

**SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION FOR
May 16, 2017
BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**

Prospective School Board Member Workshop

Sullivan County BOCES is sponsoring a workshop for people interested in becoming school board members on Monday, March 27, 2017, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Conference Room #1 at Sullivan County BOCES, 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, New York.

This workshop is free to any resident who is planning to run or considering running for a board of education position. Reservations must be made by Thursday, March 23rd by calling Tania DeFrank at Cell: 845-866-6946 or E-mail: tdefrank@libertyk12.org.

NOMINATING PETITIONS

March 13: Nominating petitions available in the District Clerk's Office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

April 17: Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the name and residence address of each signer, must state the name and residence address of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the last incumbent's name and the length of the term. No person may be nominated for more than one specific office.

April 18: Ballot position shall be determined by lot drawn in the District Clerk's Office at 10:00 AM.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk, 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, New York.

May 9: Deadline for obtaining an absentee ballot application if ballot is to be **MAILED** for School Board election and budget vote.

May 15: Deadline for obtaining an absentee ballot application in **PERSON** at the District Clerk's office for the School Board election and budget vote.

May 16: Deadline for accepting absentee ballots is 5:00 PM at the polling place.

BUDGET HEARING

May 3: Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:00 PM in the Board Room in the Jr./Sr. High School for the purpose of presenting the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

BUDGET VOTE

May 16: The Budget Vote will be in the High School Library, 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, New York, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM, prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the following purpose:

- A. To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020). The following are the vacancies on the Board:

Ann Benson - 3 Year Term
Joseph Collura – 3 Year Term
Katherine Rappaport - 3 Year Term
- B. To vote upon the adoption of the Budget of the School District for the 2017-18 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.

VOTING PROCEDURES

1. One Optical scanner voting machine will be set up in the High School Library. Look for the table that has the letter that your last name starts with and line up in that row.
2. You will be voting Yes or No on the proposed budget for the next school year and for candidates for 3 different seats on the Board of Education.
3. If you have any questions about the operation of the voting machine, ask the Election Inspector who is assigned to the machine.
4. If there are a large number of voters in the HS Library, it is requested that you leave that area of voting.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four calendar years s/he is eligible to vote at this election and vote. If an eligible voter is currently registered to vote with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this election and vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections or at the personal registration stated below.

May 10: Personal registration in the District Clerk's office between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Fallsburg High School, 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, New York,

May 11: Last day to register for May 16, 2017 vote.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

All of the voters at school meetings must have all of the three following general qualifications:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least Eighteen (18) years of age.
3. A resident of the district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he or she offers to vote.

NOTE: It has been ruled that a person, to satisfy the above requirements for voting, must be a legal resident of the school district. Non-resident property owners are not eligible for voting.

The term "residence" shall be deemed to mean that place where a person maintains a fixed, permanent and principal home and to which he or she, wherever temporarily located, always intends to return. A person may have only one legal residence or domicile, and that is the place where such person intends to have his or her permanent residence or home.