic



areas; Framing the lesson so that students know what they are expected to learn, working in the power zone, engaging in frequent, small group, purposeful talk, recognizing and reinforcing the behaviors and skills we expect of students, and having students frequently engage in critical writing tasks.



Our staff, along with other District employees, participated in a book study; Fostering Resilient Learners, by Kristin Souers and Pete Hall. This provided teachers with another opportunity to

understand what childhood trauma is and how it can profoundly affect learning. This work, at our District and school levels, is so important as we are having more and more children entering our schools having experienced some kind of traumatic event. One take away from all of this work is the need to build strong relationships. This is core to our schools; we strive to develop meaningful relationships with each of our students and their families.

These District and school-based initiatives speak directly to our Continuous Improvement Plan Goals; To improve our tier 1 instruction, create tier 2 interventions and establish consistency in our assessment practices. To develop a more formalized process for personalized learning and to develop safe and healthy trauma informed schools.

We welcomed new teachers and support staff to both of our schools this year. At our Readsboro campus we welcomed Ms. Marissa Navedo 5th/6th grade teacher, Mrs. Alma Jane Hart our Music teacher, Mr. Jakob



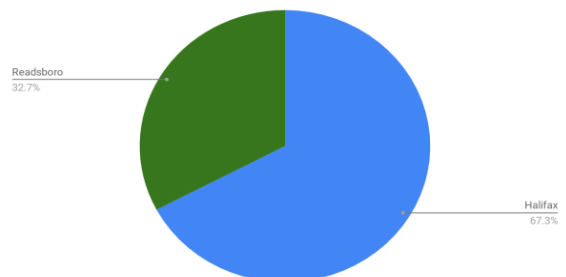
Trautwein our PE teacher, and Ms. Diane Wheeler a para educator At the Halifax campus we welcomed Ms. Na'alie Humphrey 3rd/4th grade teacher, Mr. Jakob Trautwein our PE teacher, Kristina Benson our part-time ELA teacher and Ms. Allison Corey a paraeducator. This year we combined our 7th and 8th graders at the Halifax campus. It has been a wonderful experience for the students, they have learned to stretch their thinking, embrace new concepts and collaborate in new ways. This larger group

allows for many different voices to be heard, and new perspectives to consider. It is an ideal number of students, twenty-two altogether, and ensures a lively learning experience.



SVUUSD student population currently totals 114. Our Halifax campus is K-8th grade with a student enrollment of 76. Our Readsboro campus is Pre-K- 6th grade, with a student enrollment of 38.

Student Population



**SCHOOL WARNING**  
**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District are hereby notified to meet at the School Auditorium at the Twin Valley Middle High School, in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles VII, VIII, IX and X of the School District Warning. The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for voting on the remaining articles by Australian Ballot. For this purpose the polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE I**

To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot.

**ARTICLE II**

To elect a Clerk, by Australian Ballot.

**ARTICLE III**

To elect a Treasurer, by Australian Ballot

**ARTICLE IV**

To elect all Southern Valley Unified Union School Directors as required, by Australian Ballot.

**ARTICLE V**

To see if the voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District will authorize the School Board to pay the School District Clerk \$20 per hour not to exceed \$375 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian Ballot.

**ARTICLE VI**

To see if the voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$3,381,021, 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 \$16,960 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 23.6% higher than spending for the current year. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

**ARTICLE VII**

To hear the report of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Officers and act thereon.

**ARTICLE VIII**

To see if the Southern Valley Unified Union School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**ARTICLE IX**

To see if the Southern Valley Unified Union School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to deposit into a reserve fund, anticipated surplus funds at June 30, 2020, for the purpose of maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs, pursuant to 24 VSA §2804.

**ARTICLE X**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**SCHOOL WARNING**  
**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Homer Sumner

Helyn Strom-Henriksen

Cindy Florence

Paul G. Blais

Jessica Cooney

**Southern Valley Unified Union School  
Directors**

Dated at Readsboro and Halifax, Vermont  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020

**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

	<b>Actual SVUUSD 2018-2019</b>	<b>Budget SVUUSD 2019-2020</b>	<b>Budget SVUUSD 2020-2021</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS:</b>				
Salaries	854,408.01	864,859	1,081,859	
FICA	62,505.21	65,410	78,775	
Hospitalization	134,775.70	157,520	202,299	
Teacher's Retirement Plan	1,880.68	3,647	3,901	
VSTRS OPEB	10,952.25	9,156	11,961	
Non-professional Retirement	3,020.73	3,144	2,879	
Workmen's Compensation	7,588.68	6,849	8,077	
Unemployment Compensation	13,240.48	2,962	13,250	
Credit Reimbursement	3,968.25	15,925	14,925	
HRA	34,078.00	35,175	41,960	
Dental	7,836.97	8,878	11,023	
Life & Disability Insurance	<u>2,537.68</u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>4,399</u>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,136,792.64</b>	<b>1,177,395</b>	<b>1,475,308</b>	<b>44.1%</b>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED COSTS:</b>				
Athletics (Salaries)	0.00	1,077	0	
Professional Services	43,292.26	45,105	45,743	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,595.03	6,245	4,700	
Field Trips	1,662.58	3,875	3,875	
Travel	1,772.90	1,770	3,400	
Supplies	16,400.20	18,590	19,350	
Books & Periodicals	3,872.56	6,900	7,650	
Software/AV	0.00	3,289	1,289	
Equipment	18,193.97	13,441	20,900	
Dues & Fees	2,622.83	8,570	6,125	
Misc. Expense	1,834.00	3,000	3,000	
Postage	741.15	1,000	1,000	
Inservice/Prof. Development	<u>556.45</u>	3,000	3,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>93,543.93</b>	<b>115,862</b>	<b>120,032</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>				
(ES & MHS)	110,177.28	146,678	151,742	4.5%
<b>WSWSU ASSESSMENT: Regular Ed</b>	123,411.00	120,415	128,887	3.9%
<b>WSWSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed</b>	77,801.00	69,733	93,428	2.8%
<b>WSWSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed District</b>	189,734.29	168,950	119,888	3.6%
<b>DEBT SERVICE &amp; LOAN INTEREST:</b>				
	2,726.02	0	40,275	1.2%
<b>TUITION</b>				
	878,578.42	768,663	993,737	29.7%
<b>SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE:</b>				
	9,024.30	11,650	10,000	0.3%
<b>HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:</b>				
	15,218.38	22,000	36,000	1.1%
<b>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:</b>				
Custodian	58,382.35	68,057	70,778	
Water/sewer Maintenance	12,696.84	11,880	13,624	
Multi-peril/prop Insurance	5,179.25	5,305	6,300	
Garbage Removal	1,934.79	2,154	2,200	
Utilities	59,429.47	60,500	62,700	
Repairs & Maintenance	43,317.61	31,800	13,600	
Custodian Travel	55.59	150	150	
Supplies	5,649.03	7,000	8,000	
Equipment-Outlays	<u>326.37</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>186,971.30</b>	<b>187,346</b>	<b>177,852</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Pension on Behalf	183,019.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,006,997.56</b>	<b>2,788,692</b>	<b>3,347,149</b>	
<b>Schoolwide Budget</b>	<b>8,836.71</b>	<b>33,872</b>	<b>33,872</b>	

