

**HOOSIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**2 Pleasant Avenue**  
**Schaghticoke, New York 12154**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a public hearing of the residents of the Hoosic Valley Central School District at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York, qualified to vote at district meetings will be held at the High School Building in the Village of Schaghticoke, New York, in said district on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of the budget and such other business as provided by the Education Law.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Annual Meeting of the residents of the Hoosic Valley Central School District at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York, qualified to vote at district meetings will be held at the Elementary School Building in the Village of Schaghticoke, New York, in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the Annual Budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2023-24, and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district which will become Proposition No. 1.
2. That the following, which will become Proposition No. 2, be submitted to the voters for action: SHALL the Board of Education of the Hoosic Valley Central School District be authorized to: (1) purchase school buses, including related communication equipment, and a transportation vehicle, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$740,778; and (2) finance such purchase by expending \$733,278 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund and trade-in value?
3. That the following, which will become Proposition No. 3, be submitted to the voters for action: SHALL the Board of Education of the Hoosic Valley Central School District be authorized to acquire the real property located at 10 Pleasant Avenue, Schaghticoke at a cost of \$315,000, plus closing costs, and to expend an additional \$9,000 to remove the in-ground swimming pool on the property?
4. To elect **one (1)** member of the Board to a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2027, to fill the following vacancies:

Term

4 years commencing July 1, 2023

Incumbent

Carolyn Stannard Carlo

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a copy of the proposed budget of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any taxpayer within the district. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment rolls used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the proposed budget. The proposed budget and report of tax exemptions will be made available during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, beginning May 2, 2023, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at each school building and at the Central Administration Building, 2 Pleasant Avenue, Schaghticoke, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The proposed budget and report of tax exemptions will also be made available on the school district website and at all public libraries or free association libraries located within the school district.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said school district at her office in the Central Administration Building, not later than April 17, 2023, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the district, shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district; shall state the name and residence of each signer; and shall state the name and residence of each candidate. Blank petitions will be available from the District Clerk in the Central Administration Building, 2 Pleasant Avenue, Schaghticoke, New York.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that application for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and 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. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by “permanently disabled” voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the Board.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the district in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 9, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the Annual Meeting and Election on May 16, 2023. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for “military” voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for “military ballots” in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter’s military ballot in accord with the military voter’s preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote, April 21, 2023. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter’s military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the qualified voters of the school district shall be entitled to vote at said Annual Meeting and Election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the school district for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. The school district may require all persons offering to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the school district may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

Dated: March 2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Heidi Pascarella, District Clerk