

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION: TOMPKINS COUNTY

ELECTION DATE: MAY 18, 2021

*The information provided below was gathered by the League of Women Voters of Tompkins Count, as of April 30, 2021 and **revised on May 11**. To share corrections or updates, please contact lwvtompkins@gmail.com*

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

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: All school board election information will be on our school district website.

Number of positions open: 4

Term lengths: Three seats are 3-year terms July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024; One seat is a 2-year term July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023.

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

Lawrence Lyon

Ronald Szymanski

Justin St. Juliana

Nancy Crawford

Joan Stock

Bridget Flanigan

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: This information will be published on our website and social media platforms when it is available.

Proposition(s):

Proposition 1: 2021-2022 SPENDING PLAN

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Dryden Central School District, as recommended by the Board of Education, adopt a spending plan for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$43,537,952 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

Proposition 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 \$440,000 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?

Proposition 3: UPGRADES TO CLASSROOM/STAIRWELL/EXTERIOR DOORS AT CASSAVANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this meeting authorizing expending up to \$100,000 for the upgrades to classroom/stairwell/exterior doors at the Cassavant 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:

The budget newsletter will be sent as an insert in the May 11th edition of *The Shopper*, and will also be posted on our website

Public forums:

“**Meet the Candidates Night**” will be held Monday, May 3, 2021 via Google Meet. The public is [was] able to submit questions that they would like asked of the candidates by Thursday, April 29th to the District Clerk at: cmerrim1@dryden.k12.ny.us

The public Budget Hearing will be at the beginning of the May 10th BOE meeting at 7:00 PM. The BOE meetings are virtual to the public.

The link to the Zoom meeting can be found on our BOE website.

These meetings are recorded and then posted to the BOE page of our website generally within 24 hours, and also to social media platforms.

Voting location: The MS/HS Auditorium, 118 Freeville Road, Dryden

Voting times: 7AM – 9 PM

GROTON

District Clerk: Lisa Warmbrodt lwarmbro@groton.cnyric.org

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

School Board website: <http://www.grotoncs.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1400>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

School Board election information website: Not provided.

Number of positions open: 2

Term lengths: The two candidates with the highest number of votes will each serve a 3-year, at-large, term, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

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

Susan Bishop

Samuel Rose

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: Not provided.

Proposition(s):

Budget: The Board of Education of the Groton Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum set forth of \$23,366,177 for the purpose of operating the school district for the 2021-22 school year and to levy the necessary tax on the taxable property of said school district therefore:

The Board of Education of the Groton Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) 66-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$130,000 each, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$260,000, less 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 as may be necessary not to exceed \$260,000 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.

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

April 30th *Budget Newsletter* will be sent to the post office.

Public forums:

The **Annual Budget Forum** will be held in-person at 6:30PM, on May 10th in the Steam Lab.

A Candidate Forum will be held at the same time and location.

The forums will not be available online. And will not be recorded.

Voting location: Groton Central School District Office, at the Junior-Senior High School, 400 Peru Rd., Groton,

Voting times: Noon – 9PM

ITHACA

District Clerk: Tricia Beresford tricia.beresford@icsd.k12.ny.us

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

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

Number of members on the School Board: 9

Election information website: <https://www.ithacacityschools.org/vote>

Number of positions open: 3

Term lengths: The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to an at-large full 3-year term, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

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

Nicole LaFave nicolerwatson@gmail.com

Moira Lang moiralang@gmail.com

Ann Reichlin a.reichlin65@gmail.com

Kelly Evans evanskelly217@gmail.com

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information:

<https://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1633>

Proposition(s):

Proposition No. 1 Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Ithaca City School District be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$145,179,885 to meet the District's estimated expenditures during the 2021-2022 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

Proposition No. 2 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 "2018 Capital Reserve Fund" in the maximum amount of \$336,756 and to expend these funds for the following purposes: (1) Bus Purchases: two (2) full size buses with wheelchair access; and one (1) transit van?

Date when the School Board election/budget mailing was/will be sent: Has now been mailed.

Public forums:

Topic: **Budget Hearing/BOE Monthly Voting Meeting**

Time: May 11, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

In: Kulp Auditorium, in-person or via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89759687506>

Will there be a meeting with candidates?

The Village at Ithaca will have a **forum** on

Thursday, May 13th from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87125338242>

If they will be recorded, when and where will it be posted?

Will be recorded and posted on Village at Ithaca webpage

<https://villageatithaca.org/>

Voting locations: School voting districts and locations

<https://www.ithacacityschools.org/vote#voting%20districts>

Voting times: Noon - 9:00PM

LANSING

District Clerk: Debbie Todd Debbie.Todd@lcsd.k12.ny.us

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

School Board's website: <http://www.lansingschools.org/board>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

School Board election information website: Budget mailer and election information was posted to our website. In the Lansing Central School District *Budget Proposal 2021– 2022*.