**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET FY 2020-2021**

	Actual FY - 2019 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD
<b>DEFICIT LOAN</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>INTEREST ON LOAN</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,275</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
M YOUPELL	47,055.00	49,044	0
R RICHARDSON .5/1.0	25,984.11	53,956	0
M STEWART	40,230.25	44,133	0
A READ	43,780.00	45,770	0
D SHERMAN	50,330.00	52,318	0
J HOWES	65,070.00	67,051	0
S LAKE	43,780.00	45,770	0
C PRIMMER	40,505.00	42,496	0
B SPRAGUE	51,968.00	53,955	0
MUSIC .4/.2	14,522.00	14,720	14,980
PE .4/.6	13,029.44	17,653	23,321
ART - CHILDS .2/.1	10,394.00	5,396	10,066
ART - WAINSHILBAUM .2	13,341.00	13,738	13,977
HELEN FIELDS	29,100.52	60,503	0
DOUBIAGO MUSIC .1	6,863.00	4,577	0
ALMA HART	0.00	0	13,670
HALIFAX TEACHERS	0.00	0	294,014
READSBORO TEACHERS	0.00	0	251,651
READSBORO COACHES	0.00	0	65,070
SUBSTITUTES H	19,544.76	5,000	5,000
SUBSTITUTES R	9,277.17	5,000	5,000
LTS	35,185.15	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	105,629.32	128,036	153,192
M YOUPELL	3,299.18	3,752	0
R RICHARDSON .5	1,917.03	4,128	0
M STEWART	2,777.10	3,376	0
A READ	2,978.99	3,501	0
D SHERMAN	3,516.78	4,002	0
J HOWES	4,886.22	5,129	0
S LAKE	2,946.43	3,501	0
C PRIMMER	2,834.25	3,251	0
B SPRAGUE	3,756.72	4,128	0
MUSIC .4/.2 FICA	1,110.96	1,126	1,146
PE .4/.6 FICA	996.70	1,350	1,784
ART - CHILDS .2/.1	795.12	413	770
ART - WAINSHILBAUM .2 FICA	1,020.50	1,051	1,069
HELEN FIELDS FICA	2,097.76	4,628	0
DOUBIAGO MUSIC .1 FICA	524.94	350	0
ALMA HART FICA	0.00	0	1,046
HALIFAX TEACHERS FICA	0.00	0	22,492
READSBORO TEACHERS FICA	0.00	0	19,251
READSBORO COACHES FICA	0.00	0	4,978
LTS FICA	2,691.68	0	0
SUBSTITUES H FICA	1,495.25	383	383
SUBSTITUTES R FICA	1,021.76	383	383
VSTRS OPEB	10,952.25	9,156	11,961
TEACHERS RETIREMENT	1,880.68	3,647	3,901
WORKERS COMP	4,756.14	4,648	5,511
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	13,240.48	2,962	13,250
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	3,279.51	12,000	12,000
HRA	26,655.82	27,000	31,850
DENTAL	5,286.15	6,148	7,499
LIFE AND DISABILITY	1,906.29	3,196	3,465
HRA FEES	767.05	675	750
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	265.75	3,000	3,000



