

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE
SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD NOVEMBER 27, 2007**

A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Schoharie Central School District was held on the 27th day of November, 2007 in the library lobby of the Schoharie Jr./Sr. High School.

The following persons were appointed as Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of Election for this meeting at the October 17, 2007 Board Meeting:

Doris Madison
Margaret Carballeira
Darleen Schultz
Barbara Miers
Marilyn Foland
Cathy Luz
Anna Slavinski
Carol McMichael
Karen Gannon
Terry Manchester
Pam Guest
Mary Schultz
Hetty Butler, Substitute

Mr. Wilber stated that the voting machines had been examined, that the counters were set at zero, that the ballot label was properly placed, and that the voting machines were in all respects in proper condition for use.

Superintendent Sherman asked to dispense with the reading of the legal notice of the EXCEL Project Vote which was published in the Times Journal and the Daily Gazette, and included the following:

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING 11-27-07
SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District on October 3, 2007, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the Library Lobby of the Schoharie High School, Schoharie, New York on November 27, 2007 for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to (1) renovate and reconstruct various District buildings and construct certain improvements to the District's track and field facilities, including site work thereat, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such renovated and reconstructed buildings and facilities are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$2,482,000, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid and Excel grants received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as

may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,482,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

The vote upon such proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote on said proposition. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the vote. The District may require all persons offering to vote on the proposition to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon an offer of proof of residency, the District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to November 26, 2007, if the ballot is to be obtained personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at the polling place not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 27, 2007. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the District Office and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five business days prior to the vote. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making a challenge and reasons therefore known to the election inspector before the close of the polls.

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk
DATED: October 4, 2007

Superintendent Sherman declared that, in accordance with the Notice of Special District Meeting, voting would proceed by ballot to be registered upon voting machines or, as permitted by the Education Law, by absentee ballot. The Superintendent also declared that the polls would remain open for the receipt of ballots registered upon said voting machines from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.

Voting commenced at 9:00 am. At 9:00 pm all qualified voters present desiring to vote having voted, George Wilber, the Chief Inspector, declared the polls be closed.

The vote was then canvassed by the Inspectors of Election by an examination of the voting machines and the absentee ballots with the following results:

<u>EXCEL PROPOSITION</u>	
Yes	317
No	72

Rose Wilber, the District Clerk, then announced to the assembled voters the results of the vote on the proposition as stated above.

The proceedings of the meeting and the results of the election were approved and confirmed in every respect.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk