

**BOQUET VALLEY CSD  
ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**DATE:** May 21, 2024

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**PLACE:** BVCS D Mountain View Campus Gymnasium Foyer

The Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Boquet Valley Central School District, Essex County, New York was called to order at 12:00 PM, prevailing time, by Chairperson, Jana Atwell for the purpose of voting on (1) the proposed Boquet Valley School District Budget for the 2024-2025 school year as approved by the Board of Education, (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 and one (1) member to the Board of Education to fill an unexpired term commencing May 22, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2025, (3) 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) 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

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, Clerks of Election and Chairperson proceeded to canvass the vote: Deb Brooks, Brenda Drummond, Judy French, Gwen Goff, Shari Morris 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 cast regarding the school budget: 667  
*(This figure includes 2 early mail ballots and 44 absentee ballots.)*

Number of yes votes in favor of the adoption of the school budget: 385  
Number of no votes opposed to the adoption of the school budget: 278  
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 0  
Number of ballots left blank: 4

TOTAL: 667

**The proposed school budget was declared to have passed.**

Total number of ballots cast regarding the election of two school board members for 3 year terms and one school board member to fill an unexpired term: 666  
*(This figure includes 2 early mail ballots and 43 absentee ballots.)*

Number of votes in favor of Micah Stewart: 208  
Number of votes in favor of Brianne Drummond: 115  
Number of votes in favor of Marietta Brady: 69  
Number of votes in favor of Debra Spaulding: 310  
Number of votes in favor of Thomas Broderick: 270  
Number of votes in favor of Darlene Hooper: 406  
Number of votes in favor of Jason Heist: 107  
Number of votes in favor of Evan George: 248  
Number of votes in favor of Kathryn Cramer: 72  
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1  
Number of ballots left blank: 5  
Number of votes in favor of Ike Tyler: 1

TOTAL: 666

**Darlene Hooper and Debra Spaulding were elected to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027 and Thomas Broderick was elected to the Board of Education to fill the unexpired term commencing on May 22, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2025.**

Total number of ballots cast regarding the establishment of a capital reserve fund known as the “2024 Capital Project Reserve Fund”: 666

*(This figure includes 2 early mail ballots and 43 absentee ballots.)*

Number of yes votes in favor of establishing the “2004 Capital Project Reserve Fund”: 404

Number of no votes opposed to establishing the “2004 Capital Project Reserve Fund”: 256

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 0

Number of ballots left blank: 6

TOTAL: 666

**The Board of Education is authorized to establish a capital reserve fund known as the “2024 Capital Project Reserve Fund”.**

Total number of ballots cast regarding the establishment of a capital reserve fund known as the “2024 Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund”: 666

*(This figure includes 2 early mail ballots and 43 absentee ballots.)*

Number of yes votes in favor of establishing the “2024 Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund”: 448

Number of no votes opposed to establishing the “2024 Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund”: 213

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1

Number of ballots left blank: 4

TOTAL: 666

**The Board of Education is authorized to establish a capital reserve fund known as the “2024 Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund”.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

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

Date approved by the BOE: June 13, 2024

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Jana Atwell, District Clerk