

May 2024 Budget Edition

Romulus Central School

Children first, learning always at the school with BIG ideas.



Important Dates:

2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing

May 14, 2024 at
6:00pm (BOE Confer-
ence Room)

Meet the Candidates

May 14, 2024 at
6:20pm (BOE Confer-
ence Room)

School Budget Vote

May 21, 2024
12:00pm-8:00pm
North Entrance Lobby

Concert on the Green

May 21, 2024 at
5:30pm

NO SCHOOL

May 24th and May
27th in observance of
Memorial Day

Class of 2024

Graduation
June 22, 2024

Last Day for Students

June 25, 2024

School Phone:

1-866-810-0345 (toll free)
607-869-5391 (local)

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1-607-869-5961

Website:

www.romuluscsd.org

Dear Romulus Community,

In this newsletter, you will find facts and figures pertaining to the proposed 2024-2025 school budget. The development of a public school district budget involves consideration of three main areas:

The community of supporters through taxes

Educational programs carried out by our staff and supported by our facilities

The future of the district through funding and use of reserves

Throughout the creation of the school budget, attention to all these areas influences the amount we plan to spend for the upcoming year and the future. We understand and appreciate the support from our community in terms of taxes. We are striving each day to use our resources wisely.

As we approach the annual budget vote on May 21st, here are the driving forces behind the budget figures shown throughout this flyer:

Unknowns in state aid funding throughout the development phase of the budget placed a unique challenge to balancing this year's budget. The NYS final budget was approved after the deadline for us to set our budget. The end of federal stimulus funding and uncertainty in state aid have prevented us from making increases for next year.

Overall staffing levels are reduced in the 24-25 budget. Specifically, one administrative position, one Teacher Aide, one Regular Education Teacher, one Teacher Assistant and one Cleaner have been reduced in the 24-25 budget. One addition to staffing next year will be an increase from half-time to full-time for one Special Education Teacher.

As in years past, we are pleased to present a budget with a tax levy increase under the allowable tax cap. For 2024-2025, the allowable tax cap for RCS is 4.35%. The proposed increase to the levy for this year is 2.9% Each year, the cost to operate the district does increase. Additional dollars must be added to allow for reasonable variances like student enrollment, costs for fuel & utilities, and unforeseen repairs. Based on the reductions listed above, the overall budget is down \$331 from 2023-2024. The proposed levy combined with aid revenues accounts for all but \$250,000 of the budget for which we plan to use accumulated reserves (including debt service) to fill that "gap". **Any budgeted funds not used for actual expenses next year will be returned to the reserves.**

In the accompanying charts, you will see more details on revenues, expenditures, tax levy, and tax cap.

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2023-2024 Annual Meeting Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - 2024-2025 Budget

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, is hereby authorized to expend a total of **\$12,894,389** for the operation of the school of said District for the school year 2024-2025 and that said sum be raised by tax upon taxable property of said School District after first deducting the estimated money available from State Aid and other sources.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 - School Bus Purchase

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District authorizes the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses a sum of money not to exceed two hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$210,000) for the purchase of one (1) 72-passenger school bus for the transportation of District students, said amount to be expended in the 2024-25 school year.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 - Edith B. Ford Memorial Library Funding

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$580, in addition to the current appropriation of \$29,000 for a total of \$29,580 annually, which should be paid over for the support and maintenance of the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION:

You may vote for up to three (3) Candidates with write-in votes accepted:

Candidate: Linda B. Mastellar

Candidate: Tenneille Brewer

Candidate: Beth Bulkley

Candidate: Caroline Hamelin

Candidate: Alicia Rath

Candidate: Kara Martin

Early Voting and Absentee Ballots need to be received at the District Office by May 21, 2024 before 5:00p.m.

CANDIDATE:

Linda B. Mastellar
5091 East Lake Road
Romulus, NY 14541

Personal Background:

District Resident since 1991. Parent of 2 RCS Graduates, volunteer for many school organizations.

Employment Data:

Self Employed Financial Advisor. Engineer in industry for 20 years. Business owner just over 20 years.

Educational Background:

B.S. Agricultural Engineering, Cornell University, M.B.A. University of Rochester, Simon School of Business.

