

6 Things To Know About The Oneida Castle Building Sale Vote



WHY IS THIS BUILDING FOR SALE?

We closed Oneida Castle Elementary School in 2012 and the building has been vacant for five years. But, since the district still owns it, we have been maintaining the building and property. Selling the building and land will relieve the district of continued maintenance, allow the property to be put back on the tax roll, and prevent it from becoming an eyesore in the neighborhood.



BUYER & SALE PRICE

Meid Construction submitted the highest bid and, if approved by voters, will purchase the building and land for \$225,000.



INTENDED USE

Meid Construction intends to use some of the property for its own offices and storage and plans to turn the rest into a senior living facility.



COST SAVINGS

Over the last five years, the district has spent about \$40,000 per year on maintenance in heating, repairs and general upkeep.



MUNICIPAL SUPPORT

We worked closely with the Village of Oneida Castle on legal requirements and practical considerations for this sale, and the village is in support of this move.

WHY ARE RESIDENTS VOTING ON THIS?

Although the terms of the sale have been worked out, Oneida's status as a "small city school district" means we are required by state law to hold a formal public vote and receive approval from a simple majority of voters in order for the sale to become final.



VOTING DETAILS

December 12, 2017

12 noon - 9 p.m.

**at Oneida High School
and**

Durhamville Elementary School

A person may cast a ballot in this vote if they are 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the Oneida City School District for at least the past 30 days.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

To register for an absentee ballot, contact the District Clerk at 315-363-2550. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4 p.m. on December 12, 2017. Ballots received after this deadline will not be counted, even if postmarked earlier.

PROPOSITION

Shall the following proposition be adopted:
Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Oneida City School District is hereby authorized to sell school district property known as the former Oneida Castle School, located at 10 Castle Street in the Village of Oneida Castle, being a portion of Tax Map No. 321.015-1-11, consisting of an approximately 24,815 square foot building and 1.6+/- acres of land, which is no longer needed for School District purposes, at a price of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) upon the terms and conditions approved by the Board.

FOR MORE DETAILS

A public meeting will be held on December 4 at 6 p.m. in the High School Library.

Contact our District Office at 315-363-2550 or visit www.oneidacsd.org for more information.

