

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DATE: May 20, 2025
TIME: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
PLACE: BVCS Lake View Campus Auditorium

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)** to adopt the annual budget of the Boquet Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District, **(2)** to elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028 to succeed Tom Broderick, Heather Reynolds and Sue Russell whose terms expire on June 30, 2025, and one (1) member to the Board of Education to fill an unexpired term commencing May 20, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2026, **(3)** to appropriate and expend in the 2025-2026 fiscal year three hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$357,000) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing two (2) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses at a maximum cost of three hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$357,000) to pay for the buses in full, and **(4)** to appropriate and expend in the 2025-2026 fiscal year one hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$151,000) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) seven (7) passenger van, one (1) plow truck and (1) tractor at a maximum cost of one hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$151,000) to pay for the van, truck and tractor in full.

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 canvas the vote: Deb Brooks, Brenda Drummond, Judy French, Gwen Goff, Shari Morris, Bridget Belzile 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 and early mail 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: 601
(This figure includes 11 early mail ballots and 39 absentee ballots including 1 void ballot.)

Number of yes votes in favor of the adoption of the school budget: 338
Number of no votes opposed to the adoption of the school budget: 259
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 3
Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 601

The proposed school budget was declared to have passed.

Total number of ballots cast regarding the election of three school board members for 3 year terms and one school board member to fill an unexpired term: 599

(This figure includes 49 early mail and absentee ballots including one void ballot.)

Number of votes in favor of Terry Egglefield: 230
Number of votes in favor of Jason Welch: 392
Number of votes in favor of Megan Ostroski: 216
Number of votes in favor of Paige Cotter Saltamach: 375
Number of votes in favor of Thomas Broderick: 311
Number of votes in favor of Paul Fenton: 267
Number of votes in favor of Jim Jackson: 243
Number of votes in favor of Colin Wells: 1
Number of votes in favor of Jessie Duke: 1
Number of votes in favor of Ike Tyler: 1
Number of votes in favor of Jen Williams: 1
Number of votes in favor of Tom Bisselle: 3
Number of votes in favor of Josh Kingzack: 1
Number of votes in favor of Jason Heist: 1
Number of votes in favor of Evan George: 1
Number of votes in favor of Snoopy: 1
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1
Number of ballots left blank: 7

TOTAL: 599

Jason Welch, Paige Cotter Saltamach, and Thomas Broderick were elected to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028 and Paul Fenton was elected to the Board of Education to fill the unexpired term commencing on May 20, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2026.

Total number of ballots cast regarding the purchase of two 65 passenger buses: 601

(This figure includes 11 early mail ballots and 39 absentee ballots including 1 void ballot.)

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing two 65 passenger buses: 410
Number of no votes opposed to purchasing two 65 passenger buses: 184
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 7
Number of ballots left blank: 0

TOTAL: 601

The Board of Education is authorized to purchase two (2) 65 passenger buses.

Total number of ballots cast regarding the purchase of one seven passenger van, one plow truck and tractor: 601

(This figure includes 11 early mail ballots and 39 absentee ballots including 1 void ballot.)

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing one seven passenger van, one plow truck and one tractor: 410

Number of no votes opposed to purchasing one seven passenger van, one plow truck and one tractor: 188

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 3

Number of ballots left blank: 0

TOTAL: 601

The Board of Education is authorized to purchase one seven passenger van, one plow truck and one tractor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.

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

Date approved by the BOE: June 17, 2025

Jana Atwell, District Clerk