

## Dunkirk City School District

Board of Education – City School District of the City of Dunkirk  
Dunkirk, New York

### **Notice of Annual School Budget Meeting, Budget Referendum and Election**

**Whereas**, it is necessary to provide for publication of the notice of the Annual School District Meeting and Vote (the "Annual Vote") of the City School District of the City of Dunkirk (the "District"), as well as notice of the budget hearing of the District;

**Now, therefore be it, Resolved**, by the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District, as follows:

1. That the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the Board Policy Manual or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise;
2. That the public hearing for the qualified voters of the District on the proposed 2024-2025 budget shall be held on May 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Reverend Roosevelt Haynes Large Group Instruction and Conference Room, 75 West Sixth Street, Dunkirk, New York;
3. That, pursuant to Section 2601-a.2 of the Education Law, the Annual Vote shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 12:00 P.M. prevailing time to 9:00 P.M. prevailing time, at Dunkirk High School Auxiliary Gymnasium, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, for the purpose of: (1) voting on the appropriation of necessary funds to meet the District's estimated expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025; (2) electing two (2) members of the Board; (3) voting on the sale of real property, (4) on such propositions involving the expenditure of money and authorizing the levy of taxes, and (5) for the transaction of such other business as may be authorized by law;
4. That the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the following notice in substantially the form as presented below (with such minor variations as may be approved by District officials, working in tandem with the District's legal counsel to effect the wishes of the Board), in the OBSERVER and POST JOURNAL, such newspaper having a general circulation in this District, on four (4) dates within seven (7) weeks preceding May 21, 2024, the first such date to be at least forty-five (45) days before May 21, 2024;
5. That the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange with the Chautauqua County Board of Elections for the use of one (1) Opti-Scan voting machine, election inspectors and all necessary materials for such Annual Vote;
6. That the Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District, at the Administration Building, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, on Monday, May 6, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. prevailing time;
7. That the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the Notice of Registration for the Annual Vote in the OBSERVER and POST JOURNAL such newspaper having a general circulation in this District, at least once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding the date on which the Board of Registration will meet; and
8. That the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the Notice of Availability of Register in the OBSERVER and POST JOURNAL, such newspaper having a general circulation in this District, at least once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding the date of the Annual Vote.

### **Notice of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting and Vote of the City School District of the City of Dunkirk**

**Notice is hereby given** that the Annual School District Meeting and Vote (the "Annual Vote") of the City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), will be held on Tuesday May 21, 2024 from 12:00 P.M. prevailing time to 9:00 P.M. prevailing time, at the Dunkirk High School Auxiliary Gymnasium, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, for the purposes of: voting on the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, electing two members of the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"); voting on a three-part capital improvements project; voting on the sale of real property; voting on propositions involving the expenditure of money and authorizing the levy of taxes; and transacting such other business as is authorized by law.

**And further notice is hereby given** that a public hearing will be held for the qualified voters of the District at the Reverend Roosevelt Haynes Large Group Instruction and Conference Room, 75 West Sixth Street, Dunkirk, New York, on May 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law.

**And further notice is hereby given** that the Board will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the ensuing 2024-2025 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. In such a statement, the amount of each purchase estimated necessary for payments to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of the estimated state aid. Such statement will be available to District taxpayers on the District's website at [www.dunkirkcsd.org](http://www.dunkirkcsd.org) and at each of the public schoolhouses of the District from May 7, 2024 until May 21, 2024 (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) during the hours of 8:30 A.M. prevailing time to 4:00 P.M. prevailing time.

**And further notice is hereby given** that the election of members for the Board shall be held to fill two positions on the Board resulting from the expiration, on June 30, 2024, of the terms of Board members, Loretta Slaton Torain and Claudia Szczerbacki. The two candidates receiving the two highest vote totals will each be elected to three-year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027.

