

COPIAGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF BABYLON, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Election of qualified voters of Copiague Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, will be held exclusively by absentee ballot voting. Canvassing of votes will be held in the Copiague School District Administration Office on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Qualified voters will vote for the election of members of the Board of Education and upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the proposed budget of the Board of Education of Copiague Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, County of Suffolk, State of New York, for the school year 2020-2021 requiring the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures and requiring the levying of taxes on the taxable property of said district be adopted?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the fiscal year 2020-2021 for school purposes, may be viewed by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual School District Election on the school district's internet website (www.copiague.k12.ny.us).

A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on the District's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the undersigned School District Clerk not later than May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Each vacancy to be filled shall be considered a separate specific office. A separate petition shall be required to nominate a candidate to each separate office. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the School District and shall state

the name and residence of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, which description shall include at least the length of the term of office, and the name of the last incumbent, if any. Nominating petitions filed by email, fax or mail will be accepted. The District Clerk's email address is mruppert@copiague.net. There is no minimum number of signatures required on the nominating petition.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Copiague Board of Education:

<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>LAST INCUMBENT</u>
June 10, 2020 to June 30, 2022	Christopher Madden
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023	Rosemary Natoli
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023	Brian J. Sales

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a petition to place a proposition on the ballot may be filed with the District Clerk by also not later than May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

This rule will not apply to those propositions or questions which the Board has authority by law to present at any annual or special meeting and election of the district. Except as provided by law, such petition shall state said question or proposition clearly and concisely, and shall be signed by at least thirty-five (35) qualified voters of this district and shall show the address of each signer and the date of signature.

The Board of Education reserves the right to determine the exact wording of the question or proposition as it is to appear on the ballot; and further reserves all powers vested in the Board of Education by the Education Law to determine whether any question or proposition shall be submitted at any District meeting or election and to determine the order in which each question or proposition should appear on the ballot.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any resident of the school district who wishes to be a registered voter for this election may register with the board of elections by submitting an on-line application for voter registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the District Clerk will mail an absentee ballot to all identified qualified voters by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. (prevailing time) on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the school district no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the qualifications of voters at School District Meetings or Elections are as follows:

A person shall be entitled to vote at any School Election for the election of School District Offices and upon all other matters which may be brought before such Election who is:

- (1) A citizen of the United States
- (2) Eighteen years of age
- (3) A resident within the district for the period of thirty days next preceding the meeting at which he offers to vote
- (4) Not disqualified pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 5-106 of the Election Law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing on the proposed budget will be held remotely on June 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

By order of the Board of Education
Copiague Union Free School District
Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk