

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE
AVOCA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Hearing

A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Avoca Central School District qualified to vote at School District meetings will be in Room 137 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 where there shall be presented the proposed School District budget for the following school year.

Date of Vote

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 May 16, 2023 in the Bus Garage Conference Room between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. 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 April 21, 2023. 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 April 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote in order to be counted.

A list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection by contacting the District Clerk. Any qualified voter, may upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of qualifications as 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 Inspectors of Election on election day.

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would 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 by contacting the District Clerk during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Vote for Board Members

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. not later than April 17, 2023.

The following vacancy is to be filled:

A five year term ending June 30, 2023 presently held by Tawyna Hughes.

Each petition must be addressed to the District Clerk, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, the name and address of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy on the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated, which description shall include at least the length of term of office, and the name of the last incumbent. No person shall be nominated for more than one specific office.

Propositions

The following propositions shall be voted upon at the same time as the vote upon the appropriation of monies and for Board members:

Transportation Reserve Fund Proposition

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Avoca Central School District is hereby authorized to expend up to \$390,000.00 from the existing Transportation Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund for the purchase of three (3) school buses and to expend therefore a gross sum not exceeding \$390,000.00.

Transportation Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund Proposition

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Avoca Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Transportation Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2023 Transportation Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund"),

with the purpose of such fund being to finance the purchase of school buses, vehicles and equipment, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$4,000,000, plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be five 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) an initial deposit of the remaining balance (\$848,308.52 as of March 17, 2023, plus earnings thereon) to be transferred from the existing 2018 Transportation Vehicle Replacement Fund, and (ii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

DATED: March 31, 2023

By order of the Board of Education of
the Avoca Central School District
By: Rosalie Smith, District Clerk