

Boquet Valley CSD
Budget Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Lake View Campus - Westport, 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
[X] Sarah Kullman [X] Debra Spaulding [X] Jason Welch [X] Sadie Burgess

5. **Attendees**

Present:

Joshua Meyer, Superintendent
Bridget Belzile, District Clerk
Hayden Reidy, Business Manager
Melisa Lucia, Treasurer
John Looby, AV Support

Visitors:
Julie Bisselle
Devin McDonald
Liz Rapalee

6. **Executive Session**

Specifically, the Board anticipates entering into Executive Session for the following reasons:

- a. (#8) To discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

In: 6:02 PM Motion: Cotter-Saltamach Second: Broderick Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept
Out: 6:23 PM Motion: Cotter-Saltamach Second: Broderick Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

No action taken.

- a. Motion to return to regular session at 6:26 PM

Motion: Cotter-Saltamach Second: Spaulding Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

7. SEQRA Resolutions

- a. SEQRA NOTICE LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOQUET VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board is considering the acquisition of certain real property in Elizabethtown, New York located at 7510 Court Street, bearing Tax Map No. 55.83-3-18 and consisting of approximately 1.20 acres (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions SEQRA, the project is determined to be an Unlisted Action which will not be subject to a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (Short EAF) with assistance from the Board’s consulting architects, BCA Architects & Engineers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the Proposed Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon examination of the Short EAF, its own independent analysis of the Proposed Action, and comparison with the criteria for determining significance under 6 NYCRR 617.7, the Board finds that the Proposed Action will not have a significant environmental impact and hereby issues a Negative Declaration in regard to same, as set forth in the attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this determination is based on the facts and conclusions as noted in the attached Short EAF.

Motion: Spaulding Second: Broderick Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- b. SEQRA NOTICE LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOQUET VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board is considering the acquisition of certain real property in Elizabethtown, New York located at 7520 Court Street, bearing Tax Map No. 64.27-1-8 and consisting of approximately 0.70 acres (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions SEQRA, the project is determined to be an Unlisted Action which will not be subject to a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (Short EAF) with assistance from the Board's consulting architects, BCA Architects & Engineers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the Proposed Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon examination of the Short EAF, its own independent analysis of the Proposed Action, and comparison with the criteria for determining significance under 6 NYCRR 617.7, the Board finds that the Proposed Action will not have a significant environmental impact and hereby issues a Negative Declaration in regard to same, as set forth in the attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this determination is based on the facts and conclusions as noted in the attached Short EAF.

Motion: Welch

Second: Kullman

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Accept

c. SEQRA NOTICE LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOQUET VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board is considering the acquisition of certain real property in Elizabethtown, New York located at 7521 Court Street, bearing Tax Map No. 64.27-1-7 and consisting of approximately 0.47 acres (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, the project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions SEQRA, the project is determined to be an Unlisted Action which will not be subject to a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (Short EAF) with assistance from the Board's consulting architects, BCA Architects & Engineers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the Proposed Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon examination of the Short EAF, its own independent analysis of the Proposed Action, and comparison with the criteria for determining significance under 6 NYCRR 617.7, the Board finds that the Proposed Action will not have a significant environmental impact and hereby issues a Negative Declaration in regard to same, as set forth in the attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this determination is based on the facts and conclusions as noted in the attached Short EAF.

Motion: Cotter-Saltamach

Second: Spaulding

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

8. 2026-2027 Budget Discussion - see attached.

- a. Discussions included tax cap projections, legislative budget highlights, and anticipated revenues and expenditures. The Board reviewed fund balance and reserve projections, and long-range financial planning.
- b. The Board of Education approves proposition #2 to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on May 19, 2026:
 - i. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029, to succeed Paul Fenton and Sarah Kullman, whose terms expire on June 30, 2026. Voters may vote for two (2) trustees.
- c. The Board of Education approves proposition #3 to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on May 19, 2026:
 - i. Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2026-2027 fiscal year one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars (\$162,000) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) thirty-five (35) passenger school bus and one (1) seven (7) passenger van at a maximum cost of one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars (\$162,000) to pay for the bus and van in full?
- d. The Board of Education approves proposition #4 to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on May 19, 2026:
 - i. Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2026-2027 fiscal year one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) plow truck and (1) tractor at a maximum cost of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) to pay for the truck and tractor in full?
- e. The Board of Education approves proposition #5 to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on May 19, 2026:
 - i. 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.

Motion: Cotter-Saltamach

Second: Kullman

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

9. Next Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:00 PM, Mountain View Campus.
- b. Special Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 2026, TBD, Mountain View Campus.

10. Executive Session

Specifically, the Board anticipates entering into Executive Session for the following reason:

- a. (#6) To discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or persons.

In: 7:29 PM Motion: Cotter-Saltamach Second: Spaulding Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept
 Out: 8:23 PM Motion: Cotter-Saltamach Second: Spaulding Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

No action taken.

11. Adjournment

Time: 8:25 PM Motion: Spaulding Second: Cotter-Saltamach Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

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

Date approved by the BOE: April 16, 2026

Bridget Belzile, District Clerk