# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND VOTING ON 2017 – 2018

SCHOOL BUDGET, SCHOOL BUSES, PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

#### EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the inhabitants of the above named district will be held in the Cafeteria of the Howard L. Goff Middle School, East Greenbush, New York on May 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

The Board of Education will present at said public hearing, a detailed statement in writing, of the amount of money which will be required for the school year 2017 - 2018 for school purposes. Copies of said budget, tax exemption notice, and the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained by any qualified voter of the district at any school office of the district on and after May 2, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturdays and Sundays. Copies will also be available at any public library or free association library within the district and on the district's website.

Voting on the budget and election of Board members and any propositions will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the locations set forth below.

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk not later than April 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Election of Board Members will be on an at-large basis. Candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast respectively for the several offices shall be declared elected in accordance with Section 2034, Paragraph 7 of the Education Law.

Three vacancies are to be filled. The vacancies are for (3) three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2017 and expiring on June 30, 2020.

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District and must be signed by at least thirty-four (34) qualified voters of the district, which is the greater of 25 or 2% (two percent) of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election. The submitted petition shall state the residence of each signer and shall state the name and residence of the candidate.

Any propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at the election, must be filed with the District Clerk no later than April 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Each proposition must be signed by at least eighty-four (84) qualified voters of the district, which is the greater of 25 or 5% (five percent) of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election. Any proposition may be rejected by Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the power of the voters, or where the expenditure of moneys is required by the proposition, if the proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

# **DESCRIPTION OF VOTING DISTRICTS**

# <u>VOTING DISTRICT #1</u> (Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School)

- a. All residents of the East Greenbush Central School District who have a Nassau, New York mailing address.
- b. Those residents of the East Greenbush Central School District who live in the Town of Sand Lake.
- c. Those residents of the East Greenbush Central School District who live in the Town of Chatham in Columbia County.

## VOTING DISTRICT #2 (Green Meadow Elementary School)

a. All of the residents of the Town of Schodack that do not have a Nassau mailing address.

# <u>VOTING DISTRICT #3</u> (Bell Top Elementary School)

a. All of the residents of the Town of North Greenbush.

# VOTING DISTRICT #4 (Howard L. Goff Middle School)

a. All of the residents of the Town of East Greenbush.

RESIDENTS OF DISTRICTS #1, 2, 3 and 4 will vote from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. local time.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time, those people in Voting District #1, as previously described, will vote in the Bus Bay of the Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School, Nassau, NY. Residents of Voting District #2, as previously described, will vote in the copy area by the main entrance doors of the Green Meadow Elementary School, Schodack, NY. Residents of Voting District #3, as previously described, will vote in the main hall of the Bell Top Elementary School, North Greenbush, NY. Residents of Voting District #4, as previously described, will vote in the Gymnasium of the Howard L. Goff Middle School, East Greenbush, NY.

#### **VOTES WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN the following Propositions in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election and appear on the ballots to be inserted in the voting machines.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1

For the amount(s) of money which will be required for the school year 2017 - 2018 for school purposes.

#### RESOLVED;

That the operating budget, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, as proposed by the Board of Education, be adopted for the school fiscal year 2017 – 2018 and the levy of taxes be assessed therefore in accordance with law.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2

### **SCHOOL BUSES PROPOSITION**

#### 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 two (2) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses at the estimated cost of \$114,513 each, aggregating \$229,026, four (4) twenty-eight (28) passenger school buses at the estimated cost of \$60,927 each, aggregating \$243,708 and two (2) twenty-two passenger school buses at the estimated cost of \$59,176 each, aggregating \$118,352, the foregoing to total the aggregate maximum amount of \$591,086, and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$591,086;
- (b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$591,086 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 the purchase of vehicles.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 3

#### SCHOOL BUSES BOND PROPOSITION

#### 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 two (2) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses at an estimated cost of \$114,513 each, aggregating \$229,026; and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$229,026;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted therefore in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$229,026 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 \$229,026 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable;
- (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.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 4