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BUDGET FY 2020-2021**

	Actual FY - 2019 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	2,573.05	2,945	3,200
FIELD TRIPS	1,662.58	3,875	3,875
TRAVEL	0.00	200	0
SUPPLIES	10,594.58	11,000	12,000
SAFETY GRANT SUPPLIES	110.24	0	0
ACHIEVEMENT TESTS	0.00	300	300
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	1,573.43	3,500	4,250
EQUIPMENT	4,111.06	6,466	7,800
DUES AND FEES	715.00	3,150	2,150
WINTER SPORTS	1,500.00	3,000	3,000
TRANSITION EXPENSES	334.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>798,420.15</b>	<b>860,436</b>	<b>1,033,005</b>
<b>PENSION ON BEHALF</b>	<b>183,019.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>			
TECH CONSULTANT-LAKE	11,523.75	10,839	11,851
TECH CONSULTANT-MOSS	9,150.00	10,839	11,851
TECH SUB	93.75	0	0
TECH CONSULTANT-LAKE FICA	881.61	829	907
TECH CONSULTANT-MOSS FICA	700.01	829	907
TECH SUB FICA	7.18	0	0
WORKERS COMP	194.20	174	190
TECH COORDINATOR	180.32	1,000	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	21.98	3,300	1,500
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	4,561.08	5,100	5,100
SUPPLIES	1,631.59	2,800	3,000
SOFTWARE	0.00	3,000	1,000
EQUIPMENT	12,602.35	6,000	9,800
DUES & FEES	591.47	800	600
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>42,139.29</b>	<b>45,510</b>	<b>47,206</b>
<b>STUDENT ACTIVITIES</b>			
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	18,105.00	18,105	18,105
<b>TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>18,105.00</b>	<b>18,105</b>	<b>18,105</b>
<b>ATHLETICS</b>			
SALARIES	0.00	1,000	0
FICA	0.00	77	0
WORKERS COMP	13.79	8	0
SUPPLIES	0.00	300	0
EQUIPMENT	0.00	275	400
DUES & FEES	0.00	225	0
<b>TOTAL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>13.79</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>GUIDANCE</b>			
A LEWIS .4	18,822.00	19,618	19,618
A LEWIS .4 FICA	1,439.89	1,501	1,501
WORKERS COMP	233.27	157	166
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	38.74	850	850
LIFE AND DISABILITY	106.60	0	0
SUPPLIES	0.00	240	400
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE</b>	<b>20,640.50</b>	<b>22,366</b>	<b>22,535</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>			
NURSE SUB	0.00	1,000	3,000
NURSE SUB FICA	0.00	77	230
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	25,006.94	26,000	27,138
SUPPLIES	768.52	800	800
EQUIPMENT	334.00	300	400
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>26,109.46</b>	<b>28,177</b>	<b>31,568</b>

**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET FY 2020-2021**

	Actual FY - 2019 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD
<b>LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES</b>			
S WADJA .2/.4	20,787.00	21,582	0
LIBRARIAN READS .2	0.00	0	15,191
TBH	0.00	0	9,739
S WADJA .2/.4 FICA	1,590.17	1,651	0
LIBRARIAN READS .2 FICA	0.00	0	1,162
TBH FICA	0.00	0	745
WORKERS COMP	149.38	173	204
SUPPLIES	670.33	1,200	900
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	2,185.72	2,400	2,400
SOFTWARE	0.00	289	289
EQUIPMENT	1,052.81	0	0
DUES & FEES	469.41	1,220	1,200
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES</b>	<b>26,904.82</b>	<b>28,515</b>	<b>31,830</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</b>			
SB SALARIES	5,900.00	7,800	7,800
TREASURER SALARY	3,000.00	1,000	3,000
CLERK SALARY	250.00	0	375
FICA	680.85	673	803
CLERK FICA	19.13	0	29
CONTINGENCY	0.00	0	51,850
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	961.98	0	500
LEGAL FEES	496.25	3,000	1,500
SB LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,847.25	3,900	3,900
ADVERTISING	103.51	550	200
DUES & FEES	2,228.58	2,000	2,000
MISC EXPENSES	640.95	1,000	1,000
GRADUATION EXPENSES	745.78	1,200	900
	<b>18,874.28</b>	<b>21,123</b>	<b>73,857</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>			
SU ASSESSMENT	123,411.00	120,415	128,887
	<b>123,411.00</b>	<b>120,415</b>	<b>128,887</b>
<b>OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL</b>			
PRINCIPAL HALIFAX	90,000.00	92,250	94,556
PRINCIPAL READSBORO	0.00	0	92,250
DEAN OF STUDENTS	10,000.00	10,000	0
DEAN OF STUDENTS	10,000.00	10,000	0
L SWANSON	27,717.69	27,247	27,926
J HIGLEY	22,503.40	22,878	23,837
HOSPITALIZATION	20,850.46	23,303	45,619
PRINCIPAL HALIFAX FICA	6,510.74	7,057	7,234
PRINCIPAL READSBORO FICA	0.00	0	7,057
L SWANSON FICA	2,007.03	2,084	2,136
J HIGLEY FICA	1,714.93	1,750	1,824
DEAN OF STUDENTS FICA	750.85	765	0
DEAN OF STUDENTS FICA	765.14	765	0
VT MUNIC RETIRE'T	2,067.81	2,130	2,329
WORKERS COMP	1,497.28	1,299	1,908
CREDIT REIMBURSE'T	650.00	3,075	2,075
HRA	6,655.13	4,500	8,480
DENTAL	2,383.19	2,730	3,524
LIFE & DISABILITY	359.85	674	934
PROF DEVELOP'T	290.70	0	0
POSTAGE	741.15	1,000	1,000
TELEPHONE	3,943.19	3,500	5,000
TRAVEL	1,658.83	1,500	2,500
SECRETARY TRAVEL	114.07	70	150
CONFERENCES	0.00	750	750
SUPPLIES	503.87	600	600

