

Boquet Valley CSD
Budget Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Mountain View Campus - Elizabethtown, NY
Official Minutes

1. **Call to Order** **At: 6 PM** **By: President Hooper**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **District Vision**

- a. The VISION of the Boquet Valley Central School District is to become the best rural school in New York State. We will accomplish our vision by providing exceptional opportunities to all learners and preparing them to set and reach their future goals by embedding our core values into their student experience.

4. **Roll Call**

[X] Tom Broderick [X] Paige Cotter-Saltamach [X] Paul Fenton [X] Darlene Hooper
[A] Sarah Kullman [A] Debra Spaulding [X] Jason Welch [X] Sadie Burgess

5. **Attendees**

Present:

Joshua Meyer, Superintendent
Bridget Belzile, District Clerk
Melisa Lucia, Treasurer

Visitors:

Elizabeth Rapalee
Mary Lou Morgan
Annie McKinley
Charles D. Schoonover
Devin McDonald
Karen Robillard
Ken Robillard
Hedy Merrihew
Zoe Brugger

6. **Library Proposition Discussion** - Elizabethtown, Westport, and Wadhams Free Library Associations

- a. Local libraries discussed library funding, event and offerings, and the addition of a proposition to the District's Annual Budget Vote and Election:

Shall the Board of Education of the Boquet Valley Central School District, as pursuant to Education Law 259, be authorized to levy and collect an increase of \$15,000 in library funding, separate from the school budget. This increase of \$15,000 will be divided equally among the Elizabethtown Library Association, the Westport Library Association, and the Wadhams Free Library Association to support library services. If approved, the total annual library appropriation will increase

from \$40,500 to \$55,500 and will remain at that level unless changed by a future vote of district residents.

7. 2026-2027 Budget Discussion - see attached.

Discussion included current budget structure, expected state funding, tax cap limits, projected expenses, long-term sustainability, and reserve funding. President Hooper requested that Dr. Rick Timbs, Fiscal Advisor, be scheduled to attend a future Budget Meeting, to which Dr. Meyer indicated he would explore Dr. Timbs' availability for one of the future meetings.

8. Next Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 12, 2026, 6:00 PM, Lake View Campus.
- b. Budget Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Lake View Campus.

9. Adjournment

Time: 7:30 PM Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Broderick Yes:5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

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Date approved by the BOE: March 12, 2026

Bridget Belzile, District Clerk