

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION: TOMPKINS COUNTY

ELECTION DATE: MAY 21, 2024

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Many thanks for the assistance provided by our School District Clerks!

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DRYDEN

District Clerk: Carrie Merriman cmerrim1@dryden.k12.ny.us

School District's website: <https://www.dryden.k12.ny.us/>

School Board website: https://www.dryden.k12.ny.us/b_o_e

Number of members on the School Board: 9

Election information website:

Number of positions open: 4

Term lengths: 3 three-year terms and 1 one-year term

Candidates' names, and public contact information (email, if available)

Tami Tabone faerieblood6@gmail.com

Justin St. Juliana jstjuli1@dryden.k12.ny.us

Bridget Flanigan blibby25@hotmail.com

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: Candidate bios, etc. will be listed in the budget newsletter that will be going to all community members as an insert in the *Shopper* on Tuesday 5/14.

Proposition(s):

1: 2024–2025 SPENDING PLAN: Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: That the Dryden Central School District, as recommended by the Board of Education, adopt a

spending plan for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$47,049,383 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

2. SCHOOL BUS BOND PROPOSITION: Shall the Bus Bond Proposition set forth in the legal notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of school buses and other transportation vehicles at a maximum cost of \$552,000 and providing that such sum shall be raised by a tax collectable in annual installments with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

3. BUILDING/SITE/DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AT FREEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSITION: Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this meeting authorizing expending up to \$100,000 for improvements to the building, site and building's domestic water system at the Freeville Elementary School, with up to \$20,000 of such cost to be expended from the existing building capital reserve fund and the balance of such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be funded by state aid available, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

Date when the School Board election/budget mailing was/will be sent:

Candidate bios, etc. will be listed in the budget newsletter that will be going to all community members as an insert in the *Shopper* on Tuesday 5/14.

Public forums:

Meet the Candidates:

DATE: May 3, 2024

TIME: 4:30pm

RECORDING:

https://www.dryden.k12.ny.us/announcements/meet_the_candidate_night_video

Budget Hearing

DATE: May 13, 2024

TIME: 5:30pm

LOCATION: MS/HS Library

There will not be a virtual option, however it will be recorded and posted to the website the following day.

Budget information:

https://www.dryden.k12.ny.us/departments/business_office/budget

Voter registration deadline: Does not have to be a registered voter to vote in the school budget election. The criteria are below:

A US Citizen

Age of 18

A resident of the Dryden Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote

Voting location: MS/HS Auditorium

Voting times: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

GROTON

District Clerk: Lisa Warmbrodt lwarmbro@groton.cnyric.org 607-898-5301

School District's website: <http://www.grotoncs.org/>

School Board website: <https://grotoncsdny.sites.thrillshare.com/page/board-of-education>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

Number of positions open: 2 candidates for

Term Length: 3 years

Candidates' names:

Susan Bishop

Samuel Rose

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: See *attachment* at end of document

Proposition: The Board of Education of the Groton Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum set forth of \$25,073,035 for the purpose of operating the school district for the 2024-25 school year and to levy the necessary tax on the taxable property of said school district therefore.

Public forums:

BOE Public Budget Presentation & Meet the Candidates

DATE: May 13, 2024

TIME: 6:30 – 9pm

LOCATION: District Office, 400 Peru Road, Groton

Budget information: Available on our website on Superintendent's page <https://www.grotoncs.org/page/superintendent>

Voter registration deadline: no registration required

Voting location: GCS District Office – 400 Peru Road Groton

Voting times: May 21st noon - 9 pm

ATTACHMENT: CANDIDATE BIOS

SUSAN BISHOP

I grew up in Locke and attended Moravia Central School. I then continued on to TC3 and Wells College to study Psychology and Elementary Education. I have lived in Groton for over 20 years. My husband Dave and I are raising our 6 children on our produce farm, Bad Apple Farm. Prior to farming full time I worked as a daycare provider in various centers, ran a family daycare out of my home and worked as a substitute teacher and a coach. I also assisted my husband, who owned and operated Farrell's Bar & Grill for 20 years.