**Community Service, Military and Organizational Affiliations:**

Chairperson/Member of the Town of Varick Planning Board 10 years. RFEOT Trustee 8+ years, Numerous volunteer positions with the PTCC, Sports Boosters, Music and Drama Boosters at Romulus.

Attributes, Contributions and goals you will have as a Romulus Board of Education Member:

I will work within the responsibilities and commitments of the board of education to help the district prosper and support the students, staff and community in its mission. My experiences as a parent, resident, property owner, and business owner give me depth of knowledge and experience that I will draw from.

My commitment to the success of our educational system and process is evident by my involvement in district activities for over 20 years. I believe in the mission of the district, its people and our ability to make a difference for the kids in the community. My business skills and problem-solving abilities will help me to be a valuable asset on the board.

CANDIDATE:

Tenneille Brewer
4410 State Route 414
Fayette, NY 13065

Personal Background:

1997 RCS Alumni, married to Eric Brewer ('95 Alumni), three children Paige, Isabelle and Gavin enrolled at RCS.

Employment Data:

Administrative Assistant at Auburn correctional Facility, prior Veterinary Technician at the Seneca Falls Veterinary Hospital.

Education Background:

1997 RCS Alumni, B.S. in Environmental and Forest Biology from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry (2001), A.S. in Veterinary Technology from SUNY Delhi(2003).

**Community Service, Military and Organization Affiliations:**

Romulus Music and Drama Boosters, Coached Travel 5th-6th Grade RCS Boys Basketball (2024), current members of the RCS Board of Education. Also volunteers for the Seneca Falls Little League

State of your attributes, contributions and goals you will have as a Romulus Board of Education member:

Having served on the Board for 3 ½ years, I feel I'm well versed in the role of the board. Serving on the budget, policy and facilities committees, I have a vested interest in continuing in making RCS a better community. This year I served in hiring the new Superintendent for RCS. I rounded out the majority of the job duties of the Board of Education.

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Thank you again for having the opportunity to lead your children's school. For more information on the 2024/2025 RCS budget, please join us for the Public Hearing presentation on May 14th, 2024 at 6:00pm. If you desire more information prior to the presentation, please contact me at 607-869-5391, 1-866-810-0345, or at mrotz@romuluscsd.org.

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CANDIDATE:

Caroline Hamelin
5663 State Route 96
Romulus, NY 14541

Personal Background:

Born and raised in Geneva, NY, moved to Romulus in 2019 so our three young children could attend RCS. I am a married mom of 3 and a small business owner.

Employment Data:

Owner of Dance Studio II, Waterloo, NY. I teach children and adults in Seneca county and surrounding communities the art, love and fun of dance.

Educational Background:

2004 Graduate of Geneva High School, 2007 Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from MCC, 2009 Bachelor of Science in Health Science from SUNY Brockport.

Community Service, Military and Organization Affiliations:

Member of the PTCC at Romulus Central School, volunteer at school events. I help my husband with coaching baseball for the Four Towns Community Center and teach dance classes at the Lodi Library.

Attributes, contributions and goals you will have as a Romulus Board of Education member:

My commitment as a school board member will be to provide all RCS students with an education that fosters their intellectual growth and personal development. As an advocate for children my goal is ensuring that their emotional and social well-being is nurtured and supported at all times. I will use my leadership skills, communications skills, and problem-solving abilities to make informed decisions for the benefit of students, teachers and our community.

**CANDIDATE:**

Kara Martin
4505 Route 89
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Personal Background:

Born and raised in the Finger Lakes, two young children in the Romulus School District.

Employment Data:

Currently self-employed, worked in the Aerospace Industry and have experience with Process Engineering being a liaison between customers, suppliers and manufacturing.

Educational Background:

Bachelor of Science from Cornell University

Community Service, Military and Organization Affiliations:

Current member of the Romulus PTCC and a volunteer for Girl Scouts.

Attributes, contributions and goals you will have as a Romulus Board of Education member:

I believe in promoting the social, emotional, and academic learning for the students at Romulus Central School. As a district, we are incredibly fortunate to have a community that is so supportive of our school and I believe in being a voice for the families of Romulus. I think every challenge is an opportunity for brainstorming and creativity within teams to develop comprehensive solutions. I want to support the positive trajectory of our school.



