

Minutes Annual Meeting
ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Elmira Heights, New York

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by Chairman Richard (Todd) VanHouten

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 5, April 24, May 5, May 14
2. Reported no petitions filed for one (1) Board of Education seats:
(1) one seat for 4 year term to commence July 1, 2024
(1) one seat for 3 year term to commence July 1, 2024
3. Read qualifications of voters as follows:
 - must be a United States Citizen
 - must be 18 years old on or before May 21, 2024
 - must be a resident of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 30 days prior to May 21, 2024
 - must not otherwise be disqualified to vote by law

Poll Workers

Chairman Richard (Todd) VanHouten reported that the Board of Education on May 8, 2024 appointed the Chairman, Chief Inspector, Inspector and Clerks to work during voting hours.

Voting

A motion was made by Connie Warren, seconded by Kris Manns, passing unanimously to proceed with the voting from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

Polls Closed (8:00pm)

At 8:00pm, Chairman Richard (Todd) VanHouten, declared voting closed, at which time the Inspectors were directed to tally the votes and file the certificate of tellers.

Results Announced 276 Total Number of Voters

PROPOSITION NO. 1 [Budget 2024-2025 \$28,943,789] Passed

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$28,943,789 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2024-25 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 1.5% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 1.81% 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.

221 Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**

54 Number of votes cast against

1 Blank/void votes

276 Total

PROPOSITION NO. 2 [School Buses - 2] Passed

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) 65-passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$328,451, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$328,451 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.

217 Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**

57 Number of votes cast against

2 Blank/void votes

276 Total

PROPOSITION NO. 3 [Capital Reserve] Passed

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the “Building Capital Reserve Fund”), with the purpose of such fund being to finance site work, reconstruction and equipping of school buildings and facilities, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$5,000,000, plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be 10 years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

233 Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**

40 Number of votes cast against

2 Blank/void votes

276 Total

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER [

(1) one seat for 4 year term to commence July 1, 2024

(1) one seat for 3 year term to commence July 1, 2024]

147 Dominic Lucarelli **Winner** (4 year term)

124 Terrance (Terry) Day **Winner** (3 year term)

90 Patrick Parks

5 write-ins – (Lisa Benedict, Casey Winston, Gail Lewis, Jill Nobles, Andrew Shaw)

4 Blank or void votes

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Richard (Todd) VanHouten at 9:59 p.m.

District Clerk _____