Growing up, my family taught me the value and many blessings that come from living in a small town. Giving back to the community was always stressed as an important piece of why our small communities prosper. Now it is my turn to give back to the community and school that my children call home. I have coached in our youth programs, been involved in the Groton Harvest initiative, and have served on the Board of Education for the past 6 years. My family and I are also active members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

I am proud of the work the district has done to improve our schools. I acknowledge that there is still work to be done, and I look forward to continuing to be a part of this mission. As a mother of 6 children and as a taxpayer trying to raise a large family, I understand the give and take that is needed to provide the best educational experience for our children within our financial means. Thank you for your continued support.

SAMUEL ROSE

I wish to continue serving the residents of Groton, and the students, faculty, and staff by remaining on the GCSD Board of Education. As a long-time resident and current board member, I believe I have a good understanding of the needs of Groton.

I am currently completing my sixth year on the BOE and have gleaned valuable knowledge. In addition to numerous trainings and webinars I have taken part in, I also made contributions to a committee in charge of developing the core beliefs, vision and mission statement for the district. I take pride in the integral work we accomplished as a team.

Since moving to Groton in 1984, I have had three daughters graduate, and currently have two grandchildren in the district, with more on the way; continuing

to strengthen my already-vested interest in our students' education. I have served the community through our local food pantry, and as an active member of the Groton Fire Department for 35 years as an ambulance driver (lifetime member). Currently, I am president of the Pioneer Hose Co. #1, serve on the Board of Wardens, and am a member of the Groton Town Planning Board.

I have served on the Groton Assembly of God church board for more than nine years, including experience on its budget committee and security team.

My background in business also gives me exceptional insight. For over 32 years, I worked for P&C Foods; 25 in management and union steward for the UFCW. I have also been a business owner in Groton, having owned and operated the Groton 5&10, and apartments in the village. With my connection and commitment to Groton, I feel I have an accurate gauge of what its people are experiencing.

My experiences have helped me turn good management skills into an impactful board presence, and I would continue to be fair in all aspects. I enjoy the opportunity to serve and work with others in the community and strive to have the utmost integrity. I seek your support and your vote in the upcoming election.

ITHACA

District Clerk:

Tricia Beresford tricia.beresford@icsd.k12.ny.us 607-274-2102
Deputy Dist. Clerk Emilee Tracy-Arm emilee.tracy@icsd.k12.ny.us 607-274-6845

Or send a message on [Let's Talk](https://www.ithacacityschoools.org/letstalk) <https://www.ithacacityschoools.org/letstalk>

School District's website: <https://www.ithacacityschoools.org/>

School Board website: <https://www.ithacacityschoools.org/board>

Number of members on the School Board: 9

Election information website: Budget Vote and School Board Election information

<https://www.ithacacityschoools.org/o/icsd/page/budget-vote-election>

Number of positions open: 3

Term lengths: 3 years

Candidates' names, and public contact information –

Eldred V. Harris
Adam Krantweiss
Todd Fox
Moir Lang
Barry Derfel
Emily Workman
Steve Cullen

Incumbent candidates' biographical information:

<https://www.ithacacityschools.org/o/icsd/page/school-board-candidates>

Propositions:

- 1. Proposed 2024-25 Budget:** Shall the Board of Education of the Ithaca City School District be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$168,935,371 to meet the District's estimated expenditures during the 2024-2025 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor?
- 2. Appropriation and Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds:** Shall the Board of Education of the Ithaca City School District (the "District") be authorized to appropriate funds from the District's "2022 Capital Reserve Fund" in the maximum amount of \$3,200,000 and to expend these combined funds for the following purposes: 1) Purchase of up to four (4) electric buses, utilizing rebates to defer costs of said buses; 2) Purchase of up to four (4) ultra-low emission propane buses for long range travel; and 3) Purchase of up to six (6) passenger vehicles to transport students and support student programming, including but not limited to Drivers Education, and to support district departments, including but not limited to the Transportation, Technology, and Facilities Departments?
- 3. 2024 Capital Project:** Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education on March 12, 2024, authorizing the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including site and athletic field improvements, transportation infrastructure upgrades and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$125,000,000, and the issuance of \$125,000,000 bonds of said School District to pay the cost thereof, to mature over a period not exceeding 30 years, providing that such bonds shall be payable from amounts to be levied in annual installments on taxable real property of said School District; pledging the District's faith and credit for the payment of such bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds, containing an estoppel clause

and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?
<https://www.ithacacityschools.org/o/icsd/page/2024-capital-project>

