

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL ELECTION
AND BUDGET VOTE OF THE
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Huntington Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York will be held at the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York, on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 7:30 PM, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money which will be required for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the School District beginning the 2nd day of May, 2016, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time, except Saturday, Sunday and holidays, at each school house in the School District or at the Office of District Clerk, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY 11746.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law the School District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value of the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. In addition, said exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Annual Election and Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM prevailing time, at Huntington High School, Oakwood and McKay Roads, Huntington, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To vote upon the following proposition:

Shall the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District be authorized, to expend funds from the Capital Reserve (Building Improvement) Fund, which was established on May 20, 2008 ("Reserve Fund") pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following capital improvement projects: (1) District-wide ADA Compliance improvements including, but not limited to, restrooms, doorways, office counters, locker rooms, and/or entrance ways in the approximate amount of \$1,585,000.00; (2) renovation/upgrade to the High School electrical panel and foundation in the approximate amount of \$330,000.00; (3) replacement/upgrade of doors at Finley Middle, Flower Hill Primary and Jack Abrams STEM Schools in the approximate amount of \$346,000.00; (4) a wireless clock system at the Jack Abrams STEM School in the approximate amount of \$100,000.00; and (5) a security vestibule at Jefferson Primary School in the approximate amount of \$75,000.00; and to make expenditures from the Reserve Fund for the cost of other work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto in an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of two million, four hundred thirty six thousand dollars (\$2,436,000.00), provided that the Board of Education may allocate funds amongst the various projects within the overall total expenditure at its discretion.

3. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2016, and expiring on June 30, 2019.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the District's budget for 2016-2017, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM beginning the 2nd day of May, 2016, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each schoolhouse in the School District and at the Office of the District Clerk, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, New York 11746.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District, not later than April 18, 2016, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least 31 qualified voters of the School District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate. A drawing of lots to determine the order in which the candidates' names shall appear on the ballot will be conducted at 10:00 AM on April 19, 2016 by the District Clerk at the District's Administrative Offices, at 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, in accordance with Section 2032 of the Education Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Registration and the District Clerk will meet in the Administrative Offices, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM for the purposes of preparing a register of the qualified voters of said district for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote of said district to be held May 17, 2016. Qualified voters who wish to be registered must present themselves personally for registration at the place and times herein stated. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register

providing that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such school district elections. Persons who shall have been previously registered in the District for any annual or special meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special meeting or any election held or conducted during the four calendar years (2012-2015) prior to the year in which such register is being prepared, and/or persons who are registered and remain qualified to vote at general elections within this School District pursuant to the provisions of Article 5, Section 352 of the Election Law as amended, need not register again to be eligible to vote at said School District Election and Budget Vote.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2019-a of the Education Law, only qualified voters who shall have been duly registered as such shall be permitted to vote at such Annual District Election.

The register so prepared will, immediately upon the completion and not less than five days prior to the time set for said Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, and thereafter shall be open to inspection by any qualified voter of the district on each day up to and including the day set for the Meeting or Election except Sundays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in the auditorium of Huntington High School, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM prevailing time, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote to be held in 2017, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 17, 2016.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 15, 2016; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk from where they were obtained 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. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the School District in the Office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 12, 2016 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote and on May 17, 2016, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on Election Day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Policy 1260 adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk by March 18, 2016 at 5:00 PM, prevailing time, to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2004 of the Education Law; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 31 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that this Board of Education convene a special meeting thereof within twenty-four hours after the filing with the District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot for the purposes of examining the tabulating said reports of the result of the ballot and declaring the results of the ballot; and that the Board hereby designates itself to be a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots pursuant to Education Law, Section 2019-a subdivision 2b at said special meeting of the Board.

Dated: Huntington, New York
March 31, 2016

By Order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Huntington, New York
Joanne Miranda, District Clerk