

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

MARCH 13, 2025

A Regular (Workshop) Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District, Oswego County, New York held at the District Office, 16 Fravor Road, Mexico, New York, in said School District on March 13, 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present:

James F. Emery, President
Darlene E. Upcraft, Vice President
Chad Bigelow
Connie Douglas
Merrilee Gorton
Amy Shaw
Susan Teifke

There were absent:

Others Also Present:

Dr. Donna Runner, Superintendent
Jolean Bliss, School Business Executive
Harmony Rice, District Clerk

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

RECITAL

WHEREAS, the Mexico Central School District (the “District”), is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the District is considering the acquisition of eight (8) diesel student transport vehicles and one (1) zero-emission electric school bus (the “Vehicles”); and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The District hereby determines that the acquisition of the Vehicles constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to Parts 617.5(c)(10) and 617.5(c)(31) of the Regulations and as such is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 2. The propositions hereinafter set forth are hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said District on May 20, 2025.

Section 3. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice the propositions in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual Election to be held on May 20, 2025, the following propositions will be submitted:

PROPOSITION I
(Budget)

Shall the proposed budget for the Mexico Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes, therefore?

PROPOSITION II
(Student Transport Vehicles Non-Electric)

Shall the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance eight (8) diesel student transport vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,100,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, shall be issued?

PROPOSITION III
(Student Transport Zero-Emission Electric Vehicle)

Shall the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance one (1) zero-emission electric school bus, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$455,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such vehicles by applying the available EPA Grant Funding and NYSBIP Funding, and for the balance, pay a maximum amount not to exceed \$160,000 from the District General Fund?

PROPOSITION IV
(Mexico Library Proposition)

Shall the sum of 100,000 Dollars (\$) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Mexico Central School District for the purpose of funding the Mexico Public Library?

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To elect two (2) members with the two highest number of votes to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms (7/1/25 – 6/30/28). The seats are presently held by Ms. Merrilee Gorton, and Ms. Connie Douglas.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 2025, and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2025, if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2025, will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 business days prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-963-8400 or JBliss@mexicocsd.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. on April 24, 2025. 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 15, 2025. 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 2025 need not register. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by electronic voting machine, unless machines are not available, in which case paper ballots shall be used, 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.

Section 4. The Clerk of the School District is hereby 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 Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Annual Meeting to be held on May 20, 2025, and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District's 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 Annual Meeting. The District Clerk is authorized to make modifications to the legal notice as may be necessary.

Section 5. 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	_____
Connie Douglas	Voting	_____
Merrilee Gorton	Voting	_____
Amy Shaw	Voting	_____
Sue Teifke	Voting	_____

The resolution was declared adopted.

State of New York :
: ss.
County of Oswego :

I, the undersigned District Clerk of the Mexico Central School District, in the County of Oswego, State of New York, **HEREBY CERTIFY:**

That I have compared the annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education of said School District, including the resolution contained therein, held on March 13, 2025, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, prior to the time of said meeting, I duly caused a public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be given to the following newspapers and/or other news media as follows:

<u>Newspaper and/or Other News Media</u>	<u>Date Given</u>
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Oswego County News

I FURTHER CERTIFY that prior to the time of said meeting, I duly caused public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be conspicuously posted in the following designated public location(s) on the following dates:

<u>Designated Location(s) of Posted Notice</u>	<u>Date of Posting</u>
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All School Buildings & District Office	_____
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and affixed the corporate seal of the Mexico Central School District, Oswego County, New York, this 13th day of March 2025.

Harmony Rice, District Clerk

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