

Voters to Elect Two JPS Board of Education Members

In order of appearance on the ballot.



Frank Galeazzo, an incumbent, is seeking his third term on the Board of Education. He currently serves on the board's Policy and Finance committees. Mr. Galeazzo and his wife, Elizabeth, have been City of Jamestown residents for 20 years and have two children: Bradley, a 2022 JHS graduate, and Ashlyn, a senior at JHS. Mr. Galeazzo is a graduate of SUNY Alfred State and is currently the Information Services Manager at the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities. He was previously involved in local and regional PTA organizations.



Joseph Pawelski, an incumbent, is seeking his fourth term on the Board of Education and was elected vice president of the board in 2024. Prior to his last three terms, Mr. Pawelski served for 20 years, the last five years as president, retiring from the Board in 2008. He lives in Jamestown with his wife, Casey, and has two children, Tom and Carrie, who are proud graduates of Jamestown Public Schools. Carrie is the Band Director at Jefferson Middle School. Mr. Pawelski is retired after 40-plus years as a financial advisor, consultant and planner.

*The **two individuals** who receive the most votes will be elected to **three-year terms** to commence **July 1, 2025** and end **June 30, 2028.***

School Budget & BOE Election Info...

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Polls are open for registered voters from **noon to 9 p.m.** at **Jefferson** & **Washington** Middle Schools & **Lincoln** Elementary School.

If you have any questions about where you should vote, please contact JPS District Clerk Rhonda Frank at (716) 483-4420 or rhonda.k.frank@jpsny.org.

What are You Voting On?

- **NO Increase to the Local Tax Levy**
- **2025-26 Proposed Budget - $115,876,898**
- **Election of Two Board of Education Members**
- **Proposition #2: The Establishment of a $10 million dollar Capital Improvement Reserve Fund**
- **Proposition #3: Funding of the Maintenance and Repair Reserve Fund**

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2025-26 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	$ 104,566,897	$115,876,898	$114,346,043
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		$11,310,001	$9,779,146
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		10.8 %	9.4%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	$14,641,567	$14,641,567	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	$350,000	$350,000	
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)	$14,991,597	$14,991,597	$14,991,597
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	$	$	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	$15,306,519	$15,106,325	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	$14,641,597	$14,641,597	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	$664,952	$464,758	
Administrative Component	$10,791,664	$12,597,492	$12,056,125
Program Component	$75,442,316	$79,811,620	$79,272,132
Capital Component	$18,332,917	$23,467,786	$23,017,786

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Should the proposed budget be defeated, the contingency budget results in the reduction in the following items: buildings and grounds equipment for playground upgrades, a capital outlay addressing playground upgrades, four instruction coach positions going into grant funding, and the elimination f athletic and music equipment.

Description	Amount
Shall the resolution adopted by the Board of Education on 03/11,2025 authorizing the establishment of a Capital Improvements Reserve not to exceed $10,000,000 be approved?	$10,000,000
Shall the resolution adopted by the Board of Education on 03/11/2025 authorizing the funding of a maintenance and repair reserve in the amount of $1,500,000 be approved?	$1,500,000

** List 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)

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings[1]	$439.01

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Jamestown Public Schools, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Jefferson Middle School, Lincoln Elementary School, and Washington Middle School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in at Jefferson Middle School, Lincoln Elementary School, and Washington Middle School at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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