

#364 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
FULTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Section 1. The annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Fulton City School District, County of Oswego, State of New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, at the Fulton War Memorial, 609 West Broadway Fulton, New York for the transaction of business as described in the Notice of Annual School District Meeting hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Annual District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Annual District Meeting to be published in the Palladium Times, a newspaper having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times each within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Annual District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Annual District Meeting, and to make any amendments to such notice as necessary.

Section 3. Said Annual District Meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public Budget Hearing of the qualified voters of the Fulton City School District, Oswego County, New York will be held virtually via videoconference on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:00 PM, prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To receive such reports of the officials of the School District as shall be submitted.

2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the vote and election to be held on May 18, 2021

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

If the hearing is also held in person it will be held at the Fulton Junior High School, 29 Curtis Street, Room 1, in the City of Fulton, New York. Updated information about location in light of the COVID-19 pandemic will be published on the School District's website when available and questions may also be directed to the District Clerk at 315.593.5509 or Clerk@fulton.cnyric.org.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, at the Fulton War Memorial, 609 West Broadway Fulton, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021 - 2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2024.

3. To elect two (2) members of the Fulton Public Library, Library Board of Trustees for 5-year terms, commencing July 1, 2021.

4. To adopt the following resolutions:

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES PROPOSITION

Shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Education authorizing the purchase of one (1) wheel chair bus for school transportation, including related furnishings and equipment incidental thereto, at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$79,500, and the payment of the costs of the Project by the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property of the District in the amount of \$79,500 which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and, if necessary, in anticipation of such tax the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes in the principal amount not to exceed \$79,500 and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations, be approved?

LIBRARY TAX PROPOSITION

Shall the Fulton Public Library Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$447,384 for the continuing support and maintenance of the Fulton Public Library, with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote by the taxpayers of the Fulton City School District?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the proposed amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022 may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 6, 2021, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the Superintendent's Office, Fulton Jr. High School, and at each of the school-houses in the District. To request a copy, residents are encouraged to contact the District Clerk.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School, District Office, room #3, Fulton Junior High School, Fulton, New York, no later than April 28, 2021, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate. Such nominating petitions will be available by appointment beginning March 8, 2021. Appointments can be made between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM by calling 315.593.5511. Masks are required. The Clerk will conduct a draw for ballot order on April 29, 2021 at 9:30 AM to determine the order of listing of names of the candidates on the voting machines for said election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the district clerk at 315.593.5509 or email at Clerk@fulton.cnyric.org beginning April 30, 2021; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 18, 2021. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's Office during regular business hours during each of the five days prior to the election, except Sundays, beginning on May 13, 2021, and shall also be posted at the polling place at the election of members of the Board of Education. Individuals are encouraged to contact the District Clerk to make an appointment to review the list.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District by requesting to be registered by the District Clerk at 315.593.5511 or clerk@fulton.cnyric.org. Registered, qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at the phone number or email address listed above. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on May 3, 2021. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law at the District Office, on April 15, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which times any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the School District in the District Offices, 129 Curtis St., Fulton, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 13, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, prevailing time, on each day prior to and including the day set for the election, except Sunday, and to the polling place(s) on the day of the vote. Interested individuals are encouraged to call the District Clerk to set up an appointment to view the register.

Section 4. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed in form corresponding to the requirements of the Education Law.

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IJC: Dry start to year makes flooding unlikely

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Under the wettest models, water levels would remain well below the historic highs through mid-October, when the six-month forecasting models end, and peak around 247 feet in July.

Through late 2020 and early 2021, regulators deviated from the outflows prescribed by Plan 2014 — the often-maligned water management strategy many blame for flooding in recent years — and say the strategy removed nearly 4 inches of additional water from Lake Ontario in January and February. The IJC granted deviation authority to the six-member LOSLRB after a December 2020 risk analysis that showed a roughly 30 percent chance of water levels exceeding the high-water damage threshold this year.

“A total of 3.7 inches was removed from Lake Ontario to further reduce the risk of potentially damaging high water levels in late spring and early summer,” the IJC said in a Tuesday statement.

Lake Ontario water levels stood at 244.69 feet at last recording, up slightly from a low of 244.29 feet measured on March 20. The current level is

several feet below the roughly 247 feet recorded at this time last year, and well below the 2019 high-water mark of 249.08 feet, the highest ever recorded on the Great Lake.

Flooding devastated shoreline property owners and small businesses that rely on the lake in recent years, with record-setting flooding in both 2017 and 2019. Water levels well above the long-term averages remained throughout much of 2018 and 2020, causing significant financial struggles for shoreline communities and property owners.