**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BUDGET FY 2020-2021**

	<b>Actual FY - 2019 SVUUSD</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2020 SVUUSD</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD</b>
EQUIPMENT	93.75	400	2,500
DUES & FEES	846.95	2,650	1,650
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>214,626.01</b>	<b>222,977</b>	<b>335,839</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>			
CUSTODIAN .5	20,105.50	25,488	26,128
PLAYGROUND MAINT	5,000.00	0	0
SUMMER HELP	3,487.50	1,000	1,000
CUSTODIAN SUB	2,928.75	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	5,477.44	6,181	6,103
CUSTODIAN .5 FICA	1,432.36	1,950	1,999
PLAYGROUND MAINT FICA	382.50	0	0
SUMMER HELP	266.81	77	77
CUSTODIAN SUB	224.06	0	0
VT MUNIC RETIRE'T	1,016.02	1,083	1,176
WORKERS COMP	162.02	212	218
HRA	0.00	1,500	1,760
GARBAGE REMOVAL	1,056.00	1,077	1,100
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,283.27	5,800	6,700
WINDOW REPLACEMENT	0.00	20,000	0
ASBESTOS	0.00	100	100
PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,331.67	2,400	2,800
TRAVEL	55.59	0	75
SUPPLIES	3,658.91	3,000	4,000
ELECTRICITY	10,214.82	9,700	10,400
FUEL OIL	14,338.87	15,000	15,000
WATER TEST	2,748.00	1,800	3,100
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>	<b>85,170.09</b>	<b>96,368</b>	<b>81,736</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (2)</b>			
CUSTODIAN .5	15,816.50	22,653	24,154
CUSTODIAN .13	601.26	4,531	4,645
SUBSTITUTE	0.00	1,000	1,000
CUSTODIAN .5 FICA	1,210.03	1,733	1,848
CUSTODIAN .13 FICA	46.01	347	355
SUBSTITUTE FICA	0.00	77	77
VT MUNIC RETIRE'T	32.54	0	0
WORKERS COMP	193.05	225	238
WATER RENT	5,016.04	5,100	5,544
SEWER FEES	4,932.80	4,980	4,980
GARBAGE REMOVAL	878.79	1,077	1,100
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	14,509.34	5,800	5,800
GROUNDS UPKEEP	1,625.00	0	0
ASBESTOS	0.00	100	1,000
PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,847.58	2,905	3,500
TRAVEL	0.00	150	75
SUPPLIES	1,990.12	4,000	4,000
ELECTRICITY	10,780.03	11,800	11,800
KEROSENE	0.00	500	500
FUEL OIL	15,591.48	14,900	14,900
EQUIPMENT	249.00	500	500
MISC FEES	77.37	0	0
RESERVE FUND MAINTENANCE	16,900.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (2)</b>	<b>93,296.94</b>	<b>82,378</b>	<b>86,016</b>
<b>TRANS ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>53,985.22</b>	<b>73,115</b>	<b>75,639</b>
<b>TRANS ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>27,454.97</b>	<b>35,953</b>	<b>37,195</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL SERVICES</b>			
PRE-K TEACHER .5	25,983.89	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	2,765.30	0	0

**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET FY 2020-2021**

	Actual FY - 2019 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD
PRE-K TEACHER .5 FICA	1,917.05	0	0
WORKERS COMP	239.01	0	0
DENTAL	167.63	0	0
LIFE & DISABILITY	126.54	0	0
PRE-K PRIVATE TUITION	26,136.00	26,848	41,340
STARS SUPPLIES	900.00		
DUES & FEES	0.00	525	525
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>58,235.42</b>	<b>27,373</b>	<b>41,865</b>
<b>HS TUITION</b>			
TUITION VT LEAS	228,000.00	204,166	299,750
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEAS	119,852.04	125,173	143,785
PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION	135,290.52	63,720	162,510
<b>TOTAL HS TUITION</b>	<b>483,142.56</b>	<b>393,059</b>	<b>606,045</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>			
VOCATIONAL TUITIONAL	16,966.94	15,631	18,470
ST OF VT VOC TUITION	18,676.00	14,201	15,198
VOC TUITION OUTSIDE STATE	333,656.92	318,924	312,684
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>	<b>369,299.86</b>	<b>348,756</b>	<b>346,352</b>
<b>HS TRANS ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>28,737.09</b>	<b>37,610</b>	<b>38,908</b>
<b>SPED</b>			
J ANYAN	5,858.59	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	1,382.65	0	0
J ANYAN FICA	421.79	0	0
MUN RETIREMENT	238.23	0	0
SUPPLIES	1,221.07	1,000	1,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	113.41	550	550
SPED ASSESS	77,801.00	69,733	93,428
SPED ASSESS'T SERVICES	189,734.29	168,950	119,888
	<b>276,771.03</b>	<b>240,233</b>	<b>214,866</b>
<b>REMEDIAL SUPPORT</b>			
J BEGGS HALI .4	15,283.00	24,856	0
REMEDIAL PARA	17,575.54	23,870	12,266
HOSPITALIZATION	4,147.97	6,181	3,488
REMEDIAL TEACHER .4 FICA	1,169.08	1,901	0
REMEDIAL PARA FICA	1,262.39	1,826	938
NON PROF RETIREMENT	714.69	1,014	550
WORKMENS COMP	505.61	390	98
HRA	0.00	1,500	880
LIFE AND DISABILITY	38.40	0	0
SUPPLIES	0.00	350	350
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	0.00	450	450
<b>TOTAL REMEDIAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>40,696.68</b>	<b>62,338</b>	<b>19,020</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT</b>	<b>15,218.38</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,006,997.56</b>	<b>2,788,692</b>	<b>3,347,149</b>
Schoolwide	8,836.70	33,872	33,872
<b>TOTAL Budget</b>	<b>3,015,834.26</b>	<b>2,822,564</b>	<b>3,381,021</b>