CANDIDATE:**Alicia Rath**

4336 MacDougall Road
Geneva, NY 14456

Personal Background:

I grew up in a small rural community in southern Illinois that is very similar to Romulus. My husband grew up in Romulus and so we settled here almost 20 years ago. We are the proud parents of a 2020 Romulus graduate and a current sophomore student. I know the sense of belonging and community connection that is truly special to small rural communities. It was important for me to be able to instill this same appreciation for community in my children, ensuring that they understand the value of those connections and the support a small area can offer.

Educational Background:

I have a B.S. in Finance from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Community Service, Military and Organization Affiliations:

I am a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, a volunteer for the Boys & Girls Club of America, and a current Romulus school board member.

Attributes, contributions and goals you will have as a Romulus Board of Education member:

I am Alicia Rath and have been fortunate to serve on the Romulus Central School Board for the past ten months. During this time, I have gained an abundance of knowledge about school policy, fiscal responsibility, capital projects, and more. I have worked with my Board colleagues on many initiatives in this short time, including the search process and hiring of our new Superintendent. My passion has always been to create space for others where they feel comfortable, safe, and can share the best version of themselves. I brought this passion with me when elected and maintain a strong work ethic dedicated to all students and staff in our District.

My 20 plus year career in business management has been beneficial in my transition as a board member and has provided me with the capacity to gain a deep intuitive understanding of the many functions and responsibilities a board member is tasked with. I thrive in this type of setting because of my ability to decompartmentalize, multi-task, and find solutions. I am open-minded, and confident in my ability to pivot.

I believe that to provide a solid foundation for faculty, staff, and students, one must be flexible and responsive to change. I believe strongly in open communication and compromise as these are the primary pillars that form a solid foundation. To set a clear vision and set future goals, it is imperative for board members to work collaboratively with each other. I am confident in my ability to find strategic solutions to minor and major dilemmas, all while advocating the equitable opportunities for the staff, students, and constituents whom I represent.

Although recently tasked with unexpected duties, I do not shy away from challenging or controversial matters. I bring strong leadership abilities along with resilience and compassion, necessary for success. I am seeking re-election because I believe in our School, and I look forward to the evolution and implementation of district objectives to provide first rate educational experiences.

As a member of this area for almost 20 years, I have strong ties and devotion to this community and its members. The success of all students, the well being of staff, and the future of our School remain my top priority. I stand on a firm foundation of professionalism, transparency, and integrity in all aspects of my life and will continue to bring these qualities to the Romulus School District as your elected Board member.

In closing, I wish to thank faculty staff, students, parents, community members, and fellow Board members for entrusting me with the responsibility of making a positive impact on our children's education.



The estimated tax bills are based on the current 2023-24 assessments and estimated equalization rates for Romulus, Varick and Fayette (Romulus .48, Varick 0.51, and Fayette 0.66) The actual figures will not be finalized until the first week of July. The Board of Education sets the actual tax levy and rates in August, once the finalized figures are known.

Basic Star Exemption 2024-2025

Fayette			2024-25	2023-2024	
Assessment	Tax Levy	Basic Star	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Increase/(Decrease)
\$100,000	\$1,571	\$424	\$1,147	\$1,098	\$ 49
\$150,000	\$2,356	\$424	\$1,932	\$1,850	\$ 82
\$200,000	\$3,142	\$424	\$2,718	\$2,602	\$ 116
\$300,000	\$4,712	\$424	\$4,288	\$4,107	\$ 181

Romulus			2024-2025	2023-2024	
Assessment	Tax Levy	Basic Star	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Increase/(Decrease)
\$100,000	\$2,160	\$376	\$1,784	\$1,826	\$ (42)
\$150,000	\$3,240	\$376	\$2,864	\$2,931	\$ (67)
\$200,000	\$4,320	\$376	\$3,944	\$4,036	\$ (92)
\$300,000	\$6,480	\$376	\$6,104	\$6,247	\$ (143)

Varick			2024-2025	2023-2024	
Assessment	Tax Levy	Basic Star	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Increase/(Decrease)
\$100,000	\$2,033	\$378	\$1,655	\$1,663	\$ (8)
\$150,000	\$3,049	\$378	\$2,671	\$2,685	\$ (14)
\$200,000	\$4,066	\$378	\$3,688	\$3,707	\$ (19)
\$300,000	\$6,098	\$378	\$5,720	\$5,751	\$ (31)

