

**WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING  
2019 BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019  
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BOULEVARD  
WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798**

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Juanita Jones, Chairperson, Edna Perkins, Chief Inspector, Poll Inspectors Patti Bullard, Florence Collins, Virginia Dawson-Taylor, Martin Jackson, Carrie King, Deborah Richberg, Eileen Watson, Brenda Moore, LeVan Jackson, Linda Hussey and Janice Wade were all present by 6:15 AM. Stephanie Howard, District Clerk arrived at 6:20 AM. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., General Counsel, arrived at 6:30 AM. Robert Scotti, the custodian from Suffolk County Board of Elections, arrived at 6:35 AM.

At 6:40 AM, Mr. Scotti unlocked and opened Voting Machine #1 (#T1117), and then unlocked and opened Voting Machine #2 (#B324) at 6:46 AM as observed by Chairperson, Poll Inspector, District Clerk and Attorney. The Certification Tapes verified that all candidate vote totals were at zero. The custodian verified, with all observing, that the baskets within the voting machines were empty, and the voting machines were sealed. The Protective Counter for Voting Machine #1 was 3624 and for Voting Machine #2 was 1236.

The polls were declared open by Chairperson Jones at 7:00 AM sharp. The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Chairperson, Chief Inspector and Poll Inspectors at 7:10 AM.

Voting continued throughout the day with some incidents. News 12 came and began filming in the voting room, but was asked to leave by the Attorney. At approximately 3:00 PM, two representatives from the Department of Justice made unannounced visit to the polling place to inspect whether the new mandates to accommodate Spanish speaking voters were being adhered to. They checked signage, ballots, voting machines, meeting notices, legal notices, and conversed in Spanish with our Spanish-speaking poll inspector. Their visit lasted about 20 minutes. At approximately 8:30 PM, we ran out of ballots to vote on the voting machines. The Attorney shared the legal procedure to follow in such instance. Printed affidavit ballots were used as paper ballots. Voters then folded their ballots in four parts and placed them in a locked and secured slot inside the door of voting machine #1.

Juanita Jones, Chairperson, declared the polls closed at 9:00 PM. There were five people remaining to vote.

At 9:10 PM the doors were opened for the candidates and poll watchers. The Board of Elections custodian opened the machines and printed the tapes. Voting results from Machine #1 were announced by Chief Inspector Perkins at 9:20 PM. Voting results from Machine #2 were announced by Chief Inspector Perkins at 9:25 PM.

The custodian then opened the slot with the paper votes cast, which were tallied by Chief Inspector Perkins and Poll Inspector Richberg. The District Clerk and Attorney also tallied as a cross check. There were 35 paper ballots, but 30 recorded in the books by the poll inspectors. The Chief Inspector checked with each poll inspector but still came up with 30 paper ballots given. Procedure called for the Chief Inspector to randomly select five paper ballots that would not be counted, in order to balance the number recorded in the books.

Absentee ballots were opened, read and counted by the Chief Inspector and Poll Inspector at 10:45 PM, with the District Clerk and the Attorney confirming the tabulation. Chief Inspector and Poll Inspectors also checked the list of names of those who voted by absentee ballots against the poll list to ensure that no one had voted twice. Ballot boxes

were emptied by the custodian and observed by the Chairperson, Chief Inspector, Attorney and District Clerk. Ballots, closing voting machine tapes and memory cards were turned over to the District Clerk by the custodian.

At 11:10 p.m., the Chairperson declared the following results:

**Proposition #1 (2019-2020 Budget) failed.**

<u>Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	149	332

**Proposition #2 (Transportation Services to Statutory Limits) failed.**

<u>Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	162	310

**Trustee elected to fill the vacancy of James Crawford, 3-year term ending June 30, 2022:**

James Crawford, Incumbent	with	272 votes
Other Candidate Justine Williamson-Saunders	with	201 votes

**Trustee elected to fill the vacancy of Yvonne Holder-Robinson, 3-year term ending June 30, 2022:**

Yvonne Holder-Robinson, Incumbent	with	246 votes
Other Candidate Natasha Dumerville	with	208 votes

**The Annual District Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.**

**Minutes Recorded and  
Transcribed  
By District Clerk**

**Date of Meeting: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019  
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING**

  
**Stephanie Howard**