

## BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY

**MAY 15**

**7 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

### WHAT WILL I BE VOTING ON?

1. A \$94,266,392 budget for the 2018-19 school year
2. Two school bus propositions
3. A new bus purchase reserve fund
4. Four vacant Board of Education seats

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EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**BRIEF** MAY 2018

## 2018-19 School Budget Maintains All Programs and Stays Below Tax Cap

On May 15, District residents will vote on the \$94.3 million proposed school budget. The proposed budget, which has an increase of 2.29% from last year, would maintain all current programs. Due to enrollment projections and to ensure manageable class sizes, two additional classroom teachers and a .5 English as a New Language teacher will be added. The district has also proposed restoring a school resource officer at Howard L. Goff Middle School.

The proposed budget has a tax levy increase of 4.27%, which is below the state tax cap of 4.57% that applies to East Greenbush for 2018-19.

In addition to the school budget, residents will vote on the replacement of school buses and a new bus purchase reserve fund.

### BUDGET AT A GLANCE:

- Total 2018-19 proposed budget is \$94,266,392
- Property tax levy increase of 4.27%
- Replacement of 10 school buses
- New bus purchase reserve fund

## Voter Propositions on the May 15 Ballot

### Proposition No. 1 (Budget)

RESOLVED; That the operating budget, in the amount of \$94,266,392, as proposed by the Board of Education, be adopted for the school fiscal year 2018 – 2019 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 therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$652,498; (b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$652,498 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 the District's "Capital Reserve Fund - Bus Purchase" 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)

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 one (1) sixty-six (66) passenger school bus at an estimated cost of \$113,742, 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 \$113,742; (b) that a tax is hereby voted therefore in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$113,742 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 \$113,742 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".

### Proposition No. 4 (Bus Purchase Reserve Fund)

RESOLVED; That the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District is authorized to establish a reserve fund pursuant to the Education Law Section 3651, to be known as the 2018 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, for the purchase of school buses and related equipment and expense, in an ultimate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 plus interest earnings and for a probable term of 15 years. The Board is authorized; to pay into the fund in the 2017-2018 school year and annually thereafter available funds of the District in an amount determined by the Board, including state aid reimbursement to the District on account of bus purchases and the proceeds of the sale of used buses, as well as the remaining balance from the 2010 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund which will be transferred to the 2018 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund no later than June 30, 2019 and such other monies as the voters may direct.

# Board of Education Candidates

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



## **JOHN J. DUNN JR.**

My wife Sharon and I have lived in the East Greenbush Central School District for 28 years. Our children Caitlyn, Lauren, and John Joseph each graduated from Columbia High School. We currently have a number of nieces and nephews who are students

at Columbia High School as well. Over the years, we have developed a deep appreciation of the excellent education offered to all of our students.

With my recent retirement from the Albany Police Department after 29 years of service, I now have the opportunity to give back to our school community a commitment of time, energy, and talent. As a family man, and retired police officer, I bring to the Board of Education a perspective that is financially prudent and fair with an honest approach to all issues. My goal has been to promote the highest standards of academic excellence fostered in a fiscally responsible manner.

My pledge to you is to work collaboratively with all parents, students, educators, and community members.



## **JENNIFER MASSEY**

I have resided in North Greenbush with my husband, Steven, for almost 24 years. He is a lifelong resident and our two daughters are the third generation to attend school in the District. Our oldest graduated from Columbia in 2015 and our youngest is a senior preparing to graduate this year.

During my three-year term, I have served on numerous committees, such as Policy, Education, Technology and Safety. I have also served as the liaison to the Transportation Department and as a Board Representative for the East Greenbush Education Foundation. I have truly enjoyed working closely with staff, administrators, teachers and students.

I am a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management concentrating in Psychology and Human Resources. As Chief HR Officer and a member of the Executive Management team at Wildwood Programs, I am responsible for the HR and Staff Development operations required to support over 700 employees across the Capital Region.

I would be honored to continue to serve our community as a member of the Board. If re-elected, I pledge to continue to focus on ensuring the highest quality of academic standards, fiscal accountability, integrity and collaboration with all stakeholders.



## **MICHELE K. SKUMURSKI**

I am Michele K. Skumurski and I am currently serving an interim position on the Board of Education. I graciously ask for your continued support and vote to extend my position.

I am a lifelong district resident, graduating from Columbia in 1990. I am a CPA and also earned a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from SUNY Albany. I'm employed as the Controller at Albany Medical Center where I have worked for 18 years.

I serve as Co-Treasurer for the East Greenbush Education Foundation and volunteer for various sports' clubs and Therapy Dogs International. My husband Ted and I are proud parents to three children. Davis, a 2017 graduate of Columbia, our daughter, Rachel, a 6th grader at Goff and our youngest, Tanner, a 3rd grader at Green Meadow.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the District. I recognize that the District encompasses a range of social and economic backgrounds and I'm committed to make sure all community members are served. My role at Albany Medical Center requires me to ensure strong fiscal viability while serving the needs of a vast community, and I feel I have contributed a similar approach to the District during my time on the Board.



## **JOANN TAYLOR**

My name is JoAnn Taylor and I am seeking re-election to the Board. My husband and I have lived in the community for 28 years; and are the parents of two Columbia graduates. I have a degree in Marketing/Management from Siena College.

I have served on the Board for nine years. I have participated in many committees so that I would understand the workings of the District. These committees include: Education, Curriculum, BRAC, Policy, Safety, and Education Foundation. I am a Board liaison to the Transportation Department.

Educational needs change continually. The District has concentrated on updating curriculum to meet these needs. We recognize technology to be an essential component of current educational trends, and we have made significant advances in this field. We must provide this in a fiscally responsible manner for our taxpayers.

We must help every child reach his/her potential by providing outstanding curriculum and services. Our staff must receive support so that they can succeed in educating students. We must provide an academically rich curriculum, in a setting that is safe and nurturing for students. If reelected, I will work to provide an atmosphere where students graduate and are prepared for their college or career path.