

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION & ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
FOR THE KINDERHOOK (ICHABOD CRANE) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education will hold the District's *Annual Budget Hearing* on Tuesday, *May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.* at Ichabod Crane Primary School, 2910 U.S. Route 9, Valatie, to present the proposed *2023-2024* budget to District voters.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Kinderhook Central School District, (Ichabod Crane) will be held at *Ichabod Crane High School, 2910 U.S. Route 9, Valatie, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.* at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1.To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2023-2024 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, to three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026 to succeed Elaine Berlin, John Chandler, and Kelly Firmbach, whose terms expire on June 30, 2023,

3. To vote on the following proposition:

Proposition #2 Bus Purchase

SHALL the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$545,729 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$545,729, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by District residents during the 14 days preceding the Annual Meeting (except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday) at Ichabod Crane High School, Ichabod Crane Elementary School, Ichabod Crane Primary School, Ichabod Crane Middle School, and the Central Administration Office (in the High School), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed with the District Clerk between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., not later than 5:00 p.m. *Monday, April 17, 2023.* Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least thirty-six (36) qualified voters of the District, and must state the full name and residence of the candidate. Information packets are available from the District Clerk.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law Section 2014 personal registration of voters is required and no person shall be entitled to vote at said meeting whose name does not appear on the District's register or who does not register as hereinafter provided, or who is not registered to vote under the provisions of Election Law Article 5. The voter register shall include all persons who shall be registered for and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted within the four calendar years prior to *2023.* Individuals may register to vote with the District Clerk on school days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District Clerk's office. An individual must be registered at least five days preceding an election in order to vote in that election. The register of voters will be open for inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday (by appointment) on each of the five days prior to and the day of the meeting, except *Sunday, May 14, 2023.*

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Absentee Ballots may be applied for at the District Clerk's office beginning April 20, 2023; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 16, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's office on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Saturday and Sunday. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may

object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Elections before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters and for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than 25 days before the vote. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 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, provided a proposition is filed with the District Clerk on or before April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time; said proposition 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 twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. 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 which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLUMBIA AND
RENSSELAER COUNTIES, NEW YORK
Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk