

**Boquet Valley Central School District**  
**Notice of Public Hearing & Annual Budget Vote**  
**Revised April 16, 2024**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a Public Budget Hearing of the Boquet Valley Central School District shall be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Lake View Campus located at 25 Sisco Street Westport, New York, for the purpose of discussing the expenditure of funds and budgeting thereof;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2024-2025 exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident or taxpayer of the District during business hours beginning April 30, 2024, except Saturdays, Sundays and/or holidays at either school campus, the District Office, Westport Library, Wadhams Free Library, Elizabethtown Library and the District's website [www.boquetvalleycsd.org](http://www.boquetvalleycsd.org).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual budget vote and board member election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM prevailing time, (or until all who are in attendance at the time have voted), at the Mountain View Campus 7530 Court Street Elizabethtown, New York.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the vote upon the proposition for appropriation of necessary funds to meet estimated expenditures for the school year 2024-2025 for school purposes (Annual Budget and Tax Levy) shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM in said Mountain View Campus, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the Boquet Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District, and
2. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027 to succeed Evan George and Micah Stewart whose terms expire on June 30, 2024, and one (1) member to the Board of Education to fill an unexpired term commencing May 22, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2025, and
3. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "2024 Capital Project Reserve Fund" of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the District's activities in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, adding to, renovating, altering and improving District buildings, facilities, grounds and real property, including the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall not be greater than \$10,000,000 plus interest earned thereon; that the probable term of such Fund shall be not longer than fifteen (15) years but such Fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) the transfer of the entire remaining balance of \$882,708.10 plus accrued interest from the District's current Westport Central School District Capital Improvement Reserve Fund established pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 and approved by voters proposition on February 7, 2017; (b) the transfer of the entire remaining balance of \$4,142,205.14 plus accrued interest from the District's current Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District Capital Improvement Reserve Fund established pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 and approved by the voters proposition on May 20, 2014; (c) current and future unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board from time to time, (d) State Aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvement (whether or not financed in whole or in part from such Fund), (e) the proceeds from the sale of unneeded District real or personal property, (f) future transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, and (g) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct?, and

4. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”) to be known as the “2024 Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund,” the purpose of such Fund shall be to finance, in whole or in part, the purchase of vehicles for student transportation and other equipment and the cost of maintaining the same; the ultimate amount of such Fund shall not be greater than \$10,000,000 plus interest thereon; that the probable term of such Fund shall not be longer than ten (10) years, but such Fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law or until its funds are exhausted; and that permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) the transfer of the entire remaining balance of \$582,795.64 plus accrued interest from the District’s current Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund established pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 and approved by voter proposition on May 20, 2014 (b) current and future unappropriated balances as directed by the Board; (c) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time; (d) transfers from other reserve funds as authorized by law; (e) State Aid received as reimbursement for bus purchases and equipment; and (f) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct?

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots during school business hours from the District Clerk’s office located at Mountain View Campus, PO Box 158 7530 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York beginning April 1, 2024. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM prevailing time, on May 20, 2024 (the day before the election) if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, or must be received no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 14, 2024 (7 days before the election) if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5:00 PM on May 14, 2024, will require the voter to personally appear at the District Clerk’s office to receive an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 21, 2024. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the District Clerk’s office located within the Mountain View Campus through May 20, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 21, 2024. In general, absentee ballots must be provided upon proper application to any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration for other than conviction of a felony, travel outside the voter’s county or city of residence for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the election.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that qualified voters may obtain applications for early mail ballots during school business hours from the District Clerk’s office located at Mountain View Campus, PO Box 158 7530 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York beginning April 1, 2024. Completed applications for early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM prevailing time, on May 20, 2024 (the day before the election) if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, or must be received no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 14, 2024 (7 days before the election) if the early mail ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 5:00 PM on May 14, 2024, will require the voter to personally appear at the District Clerk’s office to receive an early mail ballot. Early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 21, 2024. A list of persons to whom early mail ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the District Clerk’s office located within the Mountain View Campus through May 20, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 21, 2024.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 518-873-6371 ext. 511 or [jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org). For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on April 26, 2024 (25 days prior to the vote). In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of School Board Member must be filed in the District Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 PM on April 22, 2024. Each petition shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a qualified voter is one who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the School District for a period of 30 days next preceding the annual vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things necessary, following the advice and counsel of the District's School Attorney or the District's Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Special Meeting and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District's School Attorney or the District's Bond Counsel, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the notice of, and procedural steps to be taken in connection with such Special Meeting. .

School District: Boquet Valley Central

District Clerk: Jana Atwell

Dated: April 16, 2024