**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REVENUES AND TAX RATE**

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2018-2019</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>2020-2021</u>
<b><u>Local Revenues:</u></b>			
Interest Income	2,567.63	-	-
Playground Interest Income	2.95	-	-
Reserve Interest	0.28	-	-
Tuition	12,000.00	-	12,000
Building Rental	2,800.00	2,800	-
Misc Receipts	200.92	-	-
<b><u>Federal Revenues:</u></b>			
Title I School Improvement	-	-	78,171
<b><u>Fund Balance</u></b>	<b>330,803.96</b>	<b>202,382</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Playground/Maint. Reserve</u></b>			
<b><u>Other State Revenues:</u></b>			
Transition Funds	13,609.50	-	-
State Safety Grant	110.24	-	-
Small Schools Grant	154,137.00	154,137	154,137
Vocational Tuition	56,307.64	58,501	55,000
Forestry Grant	5,519.21	3,700	5,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>578,059.33</b>	<b>421,520</b>	<b>304,808</b>
<b>Schoolwide Revenue</b>	<b>8,836.71</b>	<b>33,872</b>	<b>33,872</b>
<b>Actual Expenditures</b>	<b>2,823,978.56</b>		
<b>Budget</b>		<b>2,788,692</b>	<b>3,347,149</b>
<b>Schoolwide Budget</b>	<b>8,836.71</b>	<b>33,872</b>	<b>33,872</b>
<b>Less: Revenues</b>	<b>586,896.04</b>	<b>455,392</b>	<b>338,680</b>
State Support Grant	2,444,024.67		
State Tech Center Payment	18,676.00		
Fund Balance Applied to FY 20	202,382.00		
Fund Balance Applied to FY 21	-113,845.36		
Playground/Maint. Reserve Fund Balance	128,244.80		
Education Spending (Act 68)		\$ 2,367,172	\$ 3,042,341
Equalized Pupils		172.57	179.38
Per Pupil Penalty			
Education Spending Per Pupil		\$ 13,717	\$ 16,960.31
Equalized Union Tax Rate (ETR)		1.2882	\$ 1.558
Union ETR w/ .04 incentive			\$ 1.518
<b>Estimated Tax Rate for FY'2021</b>		<b>Halifax</b>	<b>Readsboro</b>
		<b>Estimated****</b>	
		<b>FY '2021</b>	<b>FY '2021</b>
School Tax		\$ 1.4644	\$ 1.4057
Town Tax (Level Funded)		\$ 0.8693	\$ 0.8689
<b>Total Tax</b>		<b>\$ 2.3337</b>	<b>\$ 2.2746</b>
CLA %		103.69%	108.02%

- \* Tax Commissioner recommendation, based on current information, of \$1.00/\$1.654
- \* Residential & Non-residential base rate and Base amount to be determined by Legislature.
- \* Yield per equalized pupil to be finalized by Legislature







## SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ANTICIPATED REVENUE

FUND BALANCE	\$	(113,845.36)
Balance of funds 6/30/19		
DEFICIT SPENDING LOAN	\$	113,845.36
TUITION INCOME	\$	12,000.00
Tuition received for non-resident students		
SCHOOLWIDE FUNDS	\$	33,872.00
Federal funds for supplemental education of students		
TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$	78,171.00
Federal funds for Readsboro		
FEDERAL FORESTRY	\$	5,500.00
Subsidy for federal government property		
VOCATIONAL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$	55,000.00
State reimbursement for out of state vocational high school tuition costs		
MERGER SUPPORT GRANT (Formerly Small Schools Support Grant)	\$	154,137.00
State support for small schools with an enrollment of less than 100 or an average grade size of 20 or fewer students		
TOTAL SCHOOL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$	338,680.00
FY '2021 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$	<u>3,381,021.00</u>
EDUCATION SPENDING (BUDGET minus REVENUES)	\$	3,042,341.00
EQUALIZED PUPILS	\$	179.38
EDUCATION SPENDING PER PUPIL	\$	16,960.31



**Windham Southwest Supervisory Union  
Assessment  
2020-2021**

	<b>ASSESSMENT <u>2020-2021</u></b>	<b>ACTUAL ASSESSMENT <u>2019-2020</u></b>	<b>ASSESSMENT <u>DIFFERENCE</u></b>	<b>% INCREASE/ <u>DECREASE</u></b>
SVUUSD REG ED	128,887	120,415	8,472	7.04%
SVUUSD SPECIAL ED SU	93,428	69,733	23,695	33.98%
SVUUSD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	119,888	168,950	(49,062)	-29.04%
<b>TOTAL SVUUSD</b>	<b>342,203</b>	<b>359,098</b>	<b>(16,895)</b>	<b>-4.70%</b>
SEARSBURG REGULAR ED	22,215	22,177	38	0.17%
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED SU	16,104	12,843	3,261	25.39%
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	64,219	52,551	11,668	22.20%
<b>TOTAL SEARSBURG</b>	<b>102,538</b>	<b>87,571</b>	<b>14,967</b>	<b>17.09%</b>
STAMFORD REGULAR ED	91,751	97,569	(5,818)	-5.96%
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED SU	66,509	56,503	10,006	17.71%
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	161,209	151,632	9,577	6.32%
<b>TOTAL STAMFORD</b>	<b>319,469</b>	<b>305,704</b>	<b>13,765</b>	<b>4.50%</b>
TVES REGULAR ED	220,643	227,626	(6,983)	-3.07%
TVES SPECIAL ED SU	159,941	131,820	28,121	21.33%
TVES SPECIAL ED SU DISTRICT	414,692	501,455	(86,763)	-17.30%
<b>TOTAL TVES</b>	<b>795,276</b>	<b>860,901</b>	<b>(65,625)</b>	<b>-7.62%</b>
TVMHS REGULAR ED	277,013	271,430	5,583	2.06%
TVMHS SPECIAL ED SU	200,803	157,187	43,616	27.75%
TVMHS SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	467,631	589,651	(122,020)	-20.69%
<b>TOTAL TVMHS</b>	<b>945,447</b>	<b>1,018,268</b>	<b>(72,821)</b>	<b>-7.15%</b>
<b>TOTAL REGULAR ED</b>	<b>740,509</b>	<b>739,217</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>0.17%</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ED SU</b>	<b>536,786</b>	<b>428,086</b>	<b>108,699</b>	<b>25.39%</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ED DISTRICT</b>	<b>1,227,639</b>	<b>1,464,239</b>	<b>(236,600)</b>	<b>-16.16%</b>