**And further notice is hereby given** that all candidates for office of member of the Board shall be nominated by petition. Each petition must be filed in the District Clerk's office located in the Administration Building, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, but not later than 5:00 P.M. on May 1, 2024. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate

**And further notice is hereby given** that voting on the budget for the 2024-2025 school year and the raising of tax revenue therefore, and any and all propositions involving the expenditure of money or authorizing the levy of taxes will consist of voting on the following propositions, to wit:

#### **Proposition No. 1 2024-2025 Budget**

#### **Shall the following resolution be adopted?**

**Resolved**, that the basic budget for the City School District of the City of Dunkirk (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 as presented by the Board of Education is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds are hereby appropriated and 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**  
**District Facilities Renovations and Upgrades Project**

**Shall the following bond resolution of the Board of Education of The City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District") be approved?**

*A Bond Resolution, Dated March 20, 2024, of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), Authorizing the District (1) to Undertake (subject to the Approval of the Voters of the District) the First Component (District Facilities Renovations and Upgrades) of a Three-part "Capital Improvements Project, 2024" with Such First Component to Consist of the Reconstruction and Renovation, in Part, and the Construction of Improvements, Additions and Upgrades to Various District Buildings and Facilities and the Sites Thereof (the "Proposition NO. 2 Project") at an Estimated Maximum Cost of \$53,545,000.00; (2) to Expend or Apply Toward the Proposition No. 2 Project, During the Current Fiscal Year of the District (A) the Entire Remaining Balance (Which Stood at Approximately \$5,064,579.00 as of March 20, 2024), Plus Any Additional Interest Earned, From the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2020, and Then to Terminate Such Fund and (B) \$4,610,163.00 From the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2023; and (3) to Issue Serial Bonds of the District in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$43,870,258 to Finance the Balance of the Cost of the Proposition NO. 2 Project, and Delegating the Power to Issue Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Sale of Such Obligations to the President of the Board of Education of the District.*

**Please take further notice** that that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the project described in Proposition No. 2 (the "Proposition No. 2 Project"), which is a Type I Action under SEQRA, a thorough review of the Proposition No. 2 Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Proposition No. 2 Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a written, reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA determination of significance has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

**Proposition No. 3 - Contingent**  
**Athletic Facilities Upgrades Project**

**If (and only if) Proposition No. 2 (District Facilities Renovations and Upgrades Project) presented herewith is approved by the voters of the District, shall the following bond resolution of the Board of Education of The City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District") be approved?**

(Please note that this Proposition No. 3 (Athletic Facilities Upgrades Project), even if approved by the voters of the District, will have no effect, and the work described herein will not be undertaken, unless Proposition No. 2 (District Facilities Renovations and Upgrades Project) presented herewith is also approved.)

*A Bond Resolution, Dated March 20, 2024, of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), Authorizing the District (1) to Undertake (Subject to the Approval of the Voters of the District) the Second Component (Athletic Facilities Upgrades) of a Three-part "Capital Improvements Project, 2024" Consisting of the Reconstruction and Renovation in Part, and the Construction of Improvements and Upgrades to Various District Athletic Facilities and the Sites Thereof (the "Proposition No. 3 Project") at an Estimated Maximum Cost of \$5,285,000.00; (2) to Expend of Apply toward the Proposition No. 3 Project, during the Current Fiscal Year of the District, \$391,389 From the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2023; and (3) to Issue Serial Bonds of the District in an Aggregate*

*Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,893,671 to Finance the Balance of the Cost of the Proposition No. 3 Project, and Delegating the Power to Issue Bond Anticipation of the Sale of Such Obligations to the President of the Board of Education of the District*

**Please take further notice** that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the Proposition No. 3 project described in Proposition No. 3 (collectively, the "Proposition No. 3 Project"), which is a Type I Action under SEQRA, a thorough review of the Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Proposition No. 3 Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a written, reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA determination of significance has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

**Proposition No. 4**  
**District-Wide Cooling - All Buildings Project**

**If (and only if) Proposition No. 2 (District Facilities Renovations and Upgrades Project) and Proposition No. 3 (Athletic Facilities Upgrades Project) presented herewith are approved by the voters of the District, shall the following bond resolution of the Board of Education of The City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District") be approved?**

(Please note that this Proposition No. 4 (District-Wide Cooling - All Buildings Project), even if approved by the voters of the District, will have no effect, and the work described herein will not be undertaken, unless Proposition No. 2 (District Facilities Renovations and Upgrades Project) and Proposition No. 3 (Athletic Facilities Upgrades Project) presented herewith are also approved.)