Date when the School Board election/budget newsletter was/will be sent:
 May 10

Public forums:

Capital Project Community Conversations: Wednesday, **May 8**, 5:30 p.m., Danby Fire Hall

Ithaca Teachers' Association Forum **May 9**, 6:00- 7:30 p.m.
 Meet the candidates: [Zoom Link](#)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85621866147>

Public Budget Hearing: Tuesday, **May 14**, 5:30 p.m., York Hall (Ithaca High School)

Budget details: <https://www.ithacacityschools.org/o/icsd/page/budget-development>

Voter registration deadline: The voter registration deadline is **May 7**, 2024

If a qualified voter has previously registered with the district or with the county board of elections and has voted within the last four (4) calendar years, they are eligible to vote in the May 21, 2024 Annual District Meeting and Election without re-registering.

All others who wish to vote in the Annual District Meeting and Election must either pre-register with the district as set forth below or be registered with the [Tompkins County](#) or [Tioga County](#) board of elections to vote in general elections.

The district has authorized continuous registration of qualified voters in the Office of the District Clerk, 400 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York **between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, through May 7, 2024.**

To vote in the 2024 Budget Vote and School Board Election, you must be a registered voter and--

- a citizen of the United States;
- 18 years of age or older;
- a resident within the district for 30 days immediately preceding May 21, 2024; and

- not otherwise prohibited from voting under Election Law.

Voting locations: School voting districts and locations
<https://www.ithacacityschools.org/vote#voting%20districts> scroll down to School District Polling Locations

Voting times: Noon - 9:00pm

LANSING

District Clerk: Debbie Todd DTodd@lcsd.k12.ny.us 607-533-3020 ext 4000

School District's website: <https://www.lansingschools.org/>

School Board's website: <https://www.lansingschools.org/boe>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

School Board election information: <https://www.lansingschools.org/Page/35>

Number of positions open: 2

Term lengths: 3 years

Candidates' names, and public contact information (email if available)

Aziza Benson
Ami Stallone
Aaron Thompson
Carl Schimmelfing

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information:

<https://www.lansingschools.org/Page/35> (scroll down on the right for candidate summaries)

Propositions:

1. Budget: That the Board of Education of Lansing Central School District be, and hereby is, authorized to expend the sums set forth of \$38,592,972 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

2. Student Transport Vehicles: That the Board of Education of the Lansing Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase and finance student transport vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$375,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$375,000, shall be issued?

Date when the School Board election/budget mailing was sent: First week in May 2024

Public forums:

Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates

DATE: May 13, 2024

TIME: 6-7pm & 7-8pm

LOCATION: Lansing High School LGI Room

Board meetings may also be viewed on our [LCSD YouTube Channel](#).

Budget information:

<https://www.lansingschools.org/Page/103>

Budget Newsletter

https://www.lansingschools.org/cms/lib/NY50000639/Centricity/Domain/17/LCS_BudgetNewsletter_2024-25_webready.pdf

Voter registration deadline: May 12, 2024 3pm

Voting location: Elementary School Cafeteria

Voting times: 7am – 9pm

NEWFIELD

District Clerk: Lori Owens lowens@newfieldschools.org or 607-564-9955 extension 4140

School District Website: <https://www.newfieldschools.org/>

School Board Website: <https://www.newfieldschools.org/page/board-of-education>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

School Board Election Information and Budget Information:
<https://www.newfieldschools.org/page/newsletters>

Number of positions open: 2

Term Length: 3 years

School Board Candidates:

Kevin Berggren:	kaleb15@juno.com	607 227-3736
Shana Claar:	sclaar@newfieldschools.org	607 319-9005
Timothy Payne:	tpayne@newfieldschools.org	607 227-1007

Candidates statements: pp. 8-10 of the *Budget Newsletter* at
<https://www.newfieldschools.org/page/newsletters>

Propositions:

- 1. 2024-2025 Budget:** Shall the Board of Education of the Newfield Central School District be authorized to spend \$25,482,411 for the purpose of operating the school district for the 2024-2025 school year and to levy the necessary tax thereafter?

