

**LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL ADJOURNED PUBLIC HEARING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF THE
EAST MORICHES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Budget Hearing in lieu of the district's annual meeting will be held remotely on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all of the items herein set forth to be voted on by absentee ballot at the election to be held on June 9, 2020, as hereinafter set forth.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the hearing pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York, and acts amendatory thereto; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Voting will be by absentee ballot only. Absentee ballots shall be provided by mail to every qualified voter together with a self-addressed stamped envelope to be used to return the absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. Voting will be upon the following items:

To elect one member of the Board of Education, at large, for the term of three years commencing July 1, 2020.

To vote upon the following propositions:

Proposition I – To adopt the annual budget of said School District for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation of the taxable property of the District.

Proposition II – To designate high schools of the following school districts as receiving high schools for the residents of East Moriches Union Free School District for up to five (5) years beginning July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2025 for the grades set forth after each high school: Center Moriches, grades 9-12; Eastport South-Manor, grades 9-12; Westhampton Beach, grades 9-12.

Proposition III – That the Board of Education of the East Moriches Union Free School District be authorized to contract with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System for a period of one year only, commencing July 1, 2020 for direct access library services, for a sum not to exceed \$835,626.00 in addition to the sum set forth in Proposition I, and to raise the requisite portion thereof by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

Proposition IV - (a) That the Board of Education of the East Moriches Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to construct various improvements to District buildings and sites, including floor, ceiling, lighting and door replacements; playground and kitchen upgrades; air conditioning and security improvements; computer server enhancements and asbestos abatement (collectively, the "Project"); the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 and (b) that such amount is hereby appropriated from available funds of the District and hereby authorized to pay the cost of the Project. *This expenditure shall not require the levy of any additional taxes.*

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office at the Middle School on Adelaide Avenue in said school district no later than Monday, May 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education shall not be considered separate, specific offices, and nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which a candidate is nominated.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law or Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at any annual or special district meeting within the past four (4) calendar years, such voter is eligible to vote at this meeting; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, such voter is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

Due to the health and safety concerns associated with the pandemic and the resulting ordered closure of school, school districts cannot safely conduct personal registration. Potential voters may register with the board of elections, not less than five (5) days preceding the election/budget vote, by filling out an online application with the Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”). The online DMV voter registration information may be found on the DMV website located at:

<https://dmv.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>

These additional names will be added to the register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his/her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared.

The register so prepared will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the School District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., prevailing time, each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for said election, except Saturday and Sunday and holidays.

If a potential voter chooses to register with the board of elections on the DMV website, said potential voter must contact the District Clerk to request an absentee ballot by emailing her at:

jfranke@emoschools.org

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that no absentee voter’s ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received at the Office of the Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued, will be available in said office of the Clerk on each of the school days during regular office hours prior to the date of the election as well as on the date of the election. Any qualified voter may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his or her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the District Clerk before the close of the poles. Such objection must be made remotely by no later than 5:00p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified Military voters may elect to designate a preference to receive a Military voter registration, Military ballot application, or Military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. Qualified Military voters who do not designate a preference shall receive the Military voter registration, Military ballot application and/or Military ballot by mail. All qualified Military voters’ ballot application and

Military ballot must be returned by mail or in person. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5pm on May 14, 2020, twenty-six days before the election. Ballots for Military voters shall be distributed to qualified Military voters no later than May 15, 2020, twenty-five days before the election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk before the close of the polls on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any resident in the District beginning May 26, 2020 on each day except Saturday and Sunday and public holidays, at the Middle School on Adelaide Avenue in said District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time.

Pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law and 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 much of 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.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to Section 2035 of the Education Law of the State of New York, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed on the ballot provided that such proposition or amendment be (a) typed or printed in the English language; and (b) that it be directed to the Clerk of the School District; and (c) that it be submitted to the Clerk not later than thirty days preceding the date of the election; and (d) that it be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters, any proposition, for the purpose for which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

Dated: May 4, 2020

Jacqueline Franke
Clerk of the Board of Education
East Moriches Union Free School District
Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County
New York