Under the current regulatory framework, LOSLRB specifies outflows from Lake Ontario according to Plan 2014. The controversial water management plan, which followed more than 50 years of Plan 1958-D, was a part of a 2016 order from the IJC agreed to by the U.S. and Canada with an aim toward improving environmental conditions in the region.

The 244.69 feet water level recorded this week is nearly a foot below the long-term average of 245.57 feet for April 9 through April 15. The highest water level ever measured this time of year is 248.16 in 1973, while the lowest water level

ever recorded is 242.85 in 1935.

In more than 100 years of record keeping, the lowest water level on Lake Ontario was slightly below 242 feet recorded in later 1934 and early 1935. The highest water level ever recorded was the 2019 high water mark of 249.08 feet. Recorded water levels do not include varying local impacts of strong winds and wave actions, which can increase or decrease local water levels up to two feet in some locations.

The IJC says reduced spring runoff led LOSLRB to reduce outflows below those specified in Plan 2014 to “restore the extra water removed during the winter to Lake Ontario.” Regulators plan to restore water at a rate of roughly 0.8 inches per week for the next three weeks, adding a total of 2.4 inches of water to the easternmost Great Lake.

Following the three-weeks, regulators plan to revert to Plan 2014-prescribed outflows.

“This strategy will allow Lake Ontario and Lake St. Lawrence water levels to increase more than they would under plan-prescribed flows over the next few weeks,” the IJC said in a Tuesday state-

ment. “It now appears likely that Lake Ontario levels will remain below long-term average over the summer unless very wet weather occurs. Most forecast scenarios suggest that Lake Ontario levels will remain above critical low water level thresholds due to lower-than-average precipitation.”

The IJC, despite frequent criticism from local elected officials and shoreline property owners, has maintained the position that water levels vary from year-to-year and throughout the year based on weather and water supply conditions. Variations in water levels benefit coastal wetlands and are “critical to a healthy lake environment,” according to the IJC, which notes those variations can at times increase the vulnerability of shoreline structures and reduce opportunities for recreational boating.

LOSLRB historical observations and projected future condition indicate Lake Ontario levels range, at minimum, from a high of 249.1 feet to a low of 241.3 feet.

Regulators, however, note future climate conditions are uncertain and more extreme water levels may be reached and those extremes could occur more often.

Suez Canal chief: Vessel impounded amid financial dispute

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian authorities impounded a massive cargo vessel that blocked the Suez Canal last month amid a financial dispute with its owner, the canal chief and a judicial official said Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. Osama Rabie said the hulking Ever Given would not be allowed to leave the country until a compensation amount is settled on with the vessel's Japanese owner, Shoen Kisen Kaisha Ltd.

"The vessel is now officially impounded," he told Egypt's state-run television late Monday. "They do not want to pay anything."

There was no immediate comment from the vessel's owner.

Rabie did not say how much money the canal authority was seeking. However, a judicial official said it demanded at least \$900 million. The state-

run Ahram daily also reported the \$900 million figure.

That amount takes into account the salvage operation, costs of stalled canal traffic and lost transit fees for the week that the Ever Given blocked the canal.

The official said the order to impound the vessel was issued Monday by a court in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, and that the vessel's crew has been informed Tuesday.

He said prosecutors in Ismailia also opened a separate investigation into what led the Ever Given to run aground. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief media.

Rabie said negotiations were still ongoing to reach a settlement on compensation.

He warned last week in an interview with The Associated

Press that bringing the case before a court would be more harmful to the vessel's owner than settling with the canal's management.

Litigation could be complex, since the vessel is owned by a Japanese firm, operated by a Taiwanese shipper, and flagged in Panama.

The Panama-flagged ship that carries some \$3.5 billion in cargo between Asia and Europe ran aground March 23 in the narrow, man-made canal dividing continental Africa from the Asian Sinai Peninsula.

The vessel had crashed into the bank of a single-lane stretch of the canal about 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) north of the southern entrance, near the city of Suez.

On March 29, salvage teams freed the Ever Given, ending a crisis that had clogged one

of the world's most vital waterways and halted billions of dollars a day in maritime commerce. The vessel has since idled in Egypt's Great Bitter Lake, just north of the site where it previously blocked the canal.

The unprecedented six-day shutdown, which raised fears of extended delays, goods shortages and rising costs for consumers, added to strain on the shipping industry already under pressure from the coronavirus pandemic.

Rabie, the canal chief, told state-run television there was no wrongdoing by the canal authority. He declined to discuss possible causes, including the ship's speed and the high winds that buffeted it during a sandstorm.

When asked whether the ship's owner was at fault, he said: "Of course, yes."

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