

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE

**WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WALTON, NEW YORK**

A Budget Hearing for the inhabitants of the Walton Central School District qualified to vote at School District Meetings will be held remotely and may be viewed live and recorded on the Walton Central School District YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNyGfggoZkRPgVwVc3VD1g>, commencing at 6:00 PM, on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

Date of Adjourned Annual Meeting

The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, by absentee ballot only as directed by Executive Order 202.26. Absentee ballots will be mailed to qualified voters of the District on or before May 29, 2020. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be counted.

The following propositions shall be put forth to the voters:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the submitted 2020-21 budget as presented by the Board of Education to the voters at the Budget Hearing be approved and be adopted and the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures be appropriated and the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes to meet the estimated expenditures?

Proposition No. 2

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Chapter 472 of the Session Laws of 1998, the Board of Education of the Walton Central School District is hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of Two Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$262,500.00) for the entire term of the lease, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motors vehicles: three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses; AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

Proposition No. 3

Shall the Board of Education of the Walton Central School District levy taxes annually so that the amount of such taxes paid to the William B. Ogden Free Library be increased from the current \$123,916 to the sum of \$125,775 in accordance with the New York State Education Law § 259?

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the next school year for school purposes shall be completed seven days before the Budget Hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District, in the middle school office, high school office and district office, during the period of 14 days immediately before the Annual Meeting and Election, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Vote for Board Members

Self-nominating petitions of candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 PM on May 11, 2020. The following vacancies are to be filled:

A three-year term ending June 30, 2023 presently held by M. Graydon Dutcher

A three-year term ending June 30, 2023 presently held by Paul F. Wood

Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District and shall state the name and address of the candidate, and that the candidate meets the requirements to be placed on the ballot as a qualified voter. Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate specific offices. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies.

Qualified Voters

Qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the Adjourned Annual Meeting, and who is not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

Military Voters

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (607)865-4116 Ext. 6130 or cphraner@waltoncsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on May 14, 2020. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on May 15, 2020. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be counted.

Absentee Ballots

A list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours which are between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Any qualified voter, may upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications of a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the Clerk or designee to the Election Inspectors on election day.

Please be advised that due to the ongoing and dynamic nature of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the dates and procedures relating to school elections may be subject to change pursuant to the Governor's executive authority or through legislative enactments.

Dated: May 12, 2020

By Order of the Board of Education
of the Walton Central School District

S. Corey Phraner
District Clerk