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ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

2020 BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BOULEVARD

WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798



Eileen Watson, Chairperson, Sheila Chandler, Chief Inspector, Poll Inspectors Patti Bullard, Florence Collins, Virginia Dawson-Taylor, Martin Jackson, Brenda Moore, and Destiny Wise were all present by 3:00 PM. Stephanie Howard, District Clerk was here at 3:00 PM. Torrey Chin, Esq. arrived at 4:00 PM. Al Chase, State-Appointed Monitor, and Nathan Jackson, Publications Assistant, arrived at 4:00 PM. Vinny Mangogna and Tali Davidson were there to set up the livestreaming at 4:00 PM, and were available throughout the evening to offer technical assistance as needed.

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Chairperson, Chief Inspector and Poll Inspectors at 4:30 PM. The polls were declared closed by Chairperson Watson at 5:00 PM sharp.

Counting of absentee ballots began at 5:00 PM. Ballots were brought into the voting area in boxes. They were organized and processed in bundles of 20 at a time. Chief Inspector Chandler read each ballot, and was relieved while on breaks by Inspector Jackson and Chairperson Watson. Votes were tallied in bundles of 20, primarily by Chairperson Watson, with oversight and assistance primarily by Inspector Collins. Inspector Moore temporarily filled in when either went on break.

Candidates Latesha Walker, Nancy Holliday and Jarod Morris were present for the count. Poll Watchers Ernesto Che Santiago and Deborah Brandon-Santiago were also present.

We experienced Facebook livestream technical difficulties at about 5:30 PM, and stopped the election process until they were resolved, resuming at 6:05 PM. At 6:35 PM we experienced a power shutdown on the camera device, at which time the election process paused again. The problem was resolved and the election and coverage resumed at 6:42 PM, continuing without incident throughout the rest of the evening.

All other Inspectors filled in with organizing, counting bundles, logging into the registration book, opening oath envelopes and passing to Chief Inspector in bundles for reading. All assisted in the handling and counting of voided ballots. Reasons for voiding ballots were coded: NO = No Oath Envelope, NIO = Not in Oath Envelope; NS = Not Signed; NSL = Not Sealed; RPO = Returned by Post Office. Other problems noted were: ER = Empty Return Envelope; RU = Returned Unvoted.

Chairperson Watson gave hourly counts at 6:15 PM, 7:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 10:00 PM, 11:00 PM and 12:00 PM.

Lisa Hutchinson, Esq. and Monte Chandler, Esq. arrived later in the evening.

At 12:20 AM on June 17, 2020, the Chairperson declared the following results:

Proposition #1 (2020-2021 Budget) passed with a supermajority vote.

 Vote
 YES
 NO

 TOTALS
 430
 276

Trustee elected to fill the vacancy of Ronald Allen, 3-year term ending June 30, 2023:

Latesha Walker

with

449 votes

Other Candidate

Helisse D. Palmore

with

221 votes

Trustee elected to fill the vacancy of Nancy Holliday, 3-year term ending June 30, 2023:

Jarod Morris

with

381 votes

Other Candidate

Nancy Holliday, Incumbent

with

296 votes

Incumbent Nancy Holliday asked that it be put on record that she will contest the election results.

The Annual District Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 AM on June 17, 2020.

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed

By District Clerk

Date of Meeting: TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

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Stephanie Howard