

Alfred-Almond Central School

SPECIAL SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – April 23, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.  
IN THE DISTANCE LEARNING ROOM

***AGENDA***

- I) **CALL TO ORDER**
- II) **AGENDA CHANGES**
- III) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV) **ITEMS REQUIRING *BOARD ACTION***  
Vote on the Annual Election of SSCTA BOCES' Board Members and the SSCTA BOCES'  
2025-2026 Administrative budget.
- V) **ADJOURNMENT**

**TO:** Component School District Clerks

**FROM:** Kate Taylor, Board Clerk *Kate Taylor*

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**RE:** Vote on GST BOCES Administrative Budget and  
Election of GST BOCES Board Members

April 23, 2025 has been designated as the date on which the Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany BOCES Component District Boards of Education will cast their votes for membership on the BOCES Board and for the approval/disapproval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.

In order to be of assistance, we have enclosed the following documents:

- Education Law process for adopting the BOCES Administrative Budget and election of BOCES Board Members.
- Certification of the results of your Board's action on the Administrative Budget.  
**(return to Kate Taylor on Thursday, April 24, 2025 via email)**
- Certification of the results of your Board's action on the election of BOCES Board Members, which includes the ballot for election to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.  
**(return to Kate Taylor on Thursday, April 24, 2025 via email)**
- Brief Resumes for Board Candidates: Colleen Talada
- Sample resolution to use for your Board's action on the BOCES Administrative Budget.
- Sample resolution to use for your Board's election of BOCES Board Members.

Please complete the certifications and ballot and return to my attention no later than Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

c: School Superintendents

### **Qualifications for Serving as a BOCES Board Member**

A BOCES board candidate must reside within the boundaries of a component school district.

A candidate need not be a member of a component district school board. However, no employee of a component district is eligible to be elected to a BOCES board membership, and a BOCES board member cannot accept employment in a component district. On the other hand, a BOCES employee may serve on a component school board.

### **Process for Adopting the BOCES Administrative Budget**

The BOCES Board President designates a day, between April 16 and April 30, for component districts to vote on the BOCES administrative budget and elect BOCES Board Members. Ten days prior to the BOCES annual meeting, which is held on a date between April 1 and April 15, a tentative administrative budget is provided to the component districts. On the day between April 16 and April 30 previously designated by the BOCES Board President, the component districts hold a public meeting, either a regular or special meeting, to adopt a resolution either to approve or disapprove the BOCES tentative administrative budget. This resolution approving or disapproving the administrative budget must be transmitted to the BOCES no later than one business day following the vote.

### **Process for Electing BOCES Board Members**

BOCES Board Members are elected by their component member boards. By February 1 of each year, the BOCES Board President must set the date of election in each component district. It is the same day designated for the vote on the tentative administrative budget, between April 16 and 30. All component school boards meet on that same date, except for central high school boards, which must hold their meetings the next business day.

The BOCES clerk then must mail an election ballot to each component district at least 14 days prior to the election. On the date designated for the election, each component board is entitled to cast one vote per vacancy, but no more than one vote per candidate. BOCES Board Members are elected by resolution of the component boards on the ballot prepared by the BOCES clerk. Each component district must mail or deliver its completed ballot to the BOCES clerk no later than one business day after the election.

# **COLLEEN TALADA**

45 Dodge Avenue

Waverly, NY 14892

District of Residence: Waverly

## **Educational Instructor**

Educational instructor at high school and community college levels with over three decades experience teaching advanced placement courses in composition and extensive experience with public speaking and basic communication courses.

## **Career Accomplishments and Honors**

\*\*Twin Tiers Outstanding Educator Award

\*\*Commendation by Tioga County Legislature for coordination of County oratorical competitions

\*\*Initiated and implemented forensic competition with community service organization- county, district, and sectional winners.

\*\*New York State Teacher of Excellence, English Language Arts

\*\*New York State Permanent Teacher Certification- English, Social Studies

## **Professional Experience**

Waverly Central School District – 1973- 2011

Corning Community College- 1990- 2013

Elmira College- 2009-2012

GST BOCES New Visions Program 2013-2019

## **Career Background**

\*\*Department Chairperson- Facilitator for English/Foreign Language instructional staff members, including budgetary coordinator

\*\*Secondary classroom instruction – English, AP Composition/ Language, Public Speaking

\*\*Adjunct instructor- College Composition I, College Composition II, Public Speaking

\*\*Field trainer, New York State English Language Arts Examination

\*\*Field trainer for New York State Teacher Mentor Program

## **Community Service and Honors**

Waverly Board of Education Member 2012-present

Waverly Board of Education Vice President 2016-present

Outstanding Community Leader Award, Waverly Free library

## **Education**

M.S. Elmira College, Elmira, New York

B.S. Kutztown University, Kutztown , PA

## CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, District Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_  
School District, do hereby certify that at a public meeting held on April 23, 2025, the Board of  
Education of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

the 2025-2026 Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany BOCES Administrative Budget in the  
amount of

\$ 9,295,588.

# of Board Members: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Board Members Present: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Board Members Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

# of "Yes" Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

# of "No" Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk (Signature)

## CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, District Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District, do hereby certify that at a public meeting held on April 23, 2025, the Board of Education of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District adopted a resolution casting its vote or votes in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the person or persons indicated on the ballot below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk (Signature)

## BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

There are two (2) vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to be filled at the annual election to be held on April 23, 2025, both with 3-year terms (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028). The trustees or board of education of each component school district, by resolution, may cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, provided that no more than one vote may be cast for any candidate. No more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services at one time, except as provided in Education Law Section 1950(2-a). The district clerk or other officer authorized to certify that a board resolution has been adopted, shall complete the ballot by placing an "X" next to the name of each candidate for whom a vote has been cast, and by completing the attached certification. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order, with their address and school district of residence:

1. Colleen Talada \_\_\_\_\_  
45 Dodge Avenue  
Waverly, NY 148992  
Waverly Central School District

**RETURN BOTH CERTIFICATIONS TO KATE TAYLOR BY THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025**  
[ktaylor@gstboces.org](mailto:ktaylor@gstboces.org)