

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District will be held at the Waterford-Halfmoon School Library, 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, New York, on May 4, 2023 at 6:30pm, prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document. The budget will be available for review beginning April 25, 2023 at the Waterford-Halfmoon School Main Office, 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, New York.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm, prevailing time, in the Auditorium Lobby of the Waterford-Halfmoon School, 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free 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 authorize the district to (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the 2023 Bus Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing vehicles for student transportation for students of the School District, which Capital Reserve Fund shall have a probable duration of ten years; (2) fund said Capital Reserve Fund to the ultimate amount of \$1,000,000; and (3) fund the Capital Reserve Fund annually through budgetary appropriations, appropriations of undesignated fund balances, transfers when warranted and properly authorized from other reserve funds, and revenues not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account.
3. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education to three (3) three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026 to succeed David Lee, Jamie Maloney, and John Catanzarita whose terms expire on June 30, 2023.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district, beginning May 5, 2022 except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the Office of the District Clerk, 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, New York during the hours of 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, prevailing time and also at said District Election.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots

Personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this vote; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law at the at the office of the District Clerk at the Waterford-Halfmoon School, on Monday, May 8, 2023 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. prevailing time to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid vote, at which time any person will be entitled to have their name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, including Saturday, May 13, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, and the day set for the vote. The Register will not be available for review on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

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 the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District at 125 Middletown Road, Waterford, New York, not later than April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, and must state the full name and residence of the candidate. Information packets are available from the District Clerk.

AND NOTICE is also given that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, except Saturday, Sundays and holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 9, 2023 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or May 15, 2023, 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 pm, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, Sunday and holidays, during normal business hours.

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 not later than 25 days before the vote. 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 pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, provided a proposition is filed with the District Clerk on or before April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time; said proposition must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. The School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

By Order of the Board of Education
Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District
Waterford, New York 12188
Donna Cramer, District Clerk