VERMONT
AGENCY OF EDUCATION
ACT 46 OF 2015

School Board Membership – Proportionality
Senate Committee on Education; January 28, 2016

	Proportional Model	At-Large Model	Hybrid Model
Apportionment	Articles of Agreement apportion a specified number of board seats to each town within the union 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 district)	N/A	Articles of Agreement base apportionment on any agreed-upon method
Constitutional Proportionality	Required *Note:* Can weight each board member's vote to achieve proportionality	Not required	Not required
Residence	Board member must reside in town to which seat apportioned	Board members can reside anywhere in the union district	
Nominating Petition	The nominating petition can be signed only by the voters of the town to which the seat is apportioned	The nominating petition can be signed by any voter in the union district	The default is the same as the Proportional Model (model presented to and approved by *Mt Anthony* Court), but Articles of Agreement can provide otherwise
Election of Member	Only the voters in the town can vote on the slate of candidates for that town's apportioned seat(s)	All voters in the district vote on a single slate of candidates for the entire union district	All voters in the district vote on the slate of candidates for each town's 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	Articles of Agreement can assign a different weight to each board member's vote

Note: Articles of Agreement can also 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