

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

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

DATE: May 19, 2026

TIME: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

PLACE: BVCS D Mountain View Campus Gymnasium Lobby

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 Bridget Belzile for the purpose of voting on **(1)** To adopt the annual budget of the Boquet Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District, **(2)** to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) 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, **(3)** to 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, **(4)** to 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, **(5)** 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.

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 Westover, Shari Morris, Jana Atwell, and Bridget Belzile.

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, Bridget Belzile:

Total number of ballots cast regarding the school budget: 662
(This figure includes 15 early mail ballots and 19 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of the adoption of the school budget: 422

Number of no votes opposed to the adoption of the school budget: 239

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 0

Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 662

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: 668

(This figure includes 15 early mail and 19 absentee ballots)

Number of votes in favor of Sarah Kullman: 348

Number of votes in favor of Paul Fenton: 305

Number of votes in favor of Alyssa Carroll: 332

Number of votes in favor of Jim Jackson: 307

Number of votes in favor of Jori Wekin: 1

Number of votes in favor of NA?: 1

Number of votes in favor of John Jones: 1

Number of votes in favor of Lee Kyler: 1

Number of votes in favor of Dana Taussig: 1

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1

Number of ballots left blank: 4

TOTAL: 668

Sarah Kullman & Alyssa Carroll were elected to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029.

Total number of ballots cast regarding the purchase of one (1) thirty-five (35) passenger school bus and one (1) seven (7) passenger van: 668

(This figure includes 15 early mail ballots and 19 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing one (1) thirty-five (35) passenger school bus and one (1) seven (7) passenger van: 485

Number of no votes opposed to purchasing one (1) thirty-five (35) passenger school bus and one (1) seven (7) passenger van: 175

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1

Number of ballots left blank: 7

TOTAL: 668

The Board of Education is authorized to purchase one (1) thirty-five (35) passenger school bus and one (1) seven (7) passenger van.

Total number of ballots cast regarding the purchase of one (1) plow truck and (1) tractor: 668

(This figure includes 15 early mail ballots and 19 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing one (1) plow truck and (1) tractor: 453

Number of no votes opposed to purchasing one (1) plow truck and (1) tractor: 210

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 0

Number of ballots left blank: 5

TOTAL: 668

The Board of Education is authorized to purchase one (1) plow truck and one (1) tractor.

Total number of ballots cast regarding an increase of \$15,000 in library funding, separate from the school budget: 668

(This figure includes 15 early mail ballots and 19 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of an increase of \$15,000 in library funding, separate from the school budget: 472

Number of no votes opposed to an increase of \$15,000 in library funding, separate from the school budget: 194

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 1

Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 668

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM.

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

Date approved by the BOE:

Bridget Belzile, District Clerk