

LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, BOARD ELECTION, BUS/VEHICLE PURCHASE

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Laurens Central School District, Otsego County, Laurens, NY, will be held in the Laurens Central School Building in said District on May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Laurens Central School District, towns of Laurens, et al, Otsego County, NY, will be held at the Laurens Central School, in the said District on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Voting will take place between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot (either machine or paper) on the following Propositions:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2023-2024, and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect One (1) member of the Board for a five year term commencing July, 1 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2028, Incumbent, Thomas Francisco.
3. To authorize the Laurens Central School District to undertake the acquisition of one (1) sixty-five (65) passenger bus for the purpose of transporting students to both regular and special programs.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2023-2024, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 2, 2023 at the Laurens Central School main office or district office (except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays).

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 Laurens Central School, not later than Monday, April 17, 2023, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. The petition must also identify the specific seat for which the candidate is running, including the name of the incumbent, and the length of the term of office to be filled. Candidates may be nominated for only one vacancy.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) 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 picked up personally by the voter at the District Office. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., on weekdays prior to the date set for the annual election and on May 16, 2023, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at

the election. 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 reason therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver's identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offering proof of residency, the School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE 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 (607) 432-2050, or pweir@laurens.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2023. 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given, that any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Clerk not later than April 17, 2023, unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

Pamela J. Weir, District Clerk
Laurens Central School
March 16, 2023