

**WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DATE: October 9, 2018
KIND: Advisory Referendum [Straw Vote]
TIME: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
PLACE: Westport Central School – Lobby Outside Bulles Auditorium

The polls for the Advisory Referendum [Straw Vote] were opened at 12:00 PM, prevailing time, by Chairperson, Jana Atwell for the purpose of voting on one referendum item: (1) Should the Westport Central School District and the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District be joined together as a single district by centralization [merger]?

At 8:00 PM, prevailing time, the Chairperson announced that all qualified voters present in the polling place had been allowed to vote and thereby declared the polls closed.

Immediately upon the close of the polls, the following Inspectors and volunteer Clerks of Election and Chairperson proceeded to canvass the vote: Brenda Drummond, Gwen Goff, Judy French, Doug Westover and Jana Atwell.

The ballots which were cast between the hours of 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM were tallied first, followed by the absentee ballots, which were opened, shuffled and left remaining in a folded position until the count was taken.

The following report was made by the District Clerk and Chairperson, Jana Atwell:

Total number of ballots regarding centralization [merger]: 556
(This figure includes 39 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of centralization [merger]: 357
Number of no votes opposed to centralization [merger]: 198
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1
Number of ballots left blank: 0

TOTAL: 556

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Date approved by the BOE: November 8, 2018

Jana Atwell, District Clerk