

**BOQUET VALLEY CSD
ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DATE: May 17, 2022

TIME: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

PLACE: BVCS D Mountain View Campus Gymnasium Foyer

The Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Boquet Valley Central School District, Essex County, New York was called to order at 12:00 PM, prevailing time, by Chairperson, Jana Atwell for the purpose of voting on **(1)** the proposed Boquet Valley School District Budget for the 2022-2023 school year as approved by the Board of Education, **(2)** to elect three members to the Board of Education for three year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025, **(3)** to authorize and expend \$141,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing two 35 passenger school buses at a maximum cost of \$141,000, **(4)** to authorize and expend \$35,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one lawn maintenance tractor at a maximum cost of \$35,000 to pay for the equipment in full, and **(5)** shall the Board of Education, as pursuant to Education Law 259, be authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$15,000 which shall be paid to the Westport Library Association, and \$7,000 which shall be paid to the Wadhams Free Library, for the support and maintenance of the libraries; with the appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Boquet Valley Central School District

At 8:00 PM, prevailing time, the Chairperson announced that all qualified voters present in the polling place had been allowed to vote and thereby declared the polls closed.

Immediately upon the close of the polls, the following Inspectors, Clerks of Election and Chairperson proceeded to canvass the vote: Bridget Belzile, Deb Brooks, Brenda Drummond, Gwen Goff and Jana Atwell.

The ballots which were cast between the hours of 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM were tallied first, followed by the absentee ballots, which were opened, shuffled and left remaining in a folded position until the count was taken.

The following report was made by the District Clerk and Chairperson, Jana Atwell:

Total number of ballots regarding the school budget: 425

(This figure includes 30 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of the adoption of the school budget: 282

Number of no votes opposed to the adoption of the school budget: 140

Number of ballots declared as VOID: 2

Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 425

The proposed school budget was declared to have passed.

Total number of ballots cast regarding the election of three school board members: 425
(This figure includes 30 absentee ballots.)

Number of votes in favor of Suzanne Russell: 340
Number of votes in favor of Philip Mero: 321
Number of votes in favor of Karen Brown: 108
Number of votes in favor of Heather Reynolds: 327
Number of write-in votes in favor of Phil Hutchins: 3
Number of write-in votes in favor of Colin Wells: 1
Number of write-in votes in favor of John Deming: 2
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 3
Number of ballots left blank: 1

TOTAL: 425

Suzanne Russell, Philip Mero and Heather Reynolds were elected to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025.

Total number of ballots regarding the purchase of two 35 passenger buses: 425
(This figure includes 30 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing two 35 passenger buses: 311
Number of no votes opposed to purchasing two 35 passenger buses: 109
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 2
Number of ballots left blank: 3

TOTAL: 425

The Board of Education is authorized to appropriate and expend \$141,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing two 35 passenger school buses at a maximum cost of \$141,000.

Total number of ballots regarding the purchase of a lawn maintenance tractor: 425
(This figure includes 30 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of purchasing a lawn maintenance tractor: 308
Number of no votes opposed to purchasing a lawn maintenance tractor: 112
Number of ballots declared as VOID: 2
Number of ballots left blank: 3

TOTAL: 425

The Board of Education is authorized to appropriate and expend \$35,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a lawn maintenance tractor at a maximum cost of \$35,000 to pay for the equipment in full.

Total number of ballots regarding the ballot for library appropriation: 425

(This figure includes 30 absentee ballots.)

Number of yes votes in favor of the library appropriation: 288

Number of no votes opposed to the library appropriation: 131

Number of ballots declared VOID: 4

Number of ballots left blank: 2

TOTAL: 425

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM

Jana Atwell
District Clerk

Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Date approved by the BOE: June 7, 2022

Jana Atwell, District Clerk