

Regional School District 12

DISTRICT MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, October 5, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Shepaug Valley School Library
159 South Street, Washington, CT

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to order by Chairman of the Board of Education.
 - a. Election of the District Meeting moderator.

2.

WARNING
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Regional School District Number 12
Towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington
October 5, 2015

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington are hereby warned that a public meeting of Regional School District Number 12 will be held at Shepaug Valley School, 159 South Street in Washington, Connecticut on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following recommendations by the Board of Education:

1. That \$39,491,387 be appropriated for costs related to design, construction, furnishing, equipping and financing of (a) Agriscience STEM Academy facilities to be located on the Shepaug Valley Campus at 159 South Street in the Town of Washington, contemplated to include, but not limited to, construction of four buildings: a classrooms and administrative offices building, an equine facility, a large and small animal facility, and an equipment garage; renovation of existing shop space at Shepaug Valley School to accommodate the program, renovation of chemistry/laboratories (CLABS) in the existing science wing at the Shepaug Valley School, site work and improvements, and other related work and improvements (estimated cost of \$37,998,367), and (b) renovation of the existing science wing at the Shepaug Valley School located on the Shepaug Valley Campus at 159 South Street in the Town of Washington, contemplated to provide, but not limited to, chemistry/laboratories (CLABS), one teacher's preparation area/workroom, and a chemical storage area; various items to meet safety code requirements; new equipment

including lab equipment, sinks, hoods, lab stations and ADA compliant lab/work stations; technology updates; new flooring, windows, doors, lighting, and HVAC equipment to comply with ventilation standards; and other related work and improvements, and, to the extent of available funds, such other improvements to the existing Shepaug Valley School facilities as are determined by the Board of Education or any building committee delegated such responsibility by the Board of Education (estimated cost of \$1,493,020). The Board of Education, or any building committee or committees delegated all or any portion of such responsibility by the Board of Education, shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of each project, and may reduce or modify the scope of each project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the projects as so reduced or modified. The District anticipates receiving grants from the State Department of Education for an estimated approximately 70.2% of the aggregate cost of the projects, for a resulting estimated aggregate net cost of the projects to the District of \$11,751,921.

2. That \$39,491,387 bonds and temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation. The amount of the bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants, if any, received by the District for the projects, and not separately appropriated to pay project costs.

3. That the Chairman and the Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated such authority by the Board of Education, be authorized to require the District and its member towns to comply with applicable federal income tax requirements for tax-exempt bonds, and to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.

4. That the Board of Education be authorized to approve the entering into of contracts for the projects, and the Board of Education, or such officer or body to whom the Board delegates such authority, be authorized to approve the expenditure of said appropriation and such other matters as it deems desirable or necessary to complete the projects.

5. That the appropriation and bond and temporary note authorization be submitted to referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the member towns of the District.

Dated at Washington Depot, Connecticut this 29th day of September, 2015.

James Hirschfield, Chairman
Board of Education
Regional School District Number 12

3. Presentation of the final conceptual design and cost estimate for the Shepaug Valley Regional Agriscience STEM Academy.

4. Science Labs Renovations at Shepaug Valley School
5. Financial impact.
6. Questions and/or statements concerning the above items to be entertained.
7. Adjournment.

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