

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, March 24, 2015 in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, CT immediately following the Public Hearing held in the auditorium at CRHS. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo.

Absent: Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Renninghoff

Also present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Melnik, Business Manager

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Board Meeting

April 8, 2015 at Coginchaug Regional High School at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, Coginchaug Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Onofreo seconded.

In favor of approving the agenda: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2015

Mrs. Adams moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015. Dr. Onofreo seconded.

Mrs. Fronc asked that the word could be replaced with the word would in her comment regarding professional development. She also stated she would like to see a drug and alcohol prevention program in grades 7-12, not just a drug prevention program.

In favor of approving the minutes of March 18, 2015 as amended: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Mrs. Buckheit abstained.

Communications

Mrs. Flanagan stated that she and Mrs. Adams attended A Day on the Hill. Mrs. Flanagan will provide more information at the next BOE meeting

Committee Reports

ERC/Brewster Roof Building Committee

Mr. Fulton moved that the reading of the entire resolution be waived. Mr. Hicks seconded.

In favor of waiving the reading of the resolutions: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Motion passed

A copy of the resolution will be included with the minutes.

Mr. Fulton moved with respect to the Brewster Elementary School Roof Replacement Project. To consider and act on a resolution with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for roof replacement and related improvements at Brewster Elementary School in Durham. Dr. Onofreo seconded.

In favor of approving the Brewster Elementary School Roof Replacement Project: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Motion passed.

Mr. Fulton moved with respect to the Brewster Elementary School Solar Energy Panel System Installation Project. To consider and act on a resolution with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for installation of solar energy panels, and related equipment and improvements, at Brewster Elementary School in Durham. Mr. Hicks seconded.

In favor of approving the Brewster Elementary School Solar Energy Panel System Installation Project: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Motion passed.

Mr. Fulton moved with respect to the Referendum on Brewster Elementary School Projects. To consider and act on a resolution to establish a referendum of District voters on the appropriations and borrowing authorizations for the Brewster Elementary School Roof Replacement Project and the Brewster Elementary School Solar Energy Panel System Installation Project and to determine various matters related thereto.

In favor of approving the Referendum on Brewster Elementary School Projects: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Mrs. Viola wanted to stress to the Board that there should be no new hires in the 2015-2016 budget. Also she stated that taxpayers were not made aware that Dr. Veronesi's contract had been reopened.

Follow Up

None

Adjournment

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Dr. Onofreo seconded.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Johnson

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 13
HELD MARCH 25, 2015

Brewster Elementary School Roof Replacement Project.

APPROPRIATION OF \$1,300,000 AND AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ROOF REPLACEMENT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT BREWSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DURHAM

RESOLVED,

1. That Regional School District Number 13 of the State of Connecticut appropriate ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000) for costs related to the design, construction and implementation of roof replacement and related improvements at Brewster Elementary School in Durham, contemplated to include replacement of all sections of the roof, testing and identification of any asbestos-containing roofing and flashing materials and disposal of hazardous material, temporary relocation and reinstallation of rooftop equipment; replacement of all roof drains and installation of secondary drains as needed, and ceiling tile replacement and wall restoration in affected areas; (b) related work and improvements, and (c) costs of the financing thereof. The appropriation may be spent for design, demolition, installation and construction costs, preparation of educational specifications, schematic drawings and outline specifications, equipment, materials, testing costs, disposal costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, construction management costs and fees, grant application and management costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Educational Resources Committee, established by the District Board of Education as the building committee for the project, 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 ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000) 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 Educational Resources Committee 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 authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, being all of the towns comprising said District.

Brewster Elementary School Solar Energy Panel System Installation Project.

APPROPRIATION OF \$785,000 AND AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY PANEL SYSTEM, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS, AT BREWSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DURHAM

RESOLVED,

1. That Regional School District Number 13 of the State of Connecticut appropriate SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$785,000) for costs related to the acquisition and installation of a roof-mounted solar energy panel system, and related equipment and improvements, at Brewster Elementary School in Durham, and costs of the financing thereof. The

appropriation may be spent for installation and construction costs, preparation of educational specifications, schematic drawings and outline specifications, equipment, materials, testing costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, construction management costs and fees, grant application and management costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Educational Resources Committee, established by the District Board of Education as the building committee for the project, 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 SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$785,000) 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 Educational Resources Committee 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 authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, being all of the towns comprising said District.

Referendum on Brewster Elementary School Projects.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recommends to the towns comprising Regional School District Number 13 that the bond and temporary note authorizations approved at this meeting for the Brewster Elementary School Roof Replacement Project and the Brewster Elementary School Solar Energy Panel System Installation Project be approved by referendum vote; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015; 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 Durham and Middlefield be substantially in the following form:

WARNING
REFERENDUM VOTE
Regional School District Number 13
May 5, 2015

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, Connecticut will be held at the following polling places:

Korn School, Durham
Middlefield Community Center, Middlefield

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 March 25, 2015, which will be placed on the ballots as the following questions:

SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 13 APPROPRIATE \$1,300,000 AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ROOF REPLACEMENT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT BREWSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DURHAM?

SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 13 APPROPRIATE \$785,000 AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME

AMOUNT FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A ROOF-MOUNTED
SOLAR ENERGY PANEL SYSTEM, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND
IMPROVEMENTS, AT BREWSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DURHAM?

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