

Minutes Annual Meeting
ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
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:
 March 31, April 17, April 30, May 9, 2023
2. Reported no petitions filed for one (1) Board of Education seats:
 (1) one seat for 5 year term to commence July 1, 2023
3. Read qualifications of voters as follows:
 - must be a United States Citizen
 - must be 18 years old on or before May 16, 2023
 - must be a resident of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 30 days prior to May 16, 2023
 - must not otherwise be disqualified to vote by law

Poll Workers

Chairman Richard (Todd) VanHouten reported that the Board of Education on April 12, 2023 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 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 258 Total Number of Voters

PROPOSITION NO. 1 [Budget 2023-2024 \$27,875,079] **Passed**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$27,875,079 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2023-24 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 1.79% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 1.79% 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.

201 Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**
 57 Number of votes cast against
 0 Blank/void votes
 258 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 one (1) 65-passenger diesel school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$151,588, and one (1) 60-passenger wheelchair diesel school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$168,590, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$320,178, 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 \$320,178 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.

202 Number of votes cast in favor **Passed**
 56 Number of votes cast against
 0 Blank/void votes
 258 Total

PROPOSITION NO. 3 [Board Term – five to three years] Passed

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District (the “Board”) be authorized to reduce the term length for members of the Board from five (5) years to three (3) years, and that one or more of the vacancies to be filled, during each of the three years next succeeding, shall be for three or four years only in order that, as nearly as possible, an equal number of trustees shall be elected to the Board each year.

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

20 Number of votes cast against

2 Blank/void votes

258 Total

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER [one 5 yr term seat]

66 Mikki Yesesky **Winner**

36 write-ins – (8 Tom Michaud), (3 Sara Brimmer), (4 Daniel Chappell), (1 Chris Callas), (1 Tammy Farley), (2 Gerald Pesesky), (1 Kris Manns), (1 Richard Nicholson), (1 Rachel Mirando), (1 Margaret Smith), (1 Gabriel West), (1 Mark Belloma), (1 Michelle Brimmer), (1 Ruth Bruning), (1 Barbara Crandall), (1 Casey Winston), (1 Michael Crowley), (1 John Burns), (1 Jerry Mirando), (1 Raymond Bohlayer), (1 Tracy Barchet), (1 Andrew Shaw), (1 James Whittaker)

156 Blank or void votes

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Richard (Todd) VanHouten at 8:59 p.m.

District Clerk _____