

## SPECIAL MEETING

September 26, 2016

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman William Blake, Mr. John Belfonti, Ms. Robin Berke, (arrived at 6:34 pm), Ms. Patricia Cardozo, Ms. Sue Cohen, Ms. Tracey Russo, Mr. James Stirling and Ms. Diane Urbano.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Christopher Browe, Mr. Steven DeMaio, Ms. Amy Esposito, Mr. Thomas Hurley and Ms. Sheila McCreven.

**Staff members present:** Dr. Charles Dumais, Ms. Theresa Lumas, Mr. Scott Cleary and Mr. Jim Saisa.

**Also present:** None

A special meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the presentation room at the Amity District Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman William Blake called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by those present.
3. **Public Comment** – none.
4. **Mr. Stirling made a motion to consider and act upon resolutions with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to various improvements at Amity Regional High School and Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus; to pass the following resolutions with a roll call vote and to waive the reading of the resolutions, which was seconded by Ms. Cohen:**

**APPROPRIATION OF \$2,065,000 AND AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, BETHANY CAMPUS RESOLVED,**

1. That Regional School District Number 5 of the State of Connecticut appropriate TWO MILLION SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,065,000) for costs related to various improvements at Amity Regional High School and Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus, contemplated to include: (a) at Amity Regional High School, replacement of the middle gymnasium air handlers with combination heating/cooling units, replacement of the air handlers serving the A wing classrooms and the kitchen area, renovation of the consumer service room, replacement of various parking lots and driveway areas, and replacement of tennis courts; and (b) at Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus, upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system including changes in the diffuser layout, installation of additional control points and improvements to the building management system programming. The appropriation may be spent for design and installation costs, equipment, materials, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The District Board of Education is 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 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 TWO MILLION SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,065,000) 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 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 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 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 authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge, being all of the towns comprising said District.

**The foregoing resolution was approved by the following roll-call vote: [which resulted in a weighted vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.]**

**IN FAVOR [ (weighted vote)]**

- John Belfonti
- William Blake
- Patricia Cardozo
- Sue Cohen
- Tracey Russo
- James Stirling
- Diane Urbano

**OPPOSED [ (weighted vote)]**

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**ABSENT**

- Robyn Berke
- Christopher Browe
- Steven DeMaio
- Amy Esposito
- Thomas Hurley
- Sheila McCreven

Total: 7

Total: 0

**5. Ms. Russo made a motion to pass the following resolution regarding the calling of a District referendum thereon, with a roll call vote and to waive the reading of the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Belfonti:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recommends to the towns comprising Regional School District Number 5 that the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorizations be approved by referendum vote; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016; that notice of said referendum be given by publication and posting between five and fifteen days before said date.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the following roll-call vote: [which resulted in a weighted vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.]

IN FAVOR [ (weighted vote)]

John Belfonti  
William Blake  
Patricia Cardozo  
Sue Cohen  
Tracey Russo  
James Stirling  
Diane Urbano

OPPOSED [ (weighted vote)]

ABSENT

Robyn Berke  
Christopher Browe  
Steven DeMaio  
Amy Esposito  
Thomas Hurley  
Sheila McCreven

Total: 7

Total: 0

**6. Ms. Cardozo made a motion to pass the resolution to authorize Amity Regional School District #5 to prepare an explanatory text for the referendum question, with a roll call vote and to waive the reading of the resolution, which was seconded by Ms.Cohen:**

FURTHER 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, a concise explanatory text regarding the aforesaid question to be submitted to the voters of the District at referendum to be held December 6, 2016, such explanatory text to be subject to the approval of the District’s general counsel and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with subsection (a) of Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the following roll-call vote: [which resulted in a weighted vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.]

IN FAVOR [ (weighted vote)]

John Belfonti  
William Blake  
Patricia Cardozo  
Sue Cohen  
Tracey Russo  
James Stirling  
Diane Urbano

OPPOSED [ (weighted vote)]

ABSENT

Robyn Berke  
Christopher Browe  
Steven DeMaio  
Amy Esposito  
Thomas Hurley  
Sheila McCreven

Total: 7

Total: 0

***Motion by Ms. Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Russo to adjourn at 6:35 pm***

**Vote unanimous**

**Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk  
Thomas Hurley, Secretary