



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Apr 08, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	11. NEW BUSINESS
Subject	D. Notice for Annual Meeting and Election
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Approve the Notice for Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025, and duly moved that it be adopted: (ROLL CALL VOTE):
Goals	Student Growth and Achievement Fiscal Responsibility School and Community Engagement Facilities Management Equity

Public Content

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTE OF THE WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting and vote (the "Annual Vote") of the West Seneca Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District"), will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the West Seneca East Senior High School building gymnasium, located at 4760 Seneca Street, West Seneca, New York, for the purposes of voting on the budget for the upcoming (2025-2026) fiscal year, voting on a proposition to authorize the purchase of school buses utilizing existing funds from the District's Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, voting on a Capital Improvement Project regarding auditorium infrastructure improvements and electing two (2) members of the Board of Education of the District (the "Board").

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing for the qualified voters of the District on the 2025-26 budget will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at West Elementary, located at 1397 Orchard Park Road, 2nd Floor Board Room, West Seneca, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Board will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the 2025-26 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and amount of each. Such statement shall be completed at least seven days before the budget hearing at which it is to be presented and copies thereof shall be prepared and made available, upon request, to residents within the District during the period of seven days before the budget hearing and/or fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Vote, and may be obtained by any resident at each school house in the District during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on and after April 30, 2025, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and in the District Office.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election for members of the Board shall be held to fill two (2) at-large positions on the Board resulting from the expiration, on June 30, 2025, of the terms of Edmund Bedient and Vincent Vanderlip. The candidates receiving the two (2) highest vote totals will each be elected to a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all candidates for the office of member of the Board shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 51 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate. Each petition must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. not later than Monday, April 21, 2025.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the voting business to be conducted at the Annual Vote will consist of voting on the following propositions, as well as any other matters as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET (2025-2026)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the West Seneca Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as presented by the Board of Education of the District, is hereby approved and adopted, and the funds required therefore 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
EXPENDITURE FROM BUS PURCHASE RESERVE FUND**

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Seneca Central School District is hereby authorized to expend a total not to exceed \$1,116,439 from the District's existing capital reserve fund known as the "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" (as modified by the vote of the qualified voters of the District on May 18, 2021) for the purchase of approximately 8 buses with all such vehicles to be used in the transportation program of the District, and with the result that such expenditure from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund shall have no impact on the tax levy of the District for the 2025-2026 school year.

**PROPOSITION NO. 3
"2025 AUDITORIUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT"**

Shall the following resolutions be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the West Seneca Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed "2025 Auditorium Infrastructure Project" consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof (collectively, the "Project") to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital improvements project and various other measures that are generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the project plan that has been prepared by the District (with the assistance of Young + Wright Architectural) and that is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Clerk (the "Project Plan"), such work being anticipated to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required, the elements that are generally described below. The Project is anticipated to include renovations and upgrades to the auditoriums at West Seneca East High School, West Seneca West High School, West Seneca East Middle School, and West Seneca West Middle School. Proposed improvements are anticipated to include new stage rigging, house lighting, stage lighting, and sound systems to replace infrastructure that is inoperable or failing. Additional auditorium renovations may be undertaken if the budget allows for such work to be undertaken. Additionally, if the budget allows after receiving construction bids, or if other items are identified, additional similar renovations, upgrades, and improvements could be undertaken. All of such work (or so much thereof as can be accomplished within the overall budget for the Project, once the construction bids are received) is to be undertaken at an estimated maximum cost of \$8,500,000, and will include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and pavement restoration required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, and the Board is authorized to expend therefor, including for preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and in connection with the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$8,500,000, provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project (as generally described in the Project Plan) may be reallocated among such components, or such components may be deleted, revised or supplemented if (1) the Board shall determine that such reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation is in the best interests of the District and (2) the aggregate amount to be expended for the Project shall not exceed \$8,500,000 and (3) no material change shall be made in the overall scope and nature of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend or apply toward the Project, during the current fiscal year of the District, \$2,100,000 from the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund that was established in May of 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tax is hereby voted to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,400,000, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District (including, without limitation, serial bonds, statutory installment bonds, bond anticipation notes, and/or lease-purchase obligations) are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount that is not to exceed \$6,400,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Building Aid funds that are expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of the cost of the Project, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes that are herein authorized to be levied.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that such Proposition No. 3 shall appear on the ballot sheet to be used for voting on such Proposition No. 3 in substantially the following abbreviated form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 3
"2025 AUDITORIUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT"**

Shall the following resolution be adopted and approved?

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the "Board") of the West Seneca Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake a "2025 Auditorium Infrastructure Project" (the "Project") consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000; (b) the Board is authorized to expend or apply toward the Project \$2,100,000 from the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund that was established in May of 2021; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$6,400,000 to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount that shall not exceed \$6,400,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for all of the anticipated work involved in the Project, which constitutes an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a thorough review of the Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project 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.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail voting ballots may be obtained up to thirty (30) days before the Annual Vote at the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. 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 on the day before the Annual Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail voting ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the Clerk of the District, where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the Annual Vote.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are qualified 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. on April 24, 2025. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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