Enhanced Star Exemption 2024-2025

Fayette			2024-25	2023-2024	
Assessment	Tax Levy	Enhanced Star	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Increase/(Decrease)
\$100,000	\$1,571	\$1,151	\$ 420	\$ 402	\$ 18
\$150,000	\$2,356	\$1,151	\$1,205	\$1,154	\$ 51
\$200,000	\$3,142	\$1,151	\$1,991	\$1,907	\$ 84
\$300,000	\$4,712	\$1,151	\$3,561	\$3,411	\$ 150

Romulus			2024-2025	2023-2024	
Assessment	Tax Levy	Enhanced Star	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Increase/(Decrease)
\$100,000	\$2,160	\$1,020	\$1,140	\$1,167	\$ (27)
\$150,000	\$3,240	\$1,020	\$2,220	\$2,272	\$ (52)
\$200,000	\$4,320	\$1,020	\$3,300	\$3,377	\$ (77)
\$300,000	\$6,480	\$1,020	\$5,460	\$5,588	\$ (128)

Varick			2024-2025	2023-2024	
Assessment	Tax Levy	Enhanced Star	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Increase/(Decrease)
\$100,000	\$2,033	\$1,026	\$1,007	\$1,012	\$ (5)
\$150,000	\$3,049	\$1,026	\$2,023	\$2,034	\$ (11)
\$200,000	\$4,066	\$1,026	\$3,040	\$3,056	\$ (16)
\$300,000	\$6,098	\$1,026	\$5,072	\$5,099	\$ (27)

Budget Breakdown

	2024-25	2023-24	Change	% of Change
Administrative	\$ 1,484,311	\$ 1,667,842	\$ (183,531)	-11.0%
Capital	\$ 1,594,773	\$ 1,899,649	\$ (304,876)	-16.0%
Program	\$ 9,815,305	\$ 9,327,229	\$ 488,076	5.2%
Total Budget	\$12,894,389	\$12,894,720	\$ (331)	0.0%

Newly appointed Superintendent's salary for 2024-2025 is being negotiated.



2024-2025 School Budget Proposal

GENERAL FUND	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	2023-24 Budget	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
General Support	\$ 1,605,397	\$ 1,656,550	\$ (51,153)	-3.1%
Instructional	\$ 6,111,768	\$ 6,142,014	\$ (30,246)	-0.5%
Transportation	\$ 845,352	\$ 972,362	\$(127,010)	-13.1%
Benefits	\$ 3,306,272	\$ 2,947,894	\$ 358,378	12.5%
Debt Service	\$ 975,600	\$ 1,100,900	\$(125,300)	-11.4%
Interfund Transfer	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	\$ (25,000)	-33.3%
Total Appropriation	\$12,894,389	\$12,894,720	\$ (331)	0.0%

2024-2025 Revenue Budget

	Proposed 2024-25	2023-24 Budget	Dollar change	% Change
State Aid	\$ 6,092,276	\$ 6,540,052	\$ (447,776)	-6.8%
Local Revenue	\$ 162,000	\$ 187,600	\$ (25,600)	-13.6%
Appropriated Reserves	\$ 500,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000	150.0%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Property Taxes	\$ 6,140,113	\$ 5,967,068	\$ 173,045	2.9%
Total Revenue	\$12,894,389	\$12,894,720	\$ (331)	0.0%

2024-2025 New York State School Aid

Aid Category	2024-2025	2023-2024	Change	% Change
Foundation Aid	\$4,152,872	\$ 4,152,872	\$ 0	0.0%
Reimbursement Aid	\$ 823,144	\$ 1,209,930	\$(386,786)	-32.0%
Building Aid	\$1,116,260	\$ 1,177,250	\$ (60,990)	-5.2%
Total Aid	\$6,092,276	\$ 6,540,052	\$(447,776)	-6.85%

