

**The Gowanda Central School District Board of Education
to host a Public Budget Hearing on:
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
2019–2020 Public Budget Hearing
Gowanda Middle School Cafeteria**

Proposition No. 1 - 2019-2020 Basic Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the basic budget for the Gowanda Central School District (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, as presented by the Board of Education of the District, in the amount of **\$31,908,410.00**, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition No. 2 - Vehicle Purchase from Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolutions be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Gowanda Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase three (3) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses for use in the transportation program of the District, at a total cost of \$351,304.00, and that that aforesaid cost shall be funded from the Vehicle Purchase Reserve Fund of the District, established pursuant to the adoption of a proposition by the District's voters on May 19, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization to fund the purchase of such school bus shall have no effect on the District's tax rate for the 2019-2020 school year.

Proposition No. 3 – Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Gowanda Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”); that the Fund shall be known as the “2019 Capital Reserve Fund” of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of funding, in whole or in part, the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds could be issued by the District in accordance with the local finance law, including, but not limited to, for purposes of funding all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of District buildings, facilities, grounds and real property, including the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$2,500,000 plus interest earned thereon; that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than 10 years; and that the source of the monies for the Fund shall be (a) the unrestricted fund balance of the District, (b) state aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements and for expenditures from the Fund, to the extent not otherwise required to be reserved by law, and (c) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct, all as may be permitted by law.

School Board Candidates

All registered residents and qualified voters may vote on the three available seats. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest and second-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2019. The candidate receiving the third-largest number of votes shall be elected to a term to commence upon election and terminating on June 30, 2021. The District received four candidate petitions.

Lynn Guzzetta

Ronald L. Cook Jr.

David E. Barnes

Robert C. Field

Voters may write-in the name(s) of any candidate(s) who is not listed on the ballot. Vacancies will be filled by the individual(s) with the most write-in votes.

Voter Registration

Qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote at such annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address. (NOTE: Native Americans residing on the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Territory (Reservation) and meeting all of the above qualifications [except those who are parents or guardians of students attending elementary or secondary school in another district] are eligible to vote pursuant to Education Law § 2012.)

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots are available from the District Clerk. Special regulations govern absentee ballots. Call 532-3325 ext. 6300 for information.

May 14 Deadline for absentee ballot applications if ballot is to be mailed to the voter.

May 20 Deadline for absentee ballot applications if ballot is to be picked up by the voter.

May 21, 5:00 p.m. Deadline for absentee ballots to be received by the District Clerk.

**Eligible Voters are Invited to Vote on the Annual Budget,
Vehicle Purchases, Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund and Election on:**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Gowanda Middle School Library**