

**NOTICE OF BUDGET INFORMATIONAL HEARING
AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Amagansett Union Free School District
Town of East Hampton
Suffolk County, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget informational hearing of the inhabitants of the Amagansett Union Free School District, Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, qualified to vote at school district meetings, will be held at the Amagansett School, 320 Main Street, Amagansett, New York, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:00PM, prevailing time, for the purpose of providing information about the proposed 2024/2025 budget. Voting upon appropriates of necessary funds to meet expenditures of money and authorizing the levy of necessary taxes therefor, and the election of one (1) member of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 2-8:00 PM, prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the Amagansett Public School.

NOTICE IS FURTHER 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 monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the vote, except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time, at the schoolhouse in the district. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District at the Amagansett School, 320 Main Street, Amagansett, New York, not later than April 22, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Each vacancy upon the Board of Education will be filled at large. Each petition shall (i) be directed to the Clerk of the District, (ii) state the name of and residence of the candidate; (iii) be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, and (iv) state the residence of each person signing the petition.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following propositions will appear on the ballot at the May 21, 2024 annual meeting in substantially the following form:

Proposition: #1 Budget

Adoption of the budget requires a tax levy increase of 7.77% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.12% 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. Shall the Board of Education of the Amagansett Union Free School District, in the Town of East Hampton, County of Suffolk, State of New York, be authorized to expend \$13,440,265 for the 2024/2025 school year?

Proposition #2: Bus Proposition

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$95,538) from the previously established "2015 Renovations and Upgrades" Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new school bus for the Amagansett School?

Proposition #3: Cupola Restoration Proposition

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000) from the previously established "2015 Renovations and Upgrades" Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of restoring the cupola, with the foregoing to include labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto?

Proposition #4: Bus Mileage

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to reduce the School District's current policy for transporting resident students to the Amagansett School from the current (1) mile limit to one-half (1/2) mile effective at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year at no additional cost?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that voting upon appropriations of necessary funds requested for the Amagansett Free Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor will also be held.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required. All qualified voters of the Amagansett Union Free School District, who are not registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections, may register on the following date at the Amagansett School building located at 320 Main Street, Amagansett, New York:

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, prevailing time

Those registering must provide any two of the following as proof of residency:

- New York State driver's license with local address
- New York State Department of Motor Vehicles photo I.D. for non-drivers showing a physical address within the district;
- New York State tax return showing district of residence;
- A deed or other indicia of real property ownership;
- A lease or rental agreement;
- A utility bill showing a physical address within the district;
- Suffolk County voter registration card showing a physical address within the district;
- A recent income tax return showing a physical address within the district;
- A current paycheck stub showing your name and physical address within the district; or
- Documentation illustrating that you are receiving public assistance benefits at a physical address within the district.

The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District during business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to and on the day set for the election, except Saturday when it will be available for inspection between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon, prevailing time, by appointment, and Sunday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. An application for an absentee or early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. An application for an absentee ballot or early mail ballot on the form prescribed by Sections 2018-a and 2018-e of the Education Law, respectively, must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely application for a mailed absentee or early mail ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the election. No absentee or early mail voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots have been issued, will be available in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, when it will be available for inspection between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon by appointment, and Sunday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration application and military ballot applications must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by mail or in person by no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is returned by mail or in person and (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated be not later than the day before the election.

A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part, and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

Dated: March 26, 2023


 Sandra L. Nuzzi, District Clerk