Tax Levy Cap 2024-25

Tax Levy approved in 2023-2024	\$5,967,068	
(x) Tax Base Growth Factor	<u>1.0106 (x)</u>	
(=)	\$6,030,319	
(+) PILOTS Receivable 2023-2024	\$ 10,899 (+)	
(-) Capital Tax Levy 2023-2024	<u>\$ 0</u>	
(=)	\$6,041,218	
(x) Allowable Levy Growth Factor CPI 2.00%	<u>1.0200 (x)</u>	
(=)	\$6,162,042	
(-) PILOTS Receivable 2024-2025	\$ 29,000 (-)	
(+) Available Carryover 2024-2025	<u>\$ 91,838 (+)</u>	
(=) TOTAL Levy Limit Before Exclusions	\$6,224,880	
(+) Exclusions (TRS)	\$ 1,490 (+)	
(+) Capital Tax Levy 2024-2025	<u>\$ 0 (+)</u>	
(=) TOTAL Limit Plus Exclusions	\$6,226,370	4.35%
PROPOSED TAX LEVY 2024-2025	\$6,140,113	2.90%
Amount of Proposed Levy Under Tax Levy Cap		
50% Plus One Vote Needed to Approve This	\$ 86,257	1.45%

Proposition #2

The District is seeking voter approval to purchase (one) 72 passenger diesel bus at a cost not to exceed \$210,000 to continue with our fleet replacement schedule. Once authorized, the funds would be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Bus Purchase Fund. The new diesel bus would be equipped with harness seat belts in every seat.

Proposition #3

The Edith B. Ford Memorial Library is seeking voter approval for their operating budget funding from our district residents of \$29,580 for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. This is above our School Budget amount and the tax amount would be seen on your school tax bill as Library Funding. This is an increase of \$580 from last year.

Interfund Transfer:

School Lunch Program	\$25,000
Summer School—Special Education	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$50,000

Budget Reserves 2024-2025

Appropriated Fund Balance:	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interfund Transfer:				
NYS ERS Reserve	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000
Workers Comp Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
Unemployment Reserve	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Employee Benefits Reserve	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000
Debit Service	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATED RESERVES	\$ 350,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 300,000
GRAND TOTAL RESERVES BUDGETED	\$ 350,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 300,000

NYS School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement for the Romulus Central School District 2021-2022
(complete report card can be found at www.data.nysed.gov website)

Romulus Central School 2021-22 Financial Transparency Report**P-12 Enrollment: 442 Students**

Our district falls in the **High Need Rural Resource** Category

Our ability to Raise Local funds is significantly less than the average district in the state

Our student needs are moderately less than the state average.

Of our 442 Students: 57% Economically Disadvantaged 17% Students with Disabilities and 0% English Language Learners

Student to Teacher Ratio: 10:1

Teachers with Fewer than 4 years of Experience percentage **16%**

Teachers with 4-20 Years of Experience percentage **67%**

Teacher with 21+ years of Experience percentage **16%**

This school per pupil expenditure: **\$23,818.00**

County average per pupil expenditure: **\$24,043.61**

Statewide average per pupil expenditure: **\$25,870.33**

Total Spending non-excluded per pupil expenditures:

Instruction	\$ 9,517.53	
Administration	\$ 1,035.39	
All Other Spending	\$ 3,570.70	
Total School Level Spending	(Sub Total)	\$14,123.62
Central Instruction	\$ 2,449.34	
Central Administration	\$ 1,900.32	
All Other Central Spending	\$ 5,345.19	
Total Central Costs	(Sub Total)	\$9,694.85
TOTAL Spending per Student	\$23,818.47	



ROMULUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 12,894,720	\$ 12,894,389	\$ 12,803,389
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ (331)	\$ (91,331)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.0%	-0.71 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.00 %	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 5,967,068	\$ 6,140,113	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,967,068	\$ 6,140,113	\$ 6,049,113
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$	\$ 1,490	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 6,122,534	\$ 6,224,880	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 5,967,068	\$ 6,138,623	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 155,466	\$ 86,257	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,667,842	\$ 1,484,311	\$ 1,484,311
Program Component	\$ 9,327,229	\$ 9,327,229	\$ 9,312,229
Capital Component	\$ 1,899,649	\$ 1,899,649	\$ 1,826,649
*Assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
*All Equipment would be removed from budget		\$ 88,000	
*Outside groups would have to pay for building use and the operations extra duty would be reduced		\$ 3,000	
*Teachers would not be allowed to purchase supplies for students, accounts would be reduced		\$ 0	
** Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements):			
Description	Amount		
None	\$ 0.00		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	
Fayette		\$424	
Romulus		\$376	
Varick		\$378	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by the qualified voters of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, New York, will be held at Romulus school in said district on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 between the hours of 12:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

