

**Minutes Annual Meeting**  
**ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**  
**Elmira Heights, New York**

**Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chairperson Jessica Green

**Legal Notice, Petitions Filed, Qualification of Voters**

District Clerk Erin Furstoss:

1. Reported that the legal notice for the annual meeting was published as required on:  
**April 2, April 22, May 3, May 12, 2026**
  
2. Reported three (3) petitions filed for two (2) Board of Education seats:
  - one vacant seat for 3-year term to commence immediately through June 30, 2029
  - one vacant seat for unexpired term to commence immediately through June 30, 2027
  
3. Read qualifications of voters as follows:
  - must be a United States Citizen
  - must be 18 years old on or before May 19, 2026
  - must be a resident of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 30 days prior to May 19, 2026
  - must not otherwise be disqualified to vote by law

**Poll Workers**

Chairperson Jessica Green reported that the Board of Education on April 22, 2026 appointed the Chairman, Chief Inspector, Inspector and Clerks to work during voting hours.

**Voting**

A motion was made by Connie Warren, seconded by Lisa Cobb, passing unanimously to proceed with the voting from 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

At this point the Chairperson directed the Inspectors to inspect the ballot box and declared the voting to begin.

**Polls Closed (8:00pm)**

At 8:00pm, Chairperson Jessica Green, declared voting closed, at which time the Inspectors were directed to tally the votes and file the certificate of tellers.

**Results Announced 301 Total Number of Voters**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 [Budget 2025-2026 \$29,978,969] Passed**

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$31,889,027 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2026-27 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget after applying available public moneys thereto be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said District.

Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 2.0% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 2.69% for this school fiscal year and therefore does not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a simple majority, more than fifty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

<b>227</b>	Number of votes cast in favor	<b>Passed</b>
74	Number of votes cast against	
<u>0</u>	Blank/void votes	
301	Total	

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 [School Buses - 2] Passed**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of school buses, including, without limitation, one (1) diesel Type C 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$193,275 and one (1) diesel Type C 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$187,875, all at an estimated aggregate cost of \$381,150, less trade-in value, if any, and that such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$381,150 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

<b>231</b>	Number of votes cast in favor	<b>Passed</b>
69	Number of votes cast against	
<u>1</u>	Blank/void votes	
301	Total	

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 [Technology Reserve] Passed**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase information technology equipment to include 170 HP Chromebooks with three year device warranty, google education upgrade, and case for aggregate sum not to exceed of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), and to appropriate and expend from the district's existing Technology Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters on May 20, 2025, for such cost, and be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall be authorized to enter into one or more purchase contracts in the 2025-2026 school year. Since the funds are to be expended hereunder are from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

**239** Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**  
 58 Number of votes cast against  
4 Blank/void votes  
 301 Total

**PROPOSITION NO. 4 [Transportation Reserve] Passed**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase one DOT approved student transportation vehicle for the purpose of student transportation for aggregate sum not to exceed Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), and to appropriate and expend from the district's existing Transportation Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters on May 20, 2025, for such cost.

Since the funds are to be expended hereunder are from the Transportation Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

**217** Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**  
 81 Number of votes cast against  
3 Blank/void votes  
 301 Total

**PROPOSITION NO. 5 [Maintenance Equipment Reserve] Passed**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase two operations and maintenance vehicles equipped for snow removal for the purpose of supporting building operations and maintenance for aggregate sum not to exceed of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000), and to appropriate and expend from the district's existing Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters on May 20, 2025, for such cost.

Since the funds are to be expended hereunder are from the Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

**241** Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**  
 58 Number of votes cast against  
2 Blank/void votes  
 301 Total

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER [2 seats]**

**170** Jeffrey Perry **Winner** -one vacant seat expiring + 3-year term to commence immediately through June 30, 2029  
**141** Michael Coghlan **Winner** -one vacant seat for unexpired term to commence immediately through June 30, 2027  
 85 Zachary Pugh

54 write-ins – (45 Alicia "Gidget" Amberg), (1 Henry Lipshitz), (1 Andrew Shaw), (1 Rachel Mirando), (1 Mike Lepak), (3 Lisa Benedict), (1 Kaili Evans),(1 Chris Callas)  
 4 Blank or void votes

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chairperson Jessica Green at 10:17 p.m.

District Clerk \_\_\_\_\_