

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Oysterponds Union Free School District in Orient, Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York will be held on May 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document. Due to public health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Education will not be meeting in-person. As permitted under the Governor of the State of New York's Executive Order 202.15, such public hearing shall be conducted remotely. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, the Board meeting will be held via videoconferencing, and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting, including the public hearing, live and provide comments. The School District will provide further information concerning how to see, hear and participate in the public hearing at a later date.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said annual budget vote and election, also referred to as the annual district meeting, will be held remotely on June 9, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as required by the Governor of the State of New York's Executive Order 202.26, such annual budget vote and election shall be conducted by absentee ballot only.

The vote, by absentee ballot only, shall be upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the 2020-2021 school year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
2. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education each for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2023 AND one (1) member for a term of one (1) year and 21 days, commencing June 10, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

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 the 2020-2021 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the School District during business hours beginning May 26, 2020, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the School District's Administrative Offices, 23405 Main Road, Orient, New York 11957, upon prior appointment only, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements, as well as on the School District's website. 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.

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 the School District's administrative offices at 23405 Main Road, Orient, New York 11957, not later than 3:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Under Executive Order 202.26, there is no minimum requirement for signatures on nominating petitions; however, an individual must meet any other requirements to be placed on the ballot, including applicable residency and age requirements. Such nominating petition may be filed by regular mail, directed to the District Clerk, 23405 Main Road, Orient, New York 11957; electronic mail, directed to the District Clerk at [mepalermo@oysterponds.org](mailto:mepalermo@oysterponds.org); or in person, at the School District's administrative offices, directed to the District Clerk, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations

and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements. 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.

In accordance with Part 122 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot. Applications for military ballots for the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education, for voting on the annual school district budget, and for voting on any propositions, may be requested from the District Clerk at 23405 Main Road, Orient, New York 11957, by calling that office (631) 323-2410 x108, or by contacting the District Clerk via email [mepalermo@oysterponds.org](mailto:mepalermo@oysterponds.org). Upon such request for a military voter ballot application, such military voter may indicate his/her preference for receiving the application by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Completed military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020.

A list of all persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the School District in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. during the five (5) days prior to the election, except Sunday, and on June 9, 2020, the day set for the election, upon prior appointment only, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that due to the COVID-19 emergency, the School District will not conduct the personal registration of voters for the June 9, 2020 election. Voters who have heretofore registered and voted at an election within the last four calendar years are eligible to vote at this election. All other qualified voters who wish to vote must register. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America; (2) 18 years of age or older; (3) a resident of the School District for 30 days preceding the annual vote and election; and (4) not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law.

A qualified voter may register to vote in the June 9, 2020 election by registering to vote with the Suffolk County Board of Elections. You must register at least twenty-five (25) days before the election. You may contact the Suffolk County Board of Elections for additional information at: Suffolk County Board of Elections, Yaphank Avenue, P.O. Box 700, Yaphank, New York 11980-0700, via email at [BOEInfo@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:BOEInfo@suffolkcountyny.gov), by telephone at (631) 852-4500 or on their website at: <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE>. A qualified voter may also register online through the Department of Motor Vehicles if he/she has a New York State DMV issued driver's license, permit or non-driver ID.

Military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District. Military voters may apply to register to vote with the District Clerk, by calling that office at (631) 323-2410 x108 or by emailing the District Clerk at [mepalermo@oysterponds.org](mailto:mepalermo@oysterponds.org). Upon such request for a military voter application, such military voter may indicate his/her preference for receiving the application for registration by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Such registration application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. Any military voter shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such Register, provided he or she is known or proven to be to the satisfaction of the District Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to military voter status at the annual meeting and election for which such Register is prepared.

To be counted, absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the election.

The register of all voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District at 23405 Main Road, Orient, New York 11957, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the School District beginning five (5) days prior to the election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. during the five (5) days prior to the election, except Sunday, and on June 9, 2020, the day set for the election, upon prior appointment only, subject to any and all applicable laws, regulations and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to social distancing requirements. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such names, 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.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 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 Board of Education at the School District's administrative offices, 23405 Main Road, Orient, New York 11957, on or before May 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time; 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 25 qualified voters of the School District; and must state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education of the School District will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

Dated: Orient, New York  
May 12, 2020

By Order of the Board of Education of  
Oysterponds Union Free School District in Orient  
Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York  
District Clerk