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL FUND**

	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
Revenues:	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Interest	1,084.02	500	500
Misc Income	2,860.05	0	0
Spec. Ed Services Assessments	1,116,592.72	0	0
Spec. Ed State Reim/Grants	2,487,464.62	1,951,587	2,051,786
Transition Funds	46,500.00		
Prior Year Adjust	20,578.16		
<u>Assessments</u>	<u>1,137,766.00</u>	<u>2,631,541</u>	<u>2,504,931</u>
General Fund Revenues:	4,812,845.57	4,583,628	4,557,217
Fund Balance -Special Ed	50,032.00	202,729	(37,022)
Fund Balance WSSU	<u>35,195.00</u>	<u>41,797</u>	<u>156,992</u>
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	4,898,072.57	4,828,154	4,677,187
Expenditures:			
Superintendent's Office	299,148.94	318,451	343,191
Fiscal Services	324,311.23	371,134	461,765
Curriculum Specialist	83,353.17	91,929	93,044
Contingency	.00	0	53,708
<u>Special Education:</u>			
Special Education Teachers/Staff	1,288,343.45	1,363,135	1,582,780
Special Education Services-Districts	1,658,292.36	1,571,556	1,083,080
Special Education Transportation	235,074.25	216,354	175,240
Speech Services	260,530.80	279,740	261,952
Occupational Therapy Services	49,481.75	75,861	82,701
School Psychologist/Evaluations	59,782.08	60,967	63,536
Alternative Special Ed Program	304,038.43	289,948	272,619
EEE Program	66,581.59	72,163	88,503
Special Education Administration	<u>105,075.02</u>	<u>116,916</u>	<u>115,068</u>
Total Gen Fund Expenditures	4,734,013.07	4,828,154	4,677,187
Excess/(Deficiency)	164,059.50		

Revenue & Expense to record State of Vermont payments on behalf teacher retirement contributions are not included in the above figures.

The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for the (2020-2021) to be as budgeted.

Assessment Breakdown by District:

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Southern Valley UUSD	201,212	190,148	222,315
Searsburg	34,133	35,019	38,319
Stamford	117,529	154,072	158,260
Twin Valley	<u>784,891</u>	<u>788,063</u>	<u>858,400</u>
Total Assessment	1,137,765	1,167,302	1,277,294
Special Ed District Assessment			
Southern Valley UUSD	147,316	168,950	119,888
Searsburg	1,526	52,551	64,219
Stamford	149,325	151,632	161,209
Twin Valley	<u>872,362</u>	<u>1,091,106</u>	<u>882,323</u>
	1,170,529	1,464,239	1,227,639

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<u>State Funds</u>	Actual <u>2018-2019</u>	Budget <u>2019-2020</u>
Act 230/BEST Grant Revenues:	20,270.01	0
State Transportation Aid	244,619.00	250,893
State Hot Lunch Revenues:	12,646.83	12,646.83
<u>Other State Revenues:</u>	<u>143,941.65</u>	<u>0</u>
Total State Revenues:	421,477.49	263,539.83
Act 230/BEST Grant Expenditures	20,270.01	0
State Transportation Aid Expenditures	244,619.00	250,893
State Hot Lunch Transfers to Towns	12,646.83	12,646.83
<u>Other State Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>143,941.65</u>	<u>0</u>
Total State Expenditures	421,477.49	263,539.83
Excess/(Deficiency)	0	0

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<u>Federal Funds:</u>	Actual <u>2018-2019</u>	Budget <u>2019-2020</u>
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	541,677.18	429,331
<b>Hot Lunch Revenues:</b>	264,717.08	0
Local & Private Funds:	<u>526,645.93</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues:	1,333,040.19	429,331
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	765,166.65	252,743
<b>Hot Lunch Expenditures:</b>	266,304.35	0
Special Programs Transfer to Schools:	<u>73,438.19</u>	<u>176,588</u>
Total Expenditures:	1,104,999.19	429,331
Excess/(Deficiency)	228,131.00	0
<b>Title I Fund Revenues:</b>	232,170.13	326,977
Title I Fund Expenditures:	3,898.11	67,575
Title I Transfer to Schools:	<u>228,272.02</u>	<u>259,402</u>
Excess/(Deficiency)	0	0
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund Revenues:</b>	208,383.00	215,408
Local & Private Funds:	<u>146,340.31</u>	<u>217,123</u>
Total Revenues:	354,723.31	432,531
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Fund Expenditures:	208,383.00	215,408
Local & Private Expenditures:	<u>146,168.53</u>	<u>217,123</u>
Total Expenditures:	354,551.53	432,531
Excess/(Deficiency)	171.78	0

Federal Revenues for 2018-19 include carryover from 2017-2018. Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2019-2020 include carryover from 2018-2019 and are restricted for use in those programs only.

