



BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY

MAY 17

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

WHAT WILL I BE VOTING ON?

1. A \$90,133,002 budget for the 2016-17 school year
2. Two school bus propositions (see below)
3. Three vacant Board of Education seats (see next page)

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EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
BRIEF
MAY 2016

2016-17 School Budget Maintains All Programs and Stays Under Tax Cap

On May 17, District residents will vote on the \$90.1 million proposed school budget. The proposed budget would maintain all current programs and services with a tax levy increase of 1.92%, which is below the state tax cap of 3.35%.

Two other propositions on the ballot include the purchase of new school buses.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE:

- Total 2016-17 proposed budget is \$90,133,002
- Property tax levy increase of 1.92%
- Replacement of 10 school buses

Voter Propositions on the May 17 Ballot

Proposition No. 1 (Budget)

RESOLVED; That the operating budget, in the amount of \$90,133,002, as proposed by the Board of Education, be adopted for the school fiscal year 2016 – 2017 and the levy of taxes be assessed therefore in accordance with law.

Proposition No. 2 (School Buses)

RESOLVED; (a) That the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$602,834; (b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$602,834 for the vehicles referred to herein from the District's "Capital Reserve Fund – Bus Purchase" which was established pursuant to voter approval on May 18, 2010; and (c) that the Board of Education is hereby further authorized to deposit in such fund an amount up to 100% of any State aid received in any year with respect to purchase of vehicles.

Proposition No. 3 (School Buses Bond)

RESOLVED; (a) That the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$339,848; (b) that a tax is hereby voted therefor in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$339,848 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$339,848 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that an amount equal to 100% of any State aid received in any year with respect to the purchase of the vehicles referred to herein shall be deposited into the District's "Capital Reserve Fund – Bus Purchase" which was established pursuant to voter approval on May 18, 2010.

Board of Education Candidates

There are three open seats for the Board of Education. Qualified district residents may vote for up to three persons to fill these positions. The statements below were submitted by the candidates who filed nominating petitions.



KAREN CURRAN

My husband Paul and I have been residents of East Greenbush for over 17 years. We have two boys: Dylan, who is a graduate of Columbia High School, and Corey, who currently attends Columbia High School. I have a master's degree in physical therapy and a minor in psychology. I'm currently employed by PRN Physical & Occupational Therapy as a physical

therapist.

My family has been positively affected by the many terrific teachers and staff within our district. I've had the privilege of being able to volunteer in elementary school classrooms, assist with the Junior Achievement Program and coach many Odyssey of the Mind teams. I have found volunteering in our district for many years to be a rewarding and positive experience.

I have also served on the Board of Education for the past nine years. In that capacity, I am a member of many school committees. I know the dedication, hard work, challenges and time commitment this position requires. I believe we should provide opportunity for all children to achieve their highest potential in a fiscally responsible manner for our community. If re-elected, I will continue to strive to provide quality education for every child in our great district.



JAMES GIORDANO

I am currently Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Latham International Pools. I am a seasoned business executive, with roles in Information Technology leadership for more than 27 years. I started my career at IBM working as a programmer in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. After six years at IBM, I spent the next 10 years working in consulting

for Symmetry Consulting. Most recently I worked for General Electric in various executive leadership positions. I have a MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the SUNY College of Technology, and an associate's degree from Hudson Valley Community College.

I serve on the Board of Directors for Make-A-Wish Northeast NY. I have volunteered with the Boy Scouts throughout my entire life, and am currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 522 in East Schodack. I am also an Executive In Residence for RPI, where I assist students in the Startup community.

I attended the East Greenbush School District, graduating from Columbia in 1985. I live in East Greenbush with my wife Sandy, and our sons Jared and Matt.

East Greenbush CSD Ranks 5th in Capital Region

East Greenbush moved into the Capital Region's top five districts in the *Albany Business Review's* 2015 Schools Report rankings.

The annual report uses data from the NYS Education Department to rank 84 school districts in the 11-county Capital Region. Columbia High School ranked 4th among the area's high schools.



SHAY HARRISON

I am a candidate for a third term on the EGCS D Board of Education. Our school district has undergone a great deal of transition over the last six years that I've been on the Board. The changes to the district's fiscal management, staff monitoring and assessments, and academic program and testing requirements are largely in place and in process

of full implementation across our seven schools and supporting departments. The Board has worked together diligently to meet these requirements and add needed programs and services for the students. The next important step is the installation of our new superintendent, Mr. Simons, and I would like to have the opportunity to work with him in his transition as he takes over leadership of the district. My goal is to assist Mr. Simons in establishing a culture and environment among the staff and students that is open, respectful and trusting.

I graduated from Columbia High School in 1990 and presently work in industrial research and development for a company in Saratoga. I reside in East Schodack.