Boquet Valley Central School District Notice of Public Hearing & Annual Budget Vote (Revised April 10, 2021)

(Revised April 19, 2021)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Budget Hearing of the Boquet Valley Central School District shall be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Donald Huntley Auditorium Mountain View Campus located at 7530 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York, for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and budgeting thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022 exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident or taxpayer of the District during business hours beginning May 4, 2021, except Saturdays, Sundays and/or holidays at either school campus, the District Office, Westport Library, Wadhams Free Library and the District's website <u>www.boquetvalleycsd.org</u>.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual budget vote and board member election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM prevailing time, (or until all who are in attendance at the time have voted), at the Lake View Campus 25 Sisco Street, Westport, New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the vote upon the proposition for appropriation of necessary funds to meet estimated expenditures for the school year 2021-2022 for school purposes (Annual Budget and Tax Levy) shall be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM in said Lake View Campus, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot upon the following items:

- 1. To adopt the annual budget of the Boquet Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District, and
- 2. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024 to succeed Karin DeMuro and Alan Jones whose terms expire on June 30, 2021.
- 3. Shall the Board of Education of the Boquet Valley Central School District be authorized to appropriate and expend in the 2021-2022 fiscal year of said District \$226,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established by a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District on May 20, 2014, for the purpose of purchasing two 65 passenger school buses at a maximum cost of \$226,000?

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 HEREBY GIVEN, that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots from the District Clerk's office located at Mountain View Campus, PO Box 158, Elizabethtown, New York. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 PM prevailing time, on May 17, 2021, and must be received no later than 4:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 11, 2021 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 PM on May 11, 2021, will require the voter to personally appear at the District Clerk's office to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the District Clerk's office located within the Mountain View Campus through May 17, 2021. In general, absentee ballots must be provided upon proper application to any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration (unless incarcerated for conviction of a felony), travel outside the voter's county or city of residence for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the election. 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 District's website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 518-873-6371 ext. 511 or <u>jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org</u>.

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 518-873-6371 ext. 511 or <u>jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org</u>. 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 HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of School Board Member must be filed in the District Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 PM on April 19, 2021. Each petition shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a qualified voter is one who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the School District for a period of 30 days next preceding the annual vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form 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.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 or 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 or 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.

School District: Boquet Valley Central District Clerk: Jana Atwell (Revision) Dated: April 19, 2021