CANDIDATE:

Beth Bulkley
5229 East Lake Road
Romulus, NY 14541

Personal Background:

I was raised in a fabulous area for a kid to grow up, in Harrison Township Michigan on Lake St. Clair, a suburb of Detroit. At the time, an area much like Upstate NY. In 1988 I moved to Rochester with my company to open a Remote Office for our growing business. For the next 12 years, I lived around the Rochester area. In 1993 I developed a raw parcel of land and build a home that I loved, much of it I build myself. During that period, I frequently traveled Route 14 to visit clients, and always enjoyed the views and often thought about living on the water again. Then as fate might have it, landed in Romulus at the same view I'd seen for years. Since 2000, my husband (Allen) and I spent ten years or so renovating our home. A home we thoroughly enjoy with our daughter, who is a 2021 graduate from RCS.

**Employment Data:**

In 1986 I was hired by Automatic Data Processing as a Field Engineer to support our specialty hardware and applications for our automotive dealership clients. I relocated to Rochester to support our Upstate, NY client base. In 2017, we split off from ADP and formed CDK Global. I remain with CDK in a constantly evolving IT Automotive Dealership environment.

Educational Background:

I began my undergraduate work at Grand Valley State Colleges in BioMedical Sciences. I transferred to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor after my Sophomore year and graduated with a B.S. in Biology. Over the years, I've taken courses at St. John Fisher college and SUNY Brockport as well as various IT curriculums.

Community Service, Military and Organization Affiliations:

In the 1990's, I was involved with the Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization and at that time became a Big Sister to a 9-year-old girl. Today she is 34 years old, and we remain in touch even though we have each moved to different areas. We are members of the St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua and have participated in those parish community projects. Additionally, I initiated and organized an annual community "Mom-to-Mom" sales for 9 years. This event was helpful in benefitting families as they can sell, buy and recycle their outgrown children's items. The sale was also a small fund raiser for the hosting institution.

State of your attributes, contributions and goals you will have as a Romulus Board of Education member:

I have a detail orientated and driven personality. I enjoy planning, orchestrating and investing of myself in all types of "projects". I am a planner and collaborator. My goals would be to become better informed and be of assistance to my community, offering my experiences as a professional and a parent. On a personal note, I am passionate about our valuable resources surrounding us, the environment, helping others and acknowledging and appreciating the good in those around us. Thank you for considering me and giving me the opportunity to service our community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS ELECTION

There are three (3) vacancies available for Board of Education membership for the 2024-25 school year due to the expiration of three (3) three-year terms of office

Candidates are in order as listed on the ballot:

Linda B. Mastellar, Tenneille Brewer, Beth Bulkley, Caroline Hamelin, Alicia Rath and Kara Martin

You may vote for up to three (3) candidates with write-in votes accepted.

Romulus Central School
5705 Route 96
Romulus, NY 14541

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BULK RATE
GENEVA, NY
PERMIT No. 101

CR-RT-PRST Box Holder



Main Office: ext 315
Kidsafe: ext 102
Nurse: ext 325
District Office: ext 399
Guidance: ext 338
Transportation: ext 310

Children first, learning always at
the School with BIG Ideas..

We're on the web!
www.romuluscsd.org

Phone: 607-869-5391
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Fax: 607-869-5961 or Fax: 607-869-2121

Budget Vote: May 21st

ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

School Budget Hearing – Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Meet the Candidates—Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 6:20P.M.

Annual Budget/Election Vote – May 21, 2024, 12 Noon – 8:00 P.M., North Entrance Lobby of the School Building

Board of Education Vacancies– Three (3) seats available - Write-In Candidates accepted

Voter Qualifications – 18 years of age, U.S. citizen, a resident within the RCS District for a minimum of 30 days prior to May 21, 2024

Absentee Ballots/Applications /Early Voting Requests– Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the District Clerk April 26, 2024 through May 21, 2024. (Last day to receive ballot packet by mail May 15, 2024) You may contact District Clerk, Suzanne Nicholson, at 866-810-0345, Ext. 399, 607-869-5391, or snicholson@romuluscsd.org Absentee/Early Voting ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2023

Budget Copies: Available to the public beginning May 6, 2024, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., District Clerk's office, Administrative wing of the school building, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, NY 14541– Please call for appointment 1-866-810-0345 ext. *399