

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District, Oswego County, New York held at the Palermo Elementary, 1638 County Route 45, Fulton, New York, in said School District on March 11, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present:

James Emery, President
Darlene Upcraft, Vice President
Chad Bigelow
Dennis Brooks
Connie Douglas
Amy Shaw
Sue Teifke
Tyler Yankee, Student
Representative

There were absent:

None

Others Also Present:

Dr. Donna Runner, Superintendent
Sheilla Roth, School Business Executive
Harmony M. Rice, District Clerk

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It was moved by , and seconded by , that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Mexico Central School District, Oswego County, State of New York (the "School District"), will be held on May 18, 2021 from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting on the propositions described in the Notice of Annual District Meeting hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Annual District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Annual District Meeting to be published in the *Oswego County News* and the *Palladium Times*, newspapers having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times each in such newspaper within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Annual District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Annual District Meeting.

Section 3. The School District, as a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), having reviewed the impact of the acquisition of the student transportation vehicles and other equipment described herein upon the environment, hereby determines that it constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations which does not exceed thresholds established under SEQRA and, as such, is not subject to review under SEQRA;

Section 4. Said Annual District Meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE VOTERS OF THE
MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on March 11, 2021, the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of said School District, County of Oswego, State of New York, will be held on May 18, 2021 from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, in the polling places heretofore established for said school district, namely, the Mexico Elementary School Gymnasium, Academy Street, Mexico, New York, for voters registered in Election District 1, the New Haven Elementary School, State Route 104, New Haven, for voters registered in Election District 2, and the Palermo Elementary School, County Route 45, Palermo, for voters registered in Election District 3.

The Budget Hearing of said school district will be held at the Middle School Auditorium on Fravor Road, Village of Mexico, New York, on May 11, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and of budgeting thereof. At that time and place a Meet the Candidates Night will also be held at which time candidates for the Board of Education will be welcome to speak.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the terms of office of present Board Members, Mrs. Amy Shaw and Mr. Chad Bigelow will expire on June 30, 2021 and that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 12 o'clock noon until 9 o'clock P.M., EST in the polling places established for said school district. The election will be held to elect successors to the vacancies so created for terms of three years and to vote upon the school budget for the year 2021-2022 and to vote on the propositions hereafter described.

TAKE NOTICE that nominating petitions for the nomination of candidates to fill the aforesaid vacancies are available in and may be obtained at the District Office, 16 Fravor Road, Suite A, Mexico, New York. Nominating petitions must be filed between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on school days when the District Office is open and must be filed with the District Clerk at least 30 days prior to the date of the election, in this case, on or before Monday, April 19, 2021.

TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, may be obtained by any voter of the District during the 14 days immediately preceding the Annual Election, except Saturday, Sunday, or a Holiday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at each of the schoolhouses in the district.

(Budget)

PROPOSITION I

Shall the proposed budget for the Mexico Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes therefore?

PROPOSITION II

(Student Transport Vehicles)

Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance five (5) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$600,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$600,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$600,000, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$600,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

PROPOSITION III

(Board of Education Members)

To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms (7/1/21 – 6/30/24). The seats are presently held by Mrs. Amy Shaw and Mr. Chad Bigelow.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Propositions will be by voting machine or paper ballots and will take place on May 18, 2021 from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time in the polling places established for said school district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in-person voting will be conducted in a manner consistent with NYS Department of Health guidelines intended to protect voters and school district personnel and may include the requirements that voters wear masks and maintain proper social distancing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 17, 2021, and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 11, 2021 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 P.M. on May 11, 2021, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District through May 17, 2021. Qualified voters who do not want to vote in person because of concerns surrounding COVID-19 and public gatherings may also request an absentee ballot on those grounds as provided by law and Executive Order(s) then in effect. Guidance regarding absentee voting due to concerns related to COVID-19 will be published on the School District's website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315-963-8400 ext. 5401 or HRice@mexicocsd.org.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that 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 315-963-8400 ext. 5401 or HRice@mexicocsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on April 22, 2021 [26 days prior

to the vote]. 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a qualified voter of the District shall vote only at the polling place for the election district in which such voter resides and no person shall be entitled to vote at such election whose name does not appear on the Register of the School District. Registration of otherwise unregistered voters shall take place at the District Office, 16 Fravor Rd. Suite A, Mexico, New York, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on any day when school is in session up to but not later than 2:00 P.M. on May 13, 2021. Any resident whose name currently appears on said register or on the register of the Oswego County Board of Elections for permanent personal registration or who has voted in any annual or special election within the four calendar years preceding 2021 need not register. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on optical scanning machines or by paper ballots, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the District Clerk is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things necessary, following the advice and counsel of the District's School Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Special Meeting and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District's School Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the notice of, and procedural steps to be taken in connection with such Special Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposition set forth on the voting machine labels or paper ballots shall appear as follows:

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Section 5. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines or by Absentee Ballot and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly moved, the resolution was acted upon by the Board of Education and there were _____ votes in favor of the resolution and _____ votes against the resolution as follows:

James Emery, President	Voting	_____
Darlene Upcraft, Vice President	Voting	_____
Chad Bigelow	Voting	_____
Dennis Brooks	Voting	_____
Connie Douglas	Voting	_____
Amy Shaw	Voting	_____
Sue Teifke	Voting	_____

The resolution was declared adopted.