#### 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 construct improvements to various District buildings and sites ("Project A"), substantially as set forth as Priority 1.1 in a plan prepared by the District dated February 15, 2017 (the "Plan"), which Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of \$17,206,812; provided that the costs of the components of Project A as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$17,206,812 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$17,206,812 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 5

#### RESOLVED;

- (a) THAT IN THE EVENT PROPOSITION #4 IS APPROVED, 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 construct additional improvements to various District buildings and sites ("Project B"), substantially as set forth as Priority 1.2 in a plan prepared by the District dated February 15, 2017 (the "Plan"), which Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of \$16,946,944; provided that the detailed costs of the components of Project B as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District:
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$16,946,944 to finance such cost, such 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 aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,946,944 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and
- (d) that if this Proposition #5 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Proposition #4 is approved.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 6

#### RESOLVED;

- (a) **THAT IN THE EVENT PROPOSITIONS #4 AND #5 ARE APPROVED,** 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 construct further improvements to various District buildings and sites ("Project C"), substantially as set forth as Priority 1.3 in a plan prepared by the District dated February 15, 2017 (the "Plan"), which Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of \$5,642,286; provided that the detailed costs of the components of Project C as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$5,642,286 to finance such cost, such 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 aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,642,286 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and

(d) that if this Proposition #6 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Propositions #4 and #5 are approved.

Certain of such preceding Propositions shall appear on the ballots to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Annual District Meeting and Election in substantially the following condensed form:

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2

### SCHOOL BUSES PROPOSITION

YES NO

#### 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 therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$591,086; (b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$591,086 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 PROPOSITION

YES NO

#### 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 therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$229,026; (b) that a tax is hereby voted therefore in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$229,026 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 \$229,026 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.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 4

YES NO

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 construct improvements to various District buildings and sites, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$17,206,812; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$17,206,812 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$17,206,812 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 5

YES NO

RESOLVED;

(a) **THAT IN THE EVENT PROPOSITION #4 IS APPROVED**, 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 construct additional improvements to various District buildings and sites, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$16,946,944; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$16,946,944 to finance such cost, such 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 aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,946,944 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) **that if this Proposition #5 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Proposition #4 is approved.** 

### PROPOSITION NO. 6

YES NO

RESOLVED;

(a) **THAT IN THE EVENT PROPOSITIONS #4 AND #5 ARE APPROVED,** 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 construct further improvements to various District buildings and sites, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$5,642,286; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$5,642,286 to finance such cost, such 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 aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,642,286 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) **that if this** 

# Proposition #6 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Propositions #4 and #5 are approved.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and no person shall be entitled to vote at said meeting whose name does not appear on the register of said school district or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of the Election Law. The Board of Registration shall prepare a register for said annual district meeting, except that the register prepared at the last special meeting or election shall be used as the basis therefore and shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration thereat and also persons who shall have been previously registered hereunder for any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time where four years prior to the preparation of said register.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

The Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York, has a system of walk-in voter registration during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on regular days of business at the Office of the District Clerk located in the Citizen Genet Elementary School.

#### **QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS**

A person shall be entitled to register and to vote at any school meeting for the election of school district officers, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such meeting who is:

- 1. A citizen of the United States
- 2. Eighteen years of age
- 3. A resident within the district for a period of thirty days next preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote

The register of voters prepared by the Board of Registration will be available for inspection by any qualified voter between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time at the office of the District Clerk from May 10, 2017 (period of five days), except Sundays.

Voting at the annual election and budget vote will be by voting machine.

Provision is also made for absentee balloting for election of members of the Board of Education and vote on the district budget and propositions. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Office of the District Clerk. Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Ballots will be available on and after April 18, 2017, at the office of the District Clerk and must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of election May 16, 2017. A list of those persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available at the District Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sundays, and will also be posted at the polling places at the election.

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