

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AT GRAHAMSVILLE

TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Collaboration Center in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

At 7:00 P.M. (EST)

For the purpose of presenting the school budget proposed by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money that will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public funds, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held on May 6, 2025 and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Election, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2025-2026 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Secondary School Lower Level Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central Secondary School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any qualified voter who desires to submit a proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than thirty (30) days (by no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, April 21, 2025) prior to the Annual Meeting and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25)

qualified voters of the District, or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education will be available beginning on March 10, 2025, from the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building and shall be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building during regular office hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, April 21, 2025). Nominating petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater; must state the name and residence address of each signer; and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2025, there are three (3) Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Mr. George Dean

Mr. Timothy Dymond

Mr. Travis Hartman

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time in the Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center.

At-Large Voting: the three candidates with the highest amount of votes will fill the three vacant positions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be approved?

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. No person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, and Thursday, May 8th, 2025, in the Administration Building between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time,

and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 15th, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the four (4) calendar year periods prior to May 20, 2025. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, they are also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consistent with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 13th, 2025) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 19th, 2025), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time) in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a MILITARY BALLOT. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Applications for military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed military voter registration applications and military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, April 24, 2025, the twenty-sixth day before the Annual Meeting and Election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. A list of persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 15, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on weekdays prior to Annual Meeting and Election and on at the polling

place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consistent with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Sunday, April 20, 2025) and at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 13, 2025) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 19, 2025) if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and 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. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

By order of the Board of Education,

Samantha Damms, District Clerk

Dated: February 13th, 2025