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**THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STONY BROOK, NEW YORK**

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA MATERIALS

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: March 24, 2021

DATE SUBMITTED: March 19, 2021

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: District Clerk

CATEGORY OF ITEM: Action

TITLE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has scheduled the Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election on Tuesday, May 18, 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designates May 18, 2021 as the Annual Meeting date and hereby schedules a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 5, 2021

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to prepare and publish a Notice of such hearing, vote and election in substantially the same format attached hereto.

BACKGROUND - RATIONALE:

May 18, 2021 has been established as the common voting date for New York school districts. Under the 1997 Amendments to the Education Law, the annual meeting date is now the same date as the vote and election. The Board should adopt the resolution setting the date for the budget hearing. In accordance with New York State Education Law, the first publication of our Notice of Meeting must take place between March 30, 2021 and April 3, 2021.

In addition to voting on the 2021-2022 budget, we will elect three (3) members of the Board of Education as follows: two (2) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024; and one (1) member of the Board of Education for the balance of the unexpired term of Inger Germano that commenced on July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2023. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term that commenced on July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2023. The successful candidate for the unexpired term will be eligible to take office immediately upon being elected and duly qualified.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
OF THE THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF BROOKHAVEN
AND SMITHTOWN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Three Village Central School District of Brookhaven and Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York will be held in the Board Room of the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the 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 Wednesday, April 28, 2021 during regular business hours at the Office of the District Clerk, North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, requires the School District 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 Budget Vote and Election will be held at said Election Districts indicated below on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine and all persons who are qualified to vote and shall have registered as provided in this Notice, may vote on 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. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education as follows: (a) two (2) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024; and (b) one (1) member of the Board of Education for the balance of the unexpired term of Inger Germano that commenced on July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2023. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term that commenced on July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2023. The successful candidate for the unexpired term will be eligible to take office immediately upon being elected and duly qualified.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Election Districts have been established in the Three Village Central School District. The boundaries of the Election Districts are coterminous with the attendance zones of the elementary schools in the District, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Education, are as follows:

Election District 1: Arrowhead Elementary School, 62 Arrowhead Lane, East Setauket, NY
Election District 2: Minnesauke Elementary School, 21 Highgate Drive, East Setauket, NY
Election District 3: William Sidney Mount Elementary School, 50 Dean Lane, Stony Brook, NY
Election District 4: Nassakeag Elementary School, 490 Pond Path, Setauket, NY
Election District 5: Setauket Elementary School, 134 Main Street, Setauket, NY

and the place in each election district for voting shall be as follows:

Election District 1: Ward Melville High School, 380 Old Town Road, East Setauket, NY
Election District 2: Ward Melville High School, 380 Old Town Road, East Setauket, NY
Election District 3: R. C. Murphy Junior High School, 351 Oxhead Road, Stony Brook NY
Election District 4: Ward Melville High School, 380 Old Town Road, East Setauket, NY
Election District 5: P. J. Gelinis Junior High School, 25 Mud Road, Setauket NY

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained on the District's website and by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Wednesday, April 28, 2021 except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York, and at each of the following locations:

Arrowhead Elementary School, East Setauket
Minnesauke Elementary School, East Setauket
William Sidney Mount Elementary School, Stony Brook
Nassakeag Elementary School, Setauket
Setauket Elementary School, Setauket
Paul J. Gelinis Junior High School, Setauket
Robert J. Cushman Murphy Junior High School, Stony Brook
Ward Melville High School, East Setauket

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 at her office at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York, not later than Monday, April 19, 2021 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. 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 41 qualified voters of the District (41 representing 2% of the number of voters who voted in the 2019 annual election); 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 applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 8, 2021. In accordance with Education Law Section 2018-a, completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election, i.e. April 19, 2021 and no later than seven (7) days before the election, i.e. May 11, 2021, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or no later than the day before the election, i.e. May 17, 2021, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or to the agent named in the absentee ballot application. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on or after Tuesday, May 11, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the annual election, except Sunday, on Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and during polling hours on May 18, 2021, 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 personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of conducting a continuous registration of all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law at the Office of the District Clerk at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, on weekdays, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which times any

person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The last day to register shall be May 7, 2021. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 13, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the Three Village Central School District by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, by mail to North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York, by email to ksampogn@3villagecsd.k12.ny.us, or fax sent to (631) 730-4068. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2021.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Three Village Central School District, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York, by email to ksampogn@3villagecsd.k12.ny.us, or fax sent to (631) 730-4068. 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 by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk at the address above. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 22, 2021. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk at North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 18, 2021 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

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 18, 2021

between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., at the designated election sites to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the election to be held in 2021, 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 18, 2021.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule 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 of the Board of Education at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York, 60 days prior to the vote, 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 464 qualified voters (464 representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election) of the District; and must state the name 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, 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.

Dated: Setauket, New York
March 24, 2021

Kathleen Sampogna
District Clerk
Three Village Central School District
Towns of Brookhaven and Smithtown
Suffolk County, New York