

**MEET THE CANDIDATE FORUM**

The District Clerk welcomed all present to the the Meet the Candidate Forum, sponsored with the help of the PTA. Guidelines are as follows:

Each candidate had the opportunity to speak to the audience for a timed period of five (5) minutes to give a brief overview of their background and platform for the available seat on the Board of Education.

After each candidate spoke, a fifteen (15) minute question/answer period followed. The candidates fielded questions from the audience.

The candidates spoke in the order that they will appear on the official ballot (drawn by blind selection in the District Clerk's office on 4/19/16):

AMADOR LAPUT  
ADAM GINGOLD  
JOANA DUTCHER  
ALLYSON WAGNER

At the conclusion of the 15-minute Q & A, the Annual District Meeting was called to order.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. OPENING ITEMS.**

1.01 Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag.

The President called the Annual District Hearing and Budget Vote to order at 7:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.02 Recording of Attendance.

Board Members Present: D. Reiser, A. Laput, L. Bohs, C. Bliefernich, B. Siegel  
Others Present: R. Dufour, S. Krebs, V. Keegan, R. Luis, B. Robertson and approximately 50 citizens.

1.03 Presentation – The Budget: Ruth Luis

Ms. Luis provided the members of the Board of Education and the public with the 2016-2017 Official Budget Statement, which is also available on the District website.

**2. RULES OF ORDER/QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS.**

2.01 The District Clerk reviewed the meeting Rules of Order and the qualifications of voters:

- A. During the Public Comment portion of this meeting, each speaker should identify himself/herself and state their town of residence.
- B. Speakers need to be acknowledged prior to speaking.
- C. Questions must pertain to the Propositions. One question at a time per person.
- D. The moderator reserves the right to close discussions.
- E. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Eldred Junior-Senior High School in Eldred, NY, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- F. Qualifications for voting at the Annual Meeting:
  - 1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
  - 2. Must be 18 years of age or over.
  - 3. Must be a resident of the school district for 30 days or more preceding date of the vote.
  - 4. Must be registered for general election and meet qualification #3 above.
  - 5. Must have registered for permanent voter registration with the Eldred School.
- G. There will be one digital scanning voting machine. Registration books will be divided by last names. There will be information available pertaining to the use of the voting machine and a ballot on display.
- H. The closing of the voting will take place at 9 p.m. on May 17, 2016, providing all present have been given the opportunity to cast a ballot.
- I. The Custodian of the Vote will oversee the registration and voting. The Custodian will verify all results with the voting inspectors.

2.02 The President of the Board of Education or designee will read the Call of the Meeting:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Eldred Central School District (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York, located in the counties of Orange and Sullivan, will be held at the Eldred Central Junior-Senior High School in the Eldred Central School District, on May 5 2016, at 7:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time), for the presentation of the proposed budget for the following school year. The budget will be available for review no later than May 2, 2016, and thereafter at both school buildings and the School District Office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the School District will be held at the Eldred Junior-Senior High School, Eldred, NY, on May 17, 2016, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

- A. The adoption of the following proposition:  
PROPOSITION NO. 1 - SCHOOL BUDGET  
 The annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2016-2017 of \$16,989,213.00 is hereby adopted and the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District is hereby authorized.

- B. The adoption of the following proposition:  
PROPOSITION NO. 2 – SUNSHINE HALL FREE LIBRARY  
 The Board of Education of the School District is hereby authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$14,500.00 and to pay over such monies to the Board of Trustees of the Sunshine Hall Free Library.
  
- C. **ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER:**  
 The qualified voters of the Eldred Central School District are authorized to elect one candidate as a member of the Board of Education to serve a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021.

2.03 The District Clerk opened Public Comment for the District Treasurer and Superintendent to answer any questions pertaining to the propositions from those present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**\*\* Hearing no questions from those present, The District Clerk stated that this Annual District Meeting will remain open and be reconvened on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. for voting.**

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2.04 The District Clerk reconvened the meeting at 11 a.m. on May 17, 2016.

**Polls remained open from 11am to 9pm:**

2.05 Custodian of the Vote Catherine Byrne reported the following budget results:

<b>Proposition #1 – Budget</b>	<b>Absentee:</b>				
	Yes	13	No	6	
	<b>Machine:</b>				
	Yes	325	No	145	
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>151</b>

<b>Proposition #2 – Sunshine Library</b>	<b>Absentee:</b>				
	Yes	14	No	5	
	<b>Machine:</b>				
	Yes	351	No	120	
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>125</b>

**Board of Education Seat:**

AMADOR LAPUT  
Absentee 8  
Machine 210

**Total 218**

ADAM GINGOLD  
Absentee 2  
Machine 9

**Total 11**

JOANA DUTCHER  
Absentee 2  
Machine 40

**Total 42**

ALLYSON WAGNER  
Absentee 7  
Machine 207

**Total 214**

WRITE IN CANDIDATES = 2

**3. ADJOURNMENT.**

3.01 Approval to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. was made on motion by L. Bohs and seconded by A. Laput.

Voting: D. Reiser – yes; A. Laput- yes; L. Bohs – yes; C. Bliefernich – yes; B. Siegel – absent.  
Votes: 4 yes, 1 absent. Motion carried.