

# WARNING ANNUAL MEETING

## SLATE VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Towns of Benson, Castleton, Fair Haven, Hubbardton, Orwell, West Haven)

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

The legal voters of the Slate Valley Unified Union School District (SVUUSD) consisting of the towns of Benson, Castleton, Fair Haven, Hubbardton, Orwell and West Haven are hereby warned and notified to meet at Fair Haven Union Middle & High School Band Room on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM to conduct the following business:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/oiu-geoi-eaj>  
Or dial: (US) +1 816-425-1778 PIN: 657 919 832#

Anyone who attends virtually will be seen as a "passive participant" meaning they can ask questions and comment but cannot vote from the floor.

**Article 1:** To elect the following officers to serve for a term of one (1) year:

- Moderator
- Clerk
- Treasurer

**Article 2:** To hear and act upon the reports of School District Officers.

**Article 3:** To approve annual salaries for the School Directors and other elected officers of the School District.

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.

**Article 5:** To have the Board of Directors of the School District present the proposed school budget for the ensuing year.

**Article 6:** To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

**MARCH 3, 2026**

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 3, 2026 for the purpose of voting on the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot, said ballots being brought to Bomoseen Fellowship Bible Church following the closing of the polls in the member districts where they will be commingled and counted by the Board of Civil Authority of the constituent districts.

**The Town polls will be opened as follows:**

Town of Benson	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Benson Community Hall
Town of Castleton	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Castleton Fire Station
Town of Fair Haven	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	American Legion Post 49
Town of Hubbardton	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Hubbardton Town Hall
Town of Orwell	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Orwell Town Hall
Town of West Haven	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	West Haven Town Hall

**Article 7:** Shall the voters of the School District authorize a transfer from the general fund surplus balance in the amount of \$800,000 to the capital improvements and repairs reserve fund?

**Article 8:** Shall the voters of Slate Valley Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend Thirty-Two Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars \$32,509,789.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Slate Valley Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$ 11,967.71, which is 3.48% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

**Article 9:** To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until March following the election and qualification of their successors:

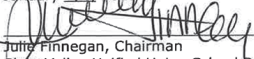
- School Director, Benson for a term of three (3) years
- School Director, Castleton for a term of three (3) years
- School Director, Fair Haven for a term of three (3) years
- School Director, Fair Haven for a term of one (1) year of three (3) years
- School Director, Hubbardton for a term of three (3) years
- School Director, Orwell for a term of three (3) years
- School Director, West Haven for a term of three (3) years
- School Director, West Haven for a term of two (2) years of three (3) years
- School Director, West Haven for a term of one (1) year of three (3) years

**Informational Hearing:**

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. at the Fair Haven Union Middle & High School in Fair Haven, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Articles 7, 8 & 9 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.


Dated at Fair Haven, Vermont

January 26, 2026

  
Julie Finnegan, Chairman  
Slate Valley Unified Union School District

Received and Recorded

January 27, 2026

  
Elisabeth MacKay, Clerk  
Slate Valley Unified Union School District