

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 on **Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** for the presentation of the budget and such other business as provided by the Education Law. Copies of the budget and the text of any proposition that will be presented to the voters will be available for review by any qualified voter beginning on June 1, 2020 upon request by email to the District Clerk at hpascarella@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us

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 take place remotely by absentee ballot, **Tuesday, June 9, 2020**, upon the following items:

1. To adopt the Annual Budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2020-21; and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District, which will be Proposition No. 1.
2. That the following, which will be Proposition No. 2 – Purchase of Three (3) Passenger School Buses – be submitted to the voters for action:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (a) purchase three (3) 72- passenger school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$360,000; (b) expend such sums for such purpose; (c) expend from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$360,000 for such purpose.

3. To elect two (2) members of the Board to a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2024 to fill the following vacancies:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
4 years commencing July 1, 2020	David Paul
4 years commencing July 1, 2020	Michael 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 may be obtained by any taxpayer 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 seven (7) days immediately preceding the Public Hearing, but not later than June 1, 2020, upon email request. The proposed budget and report of tax exemptions will also be made available on the school district website.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education to fill two (2) expired terms of four (4) years each shall be received by the Clerk of the District at the Central Administration Building, 2 Pleasant Avenue, Schaghticoke, New York not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020. There will be no minimum threshold number of signatures required for individuals to be placed on the ballot, except that each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and must state the full name and residence of the candidate. Candidates will be listed on the ballot alphabetically. A copy of such petition and information packet may be obtained by email required to the Clerk of the District at hpascarella@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election by absentee ballot exclusively due to the prevalence and community spread of COVID-19, that the potential for contraction of the COVID-19 virus shall be deemed temporary illness for all qualified voters. All qualified voters shall receive an absentee ballot with a postage paid return envelope. Completed ballots must be mailed and received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. **A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election and (4) not otherwise disqualified under the Election Law.** Anyone who meets the definition of a “qualified voter”, but does not believe (s)he will be on the School District’s poll list, which contains the names of residents who voted in previous elections, please contact the District Clerk by email at hpascarella@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us as soon as possible to ensure timely receipt of the absentee ballot for the 2020 annual meeting/election.

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. All completed ballots shall be mailed to the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.

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 absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, 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 District shall transmit the military voter’s military ballot in accord with the military voter’s preferred method of transmission not later than May 15, 2020. The Clerk of the District must then receive the military voter’s military ballot by mail not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available upon request to the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday or Sunday, and the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law §§ 2035, 2008, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the Clerk of the District at the District Office, on or before May 8, 2020; must be typed or printed in the English language. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HOOSIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, STATE OF NEW YORK.

Dated: May 8, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Heidi Pascarella, District Clerk