NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

MARCH 18, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Lower Library in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the <u>VOTE</u> upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2022-2023 school year budget and the <u>VOTING</u> for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

"Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, designated as the 2022 Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with Education Law Section 3651(1), for the purpose of paying the cost of future building projects and facility renovations, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, plus accrued earnings, to be raised by annual transfers of unappropriated fund balances, annual transfers of excess funds from the General Fund in an amount up to \$750,000, for a probable term of ten (10) years, effective July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2032, provided that, pursuant to Education Law Section 3651(3), no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE 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 Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2022. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2022, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Keri-Ann Poley Erin Mentnech Joseph Colón

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, and Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 12, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 17, 2022. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote. Potential voters who are concerned about appearing for personal registration due to COVID-19 risks, may register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles voter registration website followina URL: https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registrationat the application. Potential voters may also register by downloading a Voter Registration Form from New York State Board Elections the of website(<u>https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm</u>), completing it, and mailing it to the Sullivan County Board of Elections at the address listed on the second page of the form.

PLEASE TAKE 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 (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and normapena@trivalleycsd.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, 2022. Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registrations must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2022. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration, military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters no later than April 22, 2022. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 10, 2022) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 16, 2022), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the District Office until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

Please be advised that due to the ongoing and dynamic nature of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the dates and procedures relating to school elections may be subject to change pursuant to the Governor's executive authority or through legislative enactments.

By order of the Board of Education Norma Peña, District Clerk Dated: March 18, 2022