

NOTICE OF THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTING ON PROPOSITIONS

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Notice is given that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the school district and must state the name and residence address of each signer and of the candidate. Petition forms may be picked up in the District Office on any school day during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

BUDGET AVAILABLE

Notice is also given that a statement of the amount of money which will be required for school district purposes for the 2021-2022 school year (the Budget) may be obtained by any resident of the District in each school building in which school is maintained and in the District Office, effective Tuesday, May 4, 2021, during regular school hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The budget will also be available on the district website: www.ppcsd.org and at every public and free association library in the District. A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District will hold a public hearing on the budget in the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School, Pine Plains, New York, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of presentation of the 2021-2022 budget.

LOCATION, DATE, SUBJECT OF ANNUAL VOTE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote on Propositions of the Pine Plains Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the following location and time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

All district residents vote at the Stissing Mountain Junior / Senior High School, 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains, New York from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

THE VOTERS SHALL VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Proposition No. 1: **SHALL** the Budget for the 2021-2022 school year be approved?
2. Proposition No. 2: **SHALL** the Pine Plains Central School District establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the "District-wide Renovations,

Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund - 2021”, which shall be for the purpose of paying for all or part of the renovation, reconstruction and construction of District buildings, including planning costs, site work, renovation, reconstruction and construction costs and associated costs; the ultimate amount of such fund shall be \$5,000,000, to be transferred from unassigned appropriations in the general fund to the “District-wide Renovations, Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund-2021” over a period five (5) years?

3. Proposition No. 3: SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to (A) construct improvements to and reconstruct various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$7,727,992; (B) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$3,506,434 from the 2016 and 2019 Capital Reserve Funds; (C) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid and the amount expended from the 2016 and 2019 Capital Reserve Funds; and (D) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$4,221,558 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?
4. Proposition No. 4: To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2024.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Notice is also given that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. Any qualified voter may register to vote for the Annual School District Election and Vote at the District Office during regular business hours, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, on days when school is in session, until May 13, 2021. The register for said Annual School District Election and Vote shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration and shall also include all persons who shall have been previously registered for and have voted at any annual or special school district election or vote held or conducted during the 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020 calendar years. A resident who is registered with the Dutchess or Columbia County Board of Elections is also qualified to vote. Voter qualifications are thus: must be a United States citizen; 18 years of age or older; and a permanent resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days immediately prior to the vote.

INSPECTION OF VOTER REGISTER

Notice is given that the Voter Register of the School District so prepared, including the names of military voters who submitted valid military registrations, will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District, where the same will be available for public inspection

by any qualified voter of the District starting May 13, 2021 by appointment with the District Clerk during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday, except Sundays and holidays. Said register shall be open for inspection at the voting place during the day of the Annual School District Election and Vote, on May 18, 2021.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Notice is also given that absentee ballots will be offered for the Annual School District Election and Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the Annual School District Election may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. The application must be received by the District Clerk no more than thirty (30) days and at least seven (7) days prior to the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be personally picked up by the voter or the voter's authorized designee set forth in the application, at the Office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election and vote, May 18, 2021. A list of all persons to whom ballots shall have been issued and a list of all person to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk, during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

MILITARY VOTER REGISTRATION AND BALLOTS

Military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district and military voters who are registered to vote in the school district may obtain an application for a military ballot for the Annual Meeting on May 18, 2021, by contacting the District Clerk at 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567-5504, Telephone: (518) 398-7181 x1408 or by email: j.tomaine@ppcsd.org. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or email in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration applications and military ballot applications must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by mail by no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2021. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is returned by mail or in person and received in the office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day, May 18, 2021.

DATED: March 23, 2021
Julia W. Tomaine, District Clerk
Pine Plains Central School District