- 2. New Vehicle Purchases:** Resolved that the Board of Education of the Newfield Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one van, at an estimated maximum cost of \$51,000, and either one electric school bus, with charging station, or one diesel school bus, at an estimated initial maximum acquisition cost of \$505,000, but with an estimated net maximum cost in either case of \$182,750 after the receipt of acquisition and infrastructure grants, if applicable, and bus trade-in value, if any; and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school

district not to exceed \$556,000, or so much as may be necessary, shall be issued. The actual expense to the taxpayer will not exceed \$233,750 combined expense for the bus and van.

3. 2024 Capital Reserve Fund: Resolved, the Board of Education of the Newfield Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2024 Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings, facilities, and land, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

4. Public Library Tax Levy: Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of Newfield School District to increase the tax levy from seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000) to the sum of eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,000) and shall such sum be paid annually to the Trustees of the Newfield Public Library.

Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates:

Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the HS Library

School Board election/budget mailing:

Date of mailing is May 10, 2024, titled "Newfield Central School District Budget Newsletter". Available online

at <https://www.newfieldschools.org/page/newsletters>

Budget Information: <https://www.newfieldschools.org/page/newsletters>

Voter requirements

To vote in a school district budget vote and board election, you do not need to be a registered voter, however, you must:

*Be a citizen of the United States;

*Be 18 years of age or older;

*Be a resident within the district for a period of 30 days preceding the date of the vote

TRUMANSBURG

District Clerk: Tina Lincoln tlincoln@tburg.k12.ny.us 607-387-7551 ext 4427
districtclerk@tburg.k12.ny.us

School District's website: <https://www.tburgschools.org/>

School Board website:
<https://www.tburgschools.org/o/trumansburg/page/board-of-education>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

Election information website: <https://www.tburgschools.org/>

Number of positions open: 2

Term lengths: 3 years

Candidates' names: and public contact information
 Megan Williams (trusteewilliams@tburg.k12.ny.us)
 Dana Robson (trusteerobson@tburg.k12.ny.us)

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: Will be included in the budget brochure

Propositions:

2024-2025 Budget: SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED, TO-WIT: RESOLVED, That the Board of Education for the Trumansburg Central School District, in the Counties of Tompkins, Schuyler, and Seneca New York, by and hereby is authorized to expend the sums set forth in the General Fund Appropriation in the amount of \$31,129,321 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Purchase of School Bus: SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED, TO-WIT: RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Trumansburg Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$420,430, less trade-in value, if any, and to appropriate and expend from the existing bus purchase reserve fund \$192,409 for such costs, and that the balance of such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school

district as may be necessary not to exceed \$228,021 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

Ulysses Philomathic Library: SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED, TO WIT: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Trumansburg Central School District, in the counties of Tompkins, Schuyler, and Seneca, New York, is hereby authorized to raise the tax levy by \$7,443 (from \$127,773 to \$135,216) for the support of the Ulysses Philomathic Library, and such sum shall be paid annually to the trustees of said library.

The School Board election/budget mailing was/will be sent: May 8, 2024

Public Forums:

Budget Hearing and Board of Education Meeting

DATE: May 7, 2024

TIME: 5:30-8:30

LOCATION in-person: Trumansburg High School Library

LOCATION online: Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqdeyhrzgpHNLdKR703Kyp7as8x2XgOQRr#/registration>

Budget information webpage: www.tburgschools.org

Voter registration deadline: Not required

Voting location: Ulysses Historical Society, 30 North Main St., Trumansburg

Voting times: noon – 8pm