

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINTUES
FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chairman, Fran Archambault.

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga, Bruce Silva, Jeff Smith, Jessie Mehroff (student representative)

ABSENT: Frank Krasicki

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: None

REPORTS:

Bill Ryan reported that the finance committee had met prior to this meeting. He stated that Mr. Pemberton, Building and Grounds Director, met with the committee regarding replacing a custodian that had recently retired. Discussion regarding this issue will be added to the agenda. He also stated that the building committee will be meeting on January 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Jellen reported that the curriculum committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Jessie Mehroff updated board members on the activities of the student congress.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Superintendent Silva introduced Attorney Ron Harris. Attorney Harris, of the State Department of Education, discussed in detail the procedures for expanding the district. He advised board members to do a preliminary study before entering into a formal study. Attorney Harris answered questions board members and members of the audience had.

Board chair, Fran Archambault, asked Superintendent Silva to contact town officials in regards to scheduling a meeting to discuss conducting a preliminary study.

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Debbie Potvin, to approve or receive for the record the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 2, 2008 Board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to University of Delaware, March 20-21, 2009, submitted by Bob Pirrie.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to New York City , March 18-21, 2009, submitted by Rick Larson.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Edward Dion, school custodian.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Providence, RI, March 12-15, 2009, submitted by Scott Chaurette.

End of Consent Agenda

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,950,000 FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,950,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED,

1. That Regional School District Number 19 of the State of Connecticut (hereinafter, the "District") appropriate THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,950,000) for (a) costs of renovations and improvements to various athletic facilities of the District (i) at E.O. Smith High School, contemplated to include renovation of the onsite athletic track, inner game field and exterior tennis/basketball courts, installation of a synthetic athletic field, 850 seat bleachers, fencing and stadium lighting, the renovation of a storage building to include restrooms/concession stand, installation of a new score board, public address system and announcers booth, amendments to walkways and parking facilities, and (ii) at the Farrell Fields Complex, contemplated to include installation of an athletic fields irrigation system; (b) costs of related materials, equipment and improvements; and (c) costs of the financing of the project. The Regional School District 19 Building Committee is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project. The Regional School District 19 Building Committee is further authorized to reduce or modify the project scope, including without limitation the elimination of project components as necessary or desirable to complete the project within the appropriated amount, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction and installation costs, related improvements, repairs, equipment and materials, engineering and consultant fees, administrative costs, grant application

costs, printing, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

2. That the District issue its bonds, notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,950,000) 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, notes 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 Chairman of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of the District shall sign the bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds and notes. The Chairman and 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 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 Building Committee established by the District Board of Education for the project is authorized to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the District with respect to the project, following approval from the District Board of Education; to approve design and construction expenditures for the project; and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project. Committee members shall not receive any compensation for their services. Necessary expenses of the Committee shall be included in the cost of the project. The records of the Committee shall be filed with the Secretary of the District Board of Education and shall be open to public inspection during normal business hours. Upon completion of the project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the District Board of Education.

6. That the District Board of Education is authorized to apply for and accept state grants for the project. The District Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Building Committee established for the project and other appropriate District officers and staff are each authorized to file applications with the State Department of Education, to execute grant agreements for the project, and to file such documents as may be required by the State Department of Education to obtain grants for the costs of financing the project, including the preparation and filing of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project.

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

VOTE by Roll Call:

Yes: Francis Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bill Ryan, that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recommends to the towns comprising Regional School District Number 19 that the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorization be approved by referendum vote; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009; 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 Ashford, Mansfield and Willington be substantially in the following form:

WARNING
REFERENDUM VOTE
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19
TOWN OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

A referendum vote 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:

and simultaneously in the other Towns in the District on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 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 which will be placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

“SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19
APPROPRIATE \$3,950,000 AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND
TEMPORARY NOTES FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES
IMPROVEMENTS?”

Voters approving said 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 _____, 2009.

Town Clerk
Town of _____

VOTE by Roll Call:

Yes: Francis Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Herb Arico, that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Regional School District Number 19 (hereinafter, the “District”) and the Chairman and Secretary of the Regional

Board and the Chairman of the Building Committee are authorized on behalf of the District to execute one or more applications for State grants in aid of the proposed school building project 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.

VOTE: by Roll Call:

Yes: Francis Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Ryan spoke to board members about the request to fill a custodial vacancy due to a retirement. He explained to board members that the finance committee denied this request due to the current economic climate. It was the consensus of the board to go along with the committee's recommendation.

Superintendent Silva asked if any board member would be willing to serve on Mansfield Town Council Sustainability Committee. Board members were asked to contact the Mansfield Town Manager's Office if they were interested in being a part of this committee.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak:

E.O. Smith student, Kousanee Chheda, spoke to board members about her concerns with the weighted grade policy. Kousanne will be invited to attend a curriculum committee to speak of her concerns in more detail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk