

School Board Membership – Proportionality
September 26, 2016

	Proportional by Town Model <i>(see, e.g., the voter-approved Articles of the Mill River UUSD)</i>	At-Large Model **	Hybrid Model <i>(see, e.g., the voter-approved Articles of the Addison Central UUSD)</i>
Apportionment	Articles of Agreement apportion a specified number of board seats to each town within the union school district	No seats are apportioned to any town within the union district	Articles of Agreement apportion a specified number of board seats to each town within the union district
Apportioned Numbers	Apportioned numbers are based on the most recent decennial census (town’s population as compared to total population of union school district)	N/A	Articles of Agreement base number of seats apportioned to each town on any agreed-upon method
Constitutional Proportionality	Strictly required on a town-by-town basis <i>Note: Can weight each board member’s vote to achieve proportionality</i>	Not required at the town level – proportionality is achieved at the (multi-town) district-level	Not required at the town level Although board seats are apportioned to each town, proportionality is achieved by <u>voting</u> at the (multi-town) district level
Residence	Board member must reside in town to which seat is apportioned	Board members can reside anywhere in the union district	Board member must reside in town to which seat is apportioned
Nominating Petition	The nominating petition can be signed only by the voters of the town to which the seat is apportioned; the lesser of 30 voters or 1% of town voters must sign petition	The nominating petition can be signed by any voter in the union district; at least 60 voters must sign petition	The default is the same as the Proportional by Town Model (<i>Mt Anthony</i> Court approved Hybrid Model presented to it w/those terms); Articles <u>may</u> be able to require At-Large Model process instead
Election of Member	Only the voters in the town can vote on the list of candidates for that town’s apportioned seat(s)	All voters in the district vote on a single list of candidates for the entire union district	<u>All</u> voters in the district vote on the list of candidates for <u>each town’s</u> apportioned seat(s)
Weighted Voting	Articles of Agreement can assign a different weight to each board member’s vote	Cannot assign a different weight to any board member’s vote	

** *Note:* Articles of Agreement can provide for a combination of models – e.g., a union district with 4 towns governed by a 7 member board, 3 of whom are selected under the At-Large Model and 4 of whom (1 per town) are selected under the Hybrid Model (*see, e.g., the voter-approved Articles of the Elmore-Morrystown UUSD*)