

**HOOSIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**2 Pleasant Avenue**  
**Schaghticoke, New York 12154**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a public hearing of the residents of the Hoosic Valley Central School District at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York, qualified to vote at district meetings will be held at the High School Building in the Village of Schaghticoke, New York, in said district on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.** for the presentation of the budget and such other business as provided by the Education Law.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Annual Meeting of the residents of the Hoosic Valley Central School District at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York, qualified to vote at district meetings will be held at the Elementary School Building in the Village of Schaghticoke, New York, in said district on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**, from **12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the Annual Budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2024-25, and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district which will become Proposition No. 1.
2. That the following, which will become Proposition No. 2, be submitted to the voters for action:  
SHALL the Board of Education of the Hoosic Valley Central School District be authorized to: (1) purchase school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$783,500; and (2) finance such purchase by expending \$783,500 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund?
3. That the following, which will become Proposition No. 3, be submitted to the voters for action:  
The Board of Education of the Hoosic Valley Central School District is authorized to (1) establish a reserve fund, to be known as the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, effective July 1, 2024, the purpose of which is to finance the cost of acquisition of school buses and vehicles and (2) commencing with the 2024-25 school year and, at the discretion of the Board, in each of the next nine fiscal years, deposit into said Bus Purchase Reserve Fund: the amount received from the State of New York as transportation aid, proceeds from the sale of used buses and such portion of the unallocated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education. The ultimate amount of such Fund is \$3,000,000.00 and the fund shall have a probable term of 10 years.
4. That the following, which will become Proposition No. 4, be submitted to the voters for action:  
SHALL the annual appropriation from the Hoosic Valley School District budget for library purposes be increased from \$60,000 to \$75,000 and be distributed equally to Diver Memorial Library and the Valley Falls Library?

5. To elect **two (2)** members of the Board to a four (4) year term commencing **July 1, 2024**, and expiring on **June 30, 2028**, to fill the following vacancies:

Term Expiration

July 1, 2024

July 1, 2024

Incumbent

Karen E. Carlson

Denise Reilly

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a copy of the proposed budget of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive public monies, may be obtained by any resident within the district. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment rolls used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the proposed budget. The proposed budget and report of tax exemptions will be made available during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, beginning May 7, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at each school building and at the Central Administration Building, 2 Pleasant Avenue, Schaghticoke, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The proposed budget and report of tax exemptions will also be made available on the school district website and at all public libraries or free association libraries located within the school district.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said school district at her office in the Central Administration Building, not later than **April 22, 2024**, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the district, shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous annual election of the District, whichever is greater, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate and signer. Blank petitions will be available from the District Clerk in the Central Administration Building, 2 Pleasant Avenue, Schaghticoke, New York.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 and §2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk on or before April 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and must be signed by 25 qualified voters or five percent (5%) of the number of qualified voters who voted in the previous annual election, whichever shall be greater; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that applications for early mail and absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk, beginning **April 1, 2024**. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally

to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballot applications may not be returned to the District Clerk prior to April 21, 2024. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**.

A list of persons to whom early mail and absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the district in the office of the District Clerk on and after **May 7, 2024**, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the Annual Meeting and Election on **May 21, 2024**. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge against an early mail ballot cannot be based on the reason that the voter should have obtained or applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by “permanently disabled” voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the Board.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for “military” voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for “military ballots” in school district votes. Whereas early mail and absentee ballot applications and early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail or in person, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter’s military ballot in accordance with the military voter’s preferred method of transmission not later than 25 days before the vote, April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter’s military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the qualified voters of the school district shall be entitled to vote at said Annual Meeting and Election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the school district for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. The school district may require all persons offering to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such forms may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the school district may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

Dated: March 2024

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Heidi Pascarella, District Clerk

Run Dates:

April 4, 2024

April 18, 2024

May 2, 2024

May 16, 2024