

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual Public Hearing on the Budget of the Rensselaer City School District, Rensselaer County, Rensselaer, New York, shall be held on May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the 2021-2022 School Year Budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the **2021-2022** fiscal year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any School District resident on the District's website (www.rcsd.k12.ny.us) beginning **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the School District will be held on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**, between the hours of **12:00 p.m.** and **9:00 p.m.**, prevailing time, at the Rensselaer City School District campus located at 25 Van Rensselaer Drive, Rensselaer, New York 12144, at which times 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 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. Shall the School District be authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of fifty five thousand (\$55,000) dollars, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motors vehicles: three (3) seventy-two passenger school buses
3. Shall the School District be authorized to enter into an agreement with Yankee Trails, Inc. for a five (5) year extension of the lease for the Bus Garage located at 569 Third Avenue Extension, Rensselaer, New York, to commence on July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2026, and to include maintenance and upkeep of the District's transportation fleet, for an annual fee not to exceed \$165,000.00.
4. Shall the School District be authorized to appropriate any remaining funds in the Repair Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund and to terminate the Capital Reserve Fund with any and all remaining funds to be first applied to any outstanding bond indebtedness and secondarily to reduce the tax levy in accordance with the law?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election to fill **one vacancy** for the office of **member of the Board of Education** will be held at the annual vote on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. At that time one member will be elected for the remaining years of an original five-year term which has

become vacant, commencing immediately following the certification and adoption of the vote results and ending on June 30, 2023. The candidate with the highest vote count will be elected.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member of the School District must be filed with the Clerk of the Rensselaer County Board of Elections **by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021**. Petitions are required to be signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall vote whose name does not appear on the register of the School District. Any person registered to vote under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law is entitled to vote and their names shall be placed upon the register of the School District.

The Board of Elections shall meet in the Office of the Rensselaer County Board of Elections, 1600 7th Avenue, 1st Floor, Troy, New York, on May 4, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, prevailing time, to prepare the register of voters of the School District. Any person, including military members, shall be entitled to have his or her name placed on the register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting for which such register is prepared.

In addition, potential voters can register with the Board of Elections by filing an online application with the Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) which will enable the Board of Elections to identify the qualified voter and transmit an absentee ballot to the voter for this election. The online DMV voter registration information can be accessed at this website: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the Office of the Rensselaer County Board of Elections. The Rensselaer County Board of Elections must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the annual vote (Tuesday, May 11, 2021) before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election (Monday, May 17, 2021), if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections not later than **5:00 p.m.**, prevailing time, on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**.

The vote upon such propositions shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines or by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 pm, prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place by 9:00 pm to cast their ballots.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may request an application for a military ballot from the Rensselaer County Board of Elections. In such request, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the

application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application Rensselaer County Board of Elections. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail to the Rensselaer County Board of Elections not later than **5:00 p.m.**, prevailing time, on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** to be canvassed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that immediately upon its completion, the register prepared by the Board of Registration shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the School District during the five (5) days prior to the Annual District Meeting and Election, except Sunday. Qualified voters who wish to inspect the registration list must arrange an appointment for same with the District Clerk by calling (518) 465-7509 or by emailing spayton@rcsd.k12.ny.us.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board in accordance with §2035 and §2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Rensselaer City School District Board of Education at the Office of the District Clerk on or before April 19, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the Board of Education and signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board 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, or any proposition that fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

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