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM  
2018-2019**

<b>Fund Balance FY '2018</b>		<b>\$ 1,524.50</b>
<b>Food Sales</b>	<b>\$ 9,733.66</b>	
<b>Misc. Sales/Rebates</b>	<b>\$ 1,070.88</b>	
<b>Fresh Fruit &amp; Vegetables</b>	<b>\$ 6,240.00</b>	
<b>State Reimbursement</b>	<b>\$ 1,085.85</b>	
<b>Federal Reimbursement</b>	<b>\$ 39,676.84</b>	
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>\$ 3,137.81</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 60,945.04</b>
<b>SVUUSD General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 15,218.38</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 76,675.50</b>
<b>Fund Balance FY '2019</b>		<b>\$ 1,012.42</b>



**ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 2019**

**SVUUSD-HALIFAX CAMPUS**

	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>ELEMENTARY:</b>	K	10
	1	13
	2	6
	3	7
	4	5
	5	4
	6	10
	7	6
	8	15
<b>Total Elementary:</b>		<u>76</u>

	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>SECONDARY:</b>					
Twin Valley Middle High School	1	3	0	2	6
Franklin Tech.	1	2	0	2	5
Brattleboro H.S.	2	3	2	2	9
Mohawk Regional	0	1	0	1	2
McCann Tech	0	0	1	0	1
Private/Independent School	3	0	1	0	4
<b>Total Secondary:</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>27</u>

**TOTAL HALIFAX ENROLLMENT: 103**

**SVUUSD-READSBORO CAMPUS**

	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	PRE-K	2
<b>ELEMENTARY:</b>	K	7
	1	4
	2	5
	3	3
	4	6
	5	5
	6	5
	7	0
	8	0
<b>Total Readsboro Elementary:</b>		<u>37</u>

	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>SECONDARY:</b>					
Drury	3	1	3	3	10
Twin Valley Middle High	2	0	3	3	8
McCann Tech	1	6	1	3	11
Private/Independent School	1	0	3	1	5
<b>Total Secondary</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>34</u>

**TOTAL READSBORO ENROLLMENT: 71**



**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACULTY AND STAFF**

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Sandra Pentak-Cohen	Halifax & Readsboro	Principal	M+15
Joel Howes	Halifax	100% FTE MS Teacher	B+30
Angelina Read	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	M
Dayle Sherman	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	B+30
Naalie Humphrey	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	M
Karen Horton	Halifax	20% FTE Music	M+30
Merritt Youmell	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	M
Rhonda Wainshilbaum	Halifax	20% FTE Art	B+30
Layne Leary	Halifax	100% FTE Special Education (WSWSU)	B+30
Kristina Benson	Halifax	50% FTE Literacy	M+15
Judy Anyan	Halifax	50% Math Coach	B+15
Marissa Navedo	Readsboro	100% FTE Elementary	M+15
Rebecca Richardson	Readsboro	100% FTE Pre-K/Kindergarten	B
Barbara Childs	Readsboro	20% FTE Art	B+30
Sarah Lake	Readsboro	100% FTE Elementary	M
Brittani Sprague	Readsboro	100% FTE Math & Science	M
Francesca Palumbo	Readsboro	50% Dean/40% Special Education (WSWSU)	M+15
Alma Jane Hart	Readsboro	10% FTE Music	M+15
Anna Bolognani	Readsboro	20% FTE Librarian	M+30
Lisa Janovsky	Halifax & Readsboro	School Nurse (WSWSU)	B
Jakob Trautwein	Halifax & Readsboro	60% Physical Education	B

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Position</b>
Judy Anyan	Halifax	50% Paraprofessional
Keith Anyan	Halifax	Custodian
Elizabeth Roberts	Halifax	Cook
Joe Moss	Halifax	Technology
Linda Swanson	Halifax	Secretary
Allison Corey	Halifax	Paraprofessional (WSWSU)
Sean Youmell	Readsboro	Custodian
Lawrence Lake	Readsboro	Technology
Jane Higley	Readsboro	Secretary
Cheryl Green	Readsboro	Kitchen manager
Ashley Blevins	Readsboro	Paraprofessional (WSWSU)
Diane Wheeler	Readsboro	Papaprofessional (WSWSU)

The VT Agency of Ed has set new standards and HQT as a stand-alone term no longer exists under ESSA new requirements. Teachers providing pK-12 instruction in Vermont's public schools need to be "appropriately licensed" under Education Quality Standards.



**MINUTES  
TOWNS OF HALIFAX AND READSBORO  
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax and the Town of Readsboro, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Southern Valley Unified Union School District (SVUUSD) met at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium in Whitingham, Vermont, on the evening of Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Moderator Blais called for a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away and who have extended kindness.

Homer Sumner, Chairman to the Board led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The town officers were introduced: Clerk of the Board – Tina Blais, Chairman of the Board, Homer Sumner; Stephanie Powers; Mary King; Sue Bailey and Caroline Sprague. At this time Principal, Sandy Pentak-Cohen; Superintendent Of Schools, Barbara Anne Komons-Montroll; and WWSU Business Manager, Karen Atwood were also introduced. Moderator Blais gave the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and read the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Warning in its entirety.

The following business was transacted:

- ARTICLE I** To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE II** To elect a Clerk, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE III** To elect a Treasurer, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE IV** To elect (2) School Directors for three (3) years terms each, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE V** To see if the voters of the SVUUSD will authorize the school board to pay the School District Treasurer \$3,000 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE VI** To see if the voters of the SVUUSD will authorize the school board to pay the School District Clerk \$20 per hour not to exceed \$250 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian ballot.
- ARTICLE VII** To see if the voters of the SVUUSD approve the School Board to expend \$2,819,314, 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 \$13,596 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.45% lower than spending for the current year. To be voted on by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE VIII** Lewis Sumner moved that the towns hear the reports of the SVUUSD Officers and act thereon. Marylou Parkhurst seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Moderator Blais moved on to Article IX.
- ARTICLE IX** Lewis Sumner moved that the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Patricia Dow seconded the motion. Article IX was so voted and Moderator Blais declared Article IX so passed.
- ARTICAL X** Larry Hopkins moved to pass over to see if the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School directors to deposit into a reserve fund, anticipated

surplus funds at June 30, 2019, for the purpose of maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2804. Moderator Blais explained that this is called suspend the rules and a second is needed as well as two thirds vote. Dave Marchegiani seconded the motion. The motion to suspend the rules for Article X was so voted and declared defeated by Moderator Blais. Lewis Sumner moved to see if the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School Directors to deposit into a reserve fund, anticipated surplus funds at June 30, 2019, for the purpose of maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2804. The motion was seconded by Patricia Dow.

