

Region 9 Board of Education
June 5, 2006
PUBLIC HEARING

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Attendance: Gombos, Lewis, Pemberton, Poltrack, Stone
Administration: Fossbender, Haig, Sullivan
Media: Redding Pilot, Minuteman, Connecticut Post
Others: six members of the public

Mrs. Pemberton called the June 5, 2006 Public Hearing to order at 7:04 pm

Mr. Stone, Board Secretary called for nominations for a moderator to conduct the meeting.

Nomination of Emily d'Aulaire by Joan DeSalvo, seconded by Art Poltrack.
There were no further nominations. Mrs. d'Aulaire was unanimously elected moderator.

CALL OF THE MEETING

Mrs. d'Aulaire read the call of the meeting.

Warning is hereby given to all the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Regional School District Number 9, being those electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Towns of Easton and Redding in the State of Connecticut, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 5, 2006 at Joel Barlow High School in Redding Connecticut at 7:00 pm to hear a referendum proposal of the Board of Education of Regional School District No. 9 for additional funding associated with the Joel Barlow High School Building Project.

Certification of notice publication in the Easton Courier and Redding Pilot is on file at Central Office.

RESOLUTIONS

The moderator, Mrs. d'Aulaire, read the Resolution.

Resolution appropriating \$1,300,000 (Easton's share currently equal to 43.85% or \$570,050, and Redding's share currently equal to 56.15% or \$729,950) for expansion, renovations, code compliance, capital improvements and purchase of equipment for Joel Barlow High School and authorizing the issue of \$1,300,000 bonds of the District to meet said appropriation and pending the issue of bonds the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Everyone present received a written copy of the Resolutions and additional details regarding the resolution.

Mrs. d'Aulaire turned the meeting over to the chair of Region 9 Board of Education, Julia Pemberton.

Mrs. Pemberton and board member Art Poltrack provided additional information regarding the request for the additional monies. That information included details of the need for \$500,000 to pay outstanding invoices, and \$800,000 for the remaining issues in litigation.

Mr. Poltrack reported that a mediation session was held on June 2, 2006 and with prospect of favorable settlement and closure of lawsuits with Kennedy Electric and Peter J. Francini & Co.

Mrs. Pemberton added that costs not known or anticipated at the time of the referendum December of 2004 include site work, work not completed, and work not completed to specification. The Board of Education, after a long discussion, is going back to the taxpayers with the same request, \$1,300,000, with an anticipated July 11, 2006 referendum date. The same amount of money is being requested to avoid going back for additional funding.

The full presentation will be available on the website.

Mrs. Pemberton opened the Public Hearing to public comment.

Steve Pomazi, Redding: questioned why the Board does not take no for an answer and asked why the board does not listen to what the public says. Mrs. Pemberton responded that the board is listening to what is being said, but does not believe the public was fully informed about the request. She added that the board has work to do to fully explain the request to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move to adjourn: Stone, Poltrack. Approved. Unanimous.

The Public Session was adjourned at 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Huntley Stone
Region 9 BOE Secretary
Recorded by Mary Maday