

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District, Oswego County, New York held at the Mexico Middle School Auditorium, 16 Fravor Road, Mexico, New York, in said School District on March 21, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present:

James Emery, President
Chad Bigelow
Dennis Brooks
Amy Shaw
Sue Teifke
Mark Lichtenstein

There were absent:

Darlene Upcraft, Vice President

Others Also Present:

Dr. Donna Runner, Superintendent
Jolean Bliss, School Business Executive
Harmony M. Rice, District Clerk

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It was moved by Amy Shaw, and seconded by Susan Teifke, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Mexico Central School District, Oswego County, State of New York (the "School District"), will be held on May 21, 2024, from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting on the propositions described in the Notice of Annual District Meeting hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Annual District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Annual District Meeting to be published in the *Oswego County News*, a newspaper having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times each in such newspaper within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Annual District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Annual District Meeting.

Section 3. The School District, as a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), having reviewed the impact of the acquisition of the student transportation vehicles and other equipment described herein upon the environment, hereby determines that it constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations which does not exceed thresholds established under SEQRA and, as such, is not subject to review under SEQRA;

Section 4. Said Annual District Meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE VOTERS OF THE
MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MEXICO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on March 21, 2024, the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of said School District, County of Oswego, State of New York, will be held on May 21, 2024 from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, in the polling place heretofore established for said school district, namely, the Mexico Middle School Gymnasium, 16 Fravor Road, Mexico, NY 13114.

NOTICE: *All qualified voters will vote at the Mexico Middle School Gymnasium, Academy Street, Mexico, New York for the annual meeting and general election held on May 21, 2024. This is a change from the District's prior use of three polling locations (located at the Mexico Elementary School, New Haven Elementary School, and Palermo Elementary School). All qualified voters must vote at the Mexico Middle School Gymnasium, Academy Street, Mexico, New York on May 21, 2024.*

The Budget Hearing of said school district will be held at the Middle School Auditorium on 16 Fravor Road, Village of Mexico, New York, on May 9, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and of budgeting thereof. At that time and place a Meet the Candidates Night will also be held at which time candidates for the Board of Education will be welcome to speak.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the terms of office of present Board Members, Mrs. Amy Shaw, Mr. Chad Bigelow, will expire on June 30, 2024, and the office of present Board Member, Mr. Mark Lichtenstein, will expire on May 21, 2024, and that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 12 o'clock noon until 9 o'clock P.M., EST in the polling place established for said school district. The election will be held to elect successors to the vacancies so created for terms of three years for the two candidates receiving the two highest amount of votes in which terms will end June 30, 2027, and the candidate receiving the third highest amount of votes will finish the term of a Board Member who resigned, beginning May 21, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and to vote upon the school budget for the year 2024-2025 and to vote on the propositions hereafter described.

TAKE NOTICE that nominating petitions for the nomination of candidates to fill the aforesaid vacancies are available in and may be obtained at the District Office, 16 Fravor Road, Suite A, Mexico, New York. Nominating petitions must be filed between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on school days when the District Office is open and must be filed with the District Clerk at least 30 days prior to the date of the election, in this case, on or before Monday, April 22, 2024.

TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, may be obtained by any resident of the district during the 14 days immediately preceding the Annual Election, except Saturday, Sunday, or a Holiday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at each of the schoolhouses in the district and on the day of the election.

PROPOSITION I

Shall the proposed budget for the Mexico Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes, therefore?

PROPOSITION II

(Student Transport Vehicles Non-Electric)

Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance five (5) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$800,000.00 including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$800,000.00, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$800,000.00, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION III

(Student Transport Electric Vehicle)

Shall the Board of Education of the Mexico Academy & Central School District be authorized to acquire one (1) electric bus to transport students, with a total estimated cost of \$476,775 which shall be funded by EPA Grant Funding and NYSBIP Funding, and therefore be authorized to expend a maximum amount not to exceed \$160,000 toward the purchase of the electric bus, and that such sum or so much thereof as the Board may deem appropriate, in its discretion, to be paid from General Fund or other legally available funds at the Mexico Academy & Central School District?

PROPOSITION IV

(2024 Transportation Capital Reserve Fund)

Shall, the Board of Education of the Mexico Academy & Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2024 Transportation Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of school buses and other vehicles, including electric school buses and other electric vehicles, and transportation infrastructure, including construction and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities, original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and to defray the cost of, in whole or in part, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to be Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), with a probable term of fifteen (15) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects or transportation aid, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount?

PROPOSITION V
(Board of Education Members)

To elect two (2) members with the two highest number of votes to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms (7/1/24 – 6/30/27). The seats are presently held by Mrs. Amy Shaw, and Mr. Chad Bigelow. To elect one (1) member with the third highest number of votes to the Board of Education to finish a Board Member's term who resigned beginning 5/21/24- 6/30/25. The seat is currently held by Mr. Mark Lichtenstein.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Propositions will be by paper ballots and will take place on May 21, 2024, from 12 noon to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time in the polling place established for said school district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters may obtain applications for absentee ballots and early voting ballots from the office of the Clerk of the School District. Completed applications for absentee ballots and early voting ballots must be received by the District Clerk of the School District no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, on May 20, 2024, and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 14, 2024, if the absentee ballot or early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 P.M. on May 14, 2024, will require the voter to personally appear at the Office of the Clerk of the School District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or early ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the School District through May 21, 2024 and that list will also be posted at the polling place on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-963-8400 ext. 5401 or HRice@mexicocsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on April 25, 2024 (26 days prior to the vote]. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that because the District has consolidated its election district and polling locations, this language should no longer be used. No person shall be entitled to vote at such election whose name does not appear on the Register of the School District. Registration of otherwise unregistered voters shall take place at the District Office, 16 Fravor Rd. Suite A, Mexico, New York, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on any day when school is in session up to but not later than 2:00 P.M. on May 16, 2024. Any resident whose name currently appears on said register or on the register of the Oswego County Board of Elections for permanent personal registration or who has voted in any annual or special election within the four calendar years preceding 2023 need not register. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper ballots, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the District Clerk is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things necessary, following the advice and counsel of the District's School Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Special Meeting and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District's School Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the notice of, and procedural steps to be taken in connection with such Special Meeting.