Marylou Parkhurst asked for an explanation/clarification of the reserve fund.

Sumner explained that there is no fund yet but if there is a fund balance part of that fund balance could be established into a reserve fund on its own to be used in case of building repairs or emergencies.

Parkhurst asked if it would be able to roll over from year to year.

Sumner replied that yes it would roll over from year to year.

Hopkins raised his concern over the Article, it seems as if it is giving the board a blank check to do whatever they want with. Thinks that the Board would have to establish fund, report the fund to the voters, then put it into an article to be voted on each year at the annual meeting. Thinks the reserve fund is a good idea article just needs to be written in a different order.

Moderator Blais explained that he talked with JP Isabelle, from the Vermont Secretary of State's office, to get a better understanding of the Article. It was explained to him that the Article could be amended to two parts and he was pointed to the VLCT Model Article. If it were an Australian ballot, it would have to be worded as one Article to both create the account and to fund the account. For a floor vote an amendment is still permissible to split the article into two parts. It is up to the discretion of the moderator as to whether they would permit the amendment. There is no law that requires a dollar amount. A new Article would have to be voted on each year as it is only good for one year.

Dave Marchegiani brought up how the Readsboro Select Board handles their reserve fund. Moderator Blais stated that the Article was Drafted by the attorney for the Southern Valley Unified Union School District in conjunction with the VT Secretary of State's office, and he will consider it germane.

Sumner explained when you do a Town budget you are using line items which allow the residents to vote on them. and when doing the school budget there are no line items.

Sumner explained that the fund balance is for use for two years from now.

Hopkins asked how they came up with what the fund number was going to be. Sumner replied that they have no idea what the number is going to be that is why it is anticipated surplus. We really have no idea what is going to happen during the year, that is why it is anticipated. Hopkins asked if they knew they were going to have this fund why didn't they just put a dollar amount in such as \$50,000 and make it clear and simple? Moderator Blais asked if he was still referring to the Article that was written by DA J.P. the answer was yes. Sumner went on to explain that Halifax had never had a reserve fund before and that he was going into it blind. If you have a fund balance and you don't put it into a reserve fund by June 30, as of July 1 it turns into revenue because you have missed the deadline. Paul N. Blais motioned to call the question and Patricia Dow seconded ending Debate. It was voted to end the debate on Article X. Article X was so voted and Moderator Blais declared Article X so passed.

#### Article XI

Patricia Dow moved to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Paul N. Blais seconded. Hopkins expressed his concern over the fact that the numbers in the warrant had changed from the time it was posted in Readsboro, to the Readsboro informational meeting and they were even different when read by Moderator Blais at the Annual meeting tonight. Also, that the warrant was not correctly posted in Readsboro. Moderator Blais asked what he read wrong and was told that is was the total

for the expenditure in Article VII. Also, that the School report said that we would be discussing Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI. We only discussed VIII, IX, X, and XI. Hopkins also stated that there were errors on page 11 of the School Report. Hopkins read out examples for the people. Parkhurst asked Sumner if a postcard could be mailed out with the date and time of the informational meeting as they were not aware of it. That is something that the board will consider next year. Sumner asked Marchegiani if the Readsboro Select Board sent out informational post cards to the voters for their annual Town Meeting and Marchegiani said no they just post in the legal places required.

Marchegiani explained how the Readsboro Select Board has handled reserve funds in the past but understands that the select Board and School Board operate differently. More discussion ensued about Article X with members sharing ideas as to how to handle it. Sumner tried to clarify details. At this time moderator Blais read 24 VSA § 2804. Hopkins asked how the tax payers would know if they were getting good results from the students for their tax money. Homer explained that at the E Board meeting he just attended, he heard very positive results. Sandy Pentak-Cohen explained about the schools having a flier that goes out weekly with information on the projects the students were involved in as well as a Principals report that gives little more info into about the academic side. She stated that anyone can sign up for it to be either emailed or mailed to them.

Lewis Sumner moved to adjourn this meeting until Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to vote on the remaining Australian Ballot Questions. Paul N. Blais seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:



Town Clerk

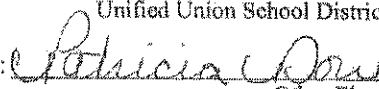
We, the undersigned, approve and attest that the record of the Southern Valley Unified Union Annual School District Meeting of the Towns of Halifax and Readsboro held at the Twin Valley Middle High School in the Auditorium on Thursday, February 28, 2019 is a true record of all action taken at that meeting.

Attest:



Unified Union School District Moderator

Attest:



Other Election Official

Mudgett  
Jennett &  
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants #435

January 28, 2020

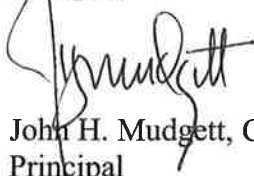
Board of Directors  
Southern Valley Unified Union School District

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION**

The financial statements of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 were audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier. The financial statements will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union office once the final statements are issued.

Sincerely,

Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.



John H. Mudgett, CPA  
Principal