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| Office | Board of Education Candidates Three at-large vacancies are to be filled for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029. (Vote for up to three) | | | |
| Board of Education | <input type="radio"/> ₁ Zach Agett <small>A</small> | <input type="radio"/> ₂ R. Shane Uber | <input type="radio"/> ₃ Troy Durnell | <input type="radio"/> ₄ Gary Sinischo |
| Write-In | Write-in | Write-in | Write-in | Write-in |

SAMPLE

Official Early Mail/Absentee Ballot for the School Board Election
 County of Chautauqua
 May 19, 2026

Instructions



1. Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice.
2. To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, print the name clearly in the box labeled 'write-in', staying within the box. Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot.

3. If you make a mistake or want to change your vote, call the School District Clerk for instructions on how to obtain a new ballot. The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count.

Instructions for Voting on Questions and Proposals

To vote on a question or proposal, mark the oval below your choice. If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, call the School District Clerk for instructions on how to obtain a new ballot.

Southwestern Central School
 Early Mail/Absentee
 Remember to vote both sides



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| <p>Proposition No. 1 - Budget</p> | <p>Proposition No. 2 - School Buses and Related Equipment</p> | |
| <p>Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the budget for the Southwestern Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented to the Board of Education in the amount of \$37,144,757 is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Yes No <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> </p> | <p>Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Southwestern Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase school buses and related equipment for use in the transportation program of the District, including two (2) 66-passenger school buses (at a maximum estimated total cost of \$437,626.12), one (1) 35-passenger school bus (at a maximum estimated total cost of \$131,858.58), one (1) 60-passenger school bus (at a maximum estimated total cost of \$222,447.85), and to expend for all of such buses and related equipment an aggregate sum not to exceed the sum of \$791,932.55, being the aforesaid maximum estimated total cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Yes No <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> </p> | |
| <p>Proposition No. 3 - Capital Improvements Project 2026</p> | <p>Proposition No. 4 - Library Budgets</p> | |
| <p>Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Southwestern Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake a "Capital Improvements Project 2026" (the "Project") consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$8,100,000; (b) the Board is authorized to expend or apply toward the Project \$850,000 from the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund that was established in May of 2019; (c) the Board is hereby authorized to expend or apply toward the Project \$1,150,000 of other available District funds; (d) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$6,100,000 to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (e) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount that shall not exceed \$6,100,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (f) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Yes No <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> </p> | <p>Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Southwestern Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$297,000, of which \$215,000 shall be paid to the Lakewood Memorial Library for the support and maintenance of that library and \$82,000 of which shall be paid to the Hazeltine Public Library for the support and maintenance of that library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Southwestern Central School District.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Yes No <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> </p> | |