*A Bond Resolution Dated March 20, 2024, of the Board of Education of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), Authorizing the District (1) to Undertake (subject to the Approval of the Voters of the District) the Third Component of a Three-part "Capital Improvements Project, 2024" Consisting of the Air Conditioning of Various Buildings (the Proposition No. 4 Project"), at an Estimated Maximum Cost of \$24,895,000.00 and (2) to Issue Serial Bonds of the District in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$24,895,000.00 to Finance the Cost of the Proposition No. 4 Project, and Delegating the Power to Issue Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Sale of Such Obligations to the President of the Board of the District*

**Please take further notice** that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the Proposition No. 4 project described in Proposition No. 4 (collectively, the "Proposition No. 4 Project"), which is a Type I Action under SEQRA, a thorough review of the Proposition No. 4 Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Proposition No. 4 Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a written, reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA determination of significance has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

**Proposition No. 5**  
**Sale of 88-92 East 4th Street**  
**A/K/A Boorady Education Center**

**Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of The City School District of the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to sell that certain parcel of real property with improvements thereon situated in the City of Dunkirk, County of Chautauqua and State of New York located at 88-92 East 4th Street (SBL No. 79.57-2-35) and commonly known as Boorady Education Center (the "Property") to BestSelf Properties, Inc. (the "Purchaser") substantially as described in the proposed purchase and sale agreement between the District and Purchaser that has been approved by the Board and which is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Clerk, all at a negotiated overall sale price of One Hundred

Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) (subject to such adjustments as may be approved by District officials prior to closing).

**Notice is hereby given** that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the property sale that is the subject of Proposition No. 5 above, which is an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a thorough review of such property sale's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that such property sale will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

**And further notice is hereby given** that the District's Board of Registration will meet for the preparation of registers of qualified voters at the District Administration Building, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, on Monday, May 6, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. prevailing time. Any person will be entitled to have his/her name placed on such register provided that at such meeting of such Board of Registration, he/she is known or has proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the Annual Vote for which such register is prepared.

**And further notice is hereby given** that the register so prepared will be filed in the District Clerk's office located in the Administration Building, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District at such office between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, beginning on May 7, 2024 and continuing each day prior to the date set for the Annual Vote, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

**And further notice is hereby given** that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained during regular business hours at the Office of the District Clerk beginning April 9, 2024. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Annual Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on May 21, 2024.

**And further notice is hereby given** that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 14, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on weekdays prior to the day set for the Annual Meeting Vote and on May 21, 2024, the day set for the Annual Vote. Any qualified voter then present in the polling place may object to the voting of the absentee ballot upon by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspectors of Election before the close of polls.

**And further notice is hereby given** that military voters who are not currently registered to vote may request a military voter registration application from the District Clerk. Completed military registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 5, 2024. A military voter may indicate his or her preference for receiving the registration application by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail.

**And further notice is hereby given** that military voters who are registered voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on May 6, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, a military voter may indicate his or her preference for receiving the military application or ballot by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail.

**And further notice is hereby given** that applications for early mail ballots may be obtained between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. prevailing time, at the office of the District

Clerk, located at 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York 14048. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day before the Annual Vote and no later than seven (7) days before the Annual Vote, if the early mail ballot is to be mailed to the applicant, and no later than the day before the Annual Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

**And further notice is hereby given** that a list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the Annual Vote except Saturday and Sunday, and at the polling place on the date of the Annual Vote, in accordance with provisions of the New York State Education Law and the applicable provisions of the New York State Election Law.

**And further notice is hereby given** that, unless otherwise prescribed by law, any propositions to be submitted for voting at the Annual Vote must be filed with the Board at the Administration Building, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, New York, on or before April 22, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.[LM1] . prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 5% of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous Annual Vote, whichever is greater, and must state the name and residence of each signer.

**And further notice is hereby given** that all District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the District's website for updated information regarding the District's Budget Hearing and Annual Vote.

Dated: March 20, 2024  
Dunkirk, New York

By Order of the Board of Education  
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