

Regional School District 12  
Board of Education Special Meeting  
Shepaug Valley Middle High School  
May 15, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2014, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Alan Brown, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Jennifer Pote, Michael Sinatra and Susan Stumpf. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent, and Robert Geisen, Director of Finance were also present. Valerie Andersen, Tony Bedini, Gregory Cava, Kelly Lott and Peter Tagley were absent.

Also in attendance were: Don O'Leary, Director of Facilities; Kim Gallo, Principal SVMHS

*The following resolution was read by Michael Sinatra:*

**RESOLVED**, That Board of Education adopts the following resolution, to be submitted for approval by a referendum vote of the voters of the District:

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$8,281,989 FOR COSTS OF DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS TO SHEPAUG VALLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTIONS OF SAID APPROPRIATIONS AS IS NOT DEFRAID FROM GRANTS**

**RESOLVED**,

1. That Regional School District Number 12 of the State of Connecticut appropriate EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$8,281,989) for costs related to the design, construction and installation of various improvements and renovations to Shepaug Valley Middle/High School, as recommended by the Facilities Committee and approved by the Board at its meeting December 2, 2013. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, survey, testing and permitting costs, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, materials, technology infrastructure and equipment, site improvements, architects' fees, engineering fees, construction management costs and fees, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing. The Board of Education, or any building committee delegated all or any portion of such responsibility by the Board of Education, shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project as desirable, and the entire appropriation, but as to each portion of the project, not an amount in excess of the estimated cost of each such portion of the project, may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

2. That the District issue its bonds and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$8,281,989) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of the bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the District for the project. The bonds and temporary notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the District and its member towns, secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the District and its member towns. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds and notes. The Chairman and the Treasurer, or such officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates the authority to make such determinations, are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds and notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for keeping a record of the bonds or

notes; to designate a financial advisor to the District in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

3. That the District hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the District reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Chairman and the Treasurer, or such officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates such authority, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the District pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

4. That the Chairman and the Treasurer, or such officer or body to whom the Board delegates such authority, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

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

6. That the appropriation made hereby shall not be effective until the District has received any necessary report approving said project pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

7. That the appropriation and authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington, being all of the towns comprising said District.

**MOTION:** made by Susan Stumpf and seconded by Michelle Gorra to accept the above resolution.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

Motion passed

*The following resolution was read by Alan Brown:*

**RESOLVED**, that the above school project bond and temporary note authorization be submitted for approval by referendum vote of the voters of the District; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014; that notice of said referendum be given by publication and posting between five and fifteen days before said date, and that said notices of the referendum in the Towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington be substantially in the following form:

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“WARNING  
REFERENDUM VOTE  
Regional School District Number 12  
Town of \_\_\_\_\_  
June 17, 2014

Referendum votes of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut will be held in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ at the following polling places:

*[INSERT POLLING PLACES]*

and simultaneously in the other Town in Regional School District Number 12 on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, upon resolutions adopted by the Regional Board of Education at meeting held May 15, 2014, which resolutions will be placed on the ballot labels as the following questions, respectively:

“SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 12 APPROPRIATE \$8,281,989 FOR COSTS OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS AT SHEPAUG VALLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAIDED FROM GRANTS?”

Voters approving a resolution shall vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution shall vote “No”. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk  
Town of \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION:** made by Michael Sinatra and seconded by Michelle Gorra to accept the above resolution with corrections in the paragraph below *[INSERT POLLING PLACES]*, to the word town making it plural, towns and to add the word a between at and meeting.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

Motion passed

*The following resolution was read by James Hirschfield:*

**RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Board of Education is authorized, in such official’s discretion, to prepare, and to cause to be printed and distributed, concise explanatory texts regarding the aforesaid resolution to be submitted to the voters of the District at referendum to be held June 17, 2014, such explanatory texts to be subject to the approval of the District’s general counsel and to be prepared

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and distributed in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

**MOTION:** made by Michelle Gorra and seconded by Jennifer Pote to accept the above resolution.

Dr. Cosentino stated that a one page flyer would be mailed out.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

Motion passed

*The following resolution was read by Michelle Gorra:*

**RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Regional School District Number 12, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Regional Board and the chairman of any building committee established for the aforesaid proposed school building projects are authorized on behalf of the District to execute one or more applications for State grants in aid of the said projects and to accept or reject such grants on behalf of the District and to execute any and all necessary agreements and other documents in connection therewith.

**MOTION:** made by Michael Sinatra and seconded by Jennifer Pote to accept the above resolution

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

Motion passed

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** made by Emily Hibbard and seconded by Susan Stumpf to adjourn.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.