

A Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 16 2013 in the Library of Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Superintendent Jody Ian Goeler; Board members George Bauer, Pamela Zmek, Charles Cosgriff, John Chapman, and Sophieazane Bartlett. Also, Board Clerk Deb Carlton

Absent: Board members Maryanne Van Aken, Gary Suslavich and John Swendsen

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 9:19 pm

Item #1: Mr. Bauer requested a motion to approve the following:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$63,820,605 FOR THE RENOVATION OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED,

1. That Regional School District Number 14 of the State of Connecticut appropriate SIXTY THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$63,820,605) for costs related to various renovations, improvements, and additions at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury so as to "renovate-to-new" the school per the definition of the State Department of Education. These renovations, improvements, and additions will include, but not be limited to, (1) addition of science labs and classrooms; renovation of the auditorium, stage, and lobby; the renovation/addition of space for team/P.E. locker rooms, health facility, and equipment storage; addition of a multi-purpose room next to the cafeteria; creation of a video studio/lab and computer lab; renovation of the Special Education suite; school security improvements; new A/C and window replacement in the 1970 academic wing; installation of a new sprinkler system; HVAC control and fire alarm system upgrades; emergency generator for major systems; code/ADA renovations in toilet rooms, elevator, and stairways; new gym bleachers; new interior doors and floor/wall/ceiling finishes; reconfiguration, regrading, resurfacing, and irrigation of the grass fields; provision of a new artificial turf on the main athletic field; new field amenities including lighting at the main athletic field, concession stand/toilet rooms, bleachers for 1,000 spectators, dugouts, and scoreboards; repair/expansion of the existing tennis courts; improved pedestrian/vehicular access to athletic fields; realignment of the entry/exit access; separation of bus/car traffic with a dedicated student drop-off; repair, expansion, and upgrade of all parking areas including lighting, signage, landscaping, curbing; and (2) related work and improvements; and for costs related to the financing of the project. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, materials, site improvements, survey and testing costs, 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 such project, and may reduce or modify the scope of such project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on such project as so reduced or modified.

2. That the District issue its bonds and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed SIXTY THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$63,820,605) 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 of the Board of Education 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 of the Board of Education 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 of the Board of Education 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 authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, being all of the towns comprising said District.

Entered by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Ms. Zmek, the **motion carried 5-0.**

Item #2: Mr. Bauer requested a motion to approve the following:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM VOTES ON APPROPRIATION AND BOND AND NOTE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recommends to the towns comprising Regional School District Number 14 that the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorization adopted under item 1 above for the 2013 Nonnewaug High School Project be approved by referendum vote; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013; that notice of said referendum be given by publication and posting at least five days but not more than fifteen days before said date, and that said notices of the referendum in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury be substantially in the following form:

WARNING
REFERENDUM VOTE
Regional School District Number 14
Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury
June 18, 2013

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Bethlehem at the following polling place:

Bethlehem Town Hall

and simultaneously in the other Member Town of the District, Woodbury, at the following polling place:

Woodbury Senior/Community Center

on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 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 a resolution adopted by the Regional Board of Education at meeting held May 16, 2013, which will be placed on the ballot as the following question:

“SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 14 APPROPRIATE \$63,820,605 FOR RENOVATION OF AND ADDITIONS TO NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

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

Entered by Mr. Cosgriff and seconded by Ms. Zmek, the **motion carried 5-0.**

Item #3: Mr. Bauer requested a motion to approve the following:

RESOLUTION REFERRING 2013 NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TO THE TOWN OF WOODBURY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the referral of the 2013 Nonnewaug High School Project to the Planning Commission of the Town of Woodbury for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

Entered by Mr. Cosgriff and seconded by Ms. Bartlett, the **motion carried 5-0.**

Item #4: Mr. Bauer requested a motion to approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF EXPLANATORY TEXT FOR REFERENDUM VOTES ON APPROPRIATION AND BOND AND NOTE AUTHORIZATION FOR RENOVATION OF AND ADDITIONS TO NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL

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 resolutions in connection with the 2013 Nonnewaug High School Project to be submitted to the voters of the District at referendum to be held June 18, 2013, such explanatory text to be subject to the approval of the District's general counsel and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

Entered by Mr. Cosgriff and seconded by Mr. Chapman, the **motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Bauer requested a motion to adjourn.

Entered by Mr. Cosgriff and seconded by Mr. Chapman, the **motion carried 5-0.**

The Special Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophiezone Bartlett, Secretary
Regional School District 14 Board of Education

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Debra W. Carlton, Board Clerk, 5/17/13