

**BOQUET VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DATE: June 16, 2020

KIND: Budget Vote

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room Lake View Campus Westport

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.26, the budget vote and election of Board of Education members of the Boquet Valley Central School District, County of Essex, New York, was conducted by an absentee ballot process in lieu of in-person voting. Therefore, there was no voting at the polls for this year's annual budget vote and election due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus and potential for spread through personal interaction. Absentee ballots with postage paid return envelopes were sent to qualified voters. In order to be counted, absentee ballots were received in the office of the clerk by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.

Executive Order 202.39 modifies the extent necessary to allow any absentee ballot for an election held on June 9, 2020 and received by mail in the office of the clerk of the school district or designee of the trustees or school board not later than June 16, 2020 to be canvassed for such election. No ballots for such election shall be accepted by the clerk of the school district or designee of the trustees or school board after 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020 except those received by mail in accordance with this provision. Any receptacle used for hand delivery of absentee ballots in such election shall be closed and removed at 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020; the ballots therein shall remain unopened pending delivery of mailed ballots, and shall be removed and canvassed after 5:00 PM on June 16, 2020.

Thus, every qualified voter was provided an absentee ballot for the purpose of voting on: (1) the proposed Boquet Valley Central School District Budget for the 2020-2021 school year as approved by the Board of Education, (2) to elect two members to the Board of Education for three terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023, (3) to authorize and expend \$6,300 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established by a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the Westport Central School District for the purpose of purchasing one salt/sand spreader at a maximum cost of \$2,100, and one aluminum trailer at a maximum cost of \$4,200, for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$6,300, and (4) to authorize and expend \$139,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established by a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District for the purpose of purchasing one 65 passenger school bus at a maximum cost of \$111,000, and a passenger van at a maximum cost of \$28,000, for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$139,000.

At 5:00 PM, prevailing time, the Chairperson announced that all absentee ballots to be counted had been received in the office of the clerk.

Inspectors Marcella Denton, Brenda Drummond, Gwen Goff and Shari Morris, and Chairperson Jana Atwell immediately began the process of opening, shuffling, sorting (color coded by proposition) and counting the ballots.

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

Total number of ballots regarding the election of a school board member: 1155

Number of votes cast in favor of Dina Garvey: 726
Number of votes cast in favor of Benjamin Goff: 525
Number of votes cast in favor of Sarah Kullman: 730
Number of write-in votes in favor of Robert Jerdo (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Alan Hipps (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Doug Spilling (8)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Stephen Hudson (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Nikki Sudduth (2)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Mike Tyler Sr. (2)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Janice Hainer (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Don Huntley (2)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Suzanne Russell (3)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Jim Carroll (2)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Alice LaRock (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Ernie LaPine (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Laura Rathbun (2)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Harry Gough (1)
Number of write-in votes in favor of Steve Pierce (1)
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 60
Number of ballots left blank: 33

TOTAL: 1155

Dina Garvey and Sarah Kullman were elected to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023.

Total number of ballots regarding the school budget: 1194

Number of yes votes in favor of the adoption of the school budget: 662
Number of no votes opposed to the adoption of the school budget: 472
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 57
Number of ballots left blank 3

TOTAL: 1194

The proposed school budget was declared to have passed.

Total number of ballots regarding the purchase of one 65 passenger bus and one 7 passenger Van: 1196

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing a 65 passenger bus and a 7 passenger van: 732

Number of no votes opposed to purchasing a 65 passenger bus and a 7 passenger van: 387

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 56

Number of ballots left blank: 21

TOTAL: 1196

The Board of Education is authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum estimated amount of \$139,000.00 from the Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund established by the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District for the purchase of one 65 passenger bus and one 7 passenger van.

Total number of ballots regarding the purchase of a salt/sand spreader and an aluminum trailer: 1195

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing a salt/sand spreader and an aluminum trailer: 728

Number of no votes opposed to purchasing a salt/sand spreader and an aluminum trailer: 386

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 57

Number of ballots left blank: 24

TOTAL: 1195

The Board of Education is authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum estimated amount of \$6,300.00 from the Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund established by the qualified voters of the Westport Central School District for the purchase of one salt/sand spreader and one aluminum trailer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Jana Atwell
District Clerk

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

Date approved by the BOE: July 9, 2020

Jana Atwell, District Clerk