<http://www.lansingschools.org/tfiles/folder1642/LansingBudgetNewsletter2021-2022%20%283%29.pdf>

Number of positions open: 2

Term lengths: 3 years

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

Aaron Thompson

Aziza Benson

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: Will be posted In the Lansing Central School District *Budget Proposal 2021– 2022*. pages 10 – 11.

<http://www.lansingschools.org/tfiles/folder1642/LansingBudgetNewsletter2021-2022%20%283%29.pdf>

Proposition(s):

Proposition No. 1 Budget

That the Board of Education of Lansing Central School District be, and hereby is, authorized to expend the sums set forth of \$32,408,881 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Proposition No. 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 \$350,000, 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 \$350,000, shall be issued.

Date when the School Board election/budget mailing was/will be sent: Will be posted In the Lansing Central School District *Budget Proposal 2021– 2022*.

<http://www.lansingschools.org/tfiles/folder1642/LansingBudgetNewsletter2021-2022%20%283%29.pdf>

Public forums:

The Budget Hearing will be on May 10, 6PM

The Zoom link will be posted on the Board of Education webpage

<http://www.lansingschools.org/board>

Audio will be available on the website May 11th.

Voting location: Raymond C. Buckley Elementary School, Teacher Center

Voting times: 7AM – 9PM

NEWFIELD

District Clerk: Amy Brown abrown3@newfieldschools.org

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

School Board website:

<https://www.newfieldschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=41>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

Election information website:

<https://www.newfieldschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1504>

Number of positions open: 4

Term lengths: Two 3-year terms and two 1-year seats will be filled. The two individuals with the first and second largest number of votes win the two 3-year terms and the two individuals with the third and fourth largest votes wins the 1-year seat, both to begin the day of the election, May 18, 2021 –June 30, 2022.

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

Austin Kuczek kuczek97@aol.com

Timothy Payne tpayne@newfieldschools.org

Jack Bradley Nelson ctmaster17@gmail.com

Christina Ward cward@newfieldschools.org

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information: See "Downloads" on this page <https://www.newfieldschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1504>

Propositions:

Proposition 1: Budget

SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEWFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO SPEND \$21,779,140 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO LEVY THE NECESSARY TAX THEREAFTER?

Adoption of the budget requires a tax levy increase of 4.00% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of -3.57% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified

voters present and voting.

Proposition 2: Purchase of School Bus

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEWFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) 60-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$141,000 EACH, AND ONE (1) 30-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$68,000, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$350,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COST, 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 \$350,000 SHALL BE ISSUED.

Date when election/budget mailing was/will be sent: May 6th

Public forums:

Budget Presentation and Meet the Candidates on Thursday, May 6 ·
6:30 – 8:30PM

Google Meet joining: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yiq-hhtt-rww>
Or dial: (US) +1 615-965-4949 PIN: 538 535 950#

A recording will be available on the website
<https://www.newfieldschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1504>

Voting location: Newfield Elementary School, Lower Gym, 247 Main Street,
Newfield

Voting times: Noon – 9PM

TRUMANSBURG

District Clerk: Tina Lincoln tlincoln@tburg.k12.ny.us

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

School Board website: <https://www.tburgschools.org/page/boe-members>

Number of members on the School Board: 7

Election information website: <https://www.tburgschools.org/article/443320>

Number of positions open: 2

Term lengths: The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to fill two 3-year terms, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024

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

Dana Robson robson_dana@yahoo.com
 Megan Williams megineurope13@yahoo.com
 Daniel Trippett mysterycrimesolvers@gmail.com

Candidates' biographical and/or platform information:

Click on candidates' links <https://www.tburgschools.org/article/443320>

Proposition(s):

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, by and hereby is authorized to expend the sums set forth in the 2021-2022 General Fund Appropriations in the amount of \$28,382,245 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

The School Board election/budget mailing will be sent: Monday, May 3rd

Public Forums:

Board of Education Candidates have been invited to speak to the public Monday, May 3, 2021, 6 - 9PM about their candidacy during the virtual Board of Education public hearing.

Participants can register to attend at
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvceGgqzkh9Fh0IErLbgJ--VKdgAQ0cc3>

A recording will be posted
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoNj__3OXQyFakldbqhp5vQ

Voting location: Ulysses Historical Society, 39 South Street, Trumansburg

Voting times: Noon - 9:00 P.M.