

REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING
BOND AUTHORIZATION

Joel Barlow High School - Library Learning Commons

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March 28, 2023 – 7:15 p.m.

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: D'Agostino, Johnston, O'Brien, Denny, Lehberger, Pampel, Thompson

Administration: McKinnon, Scrofani

Others: 6 members of the staff and public

CALL TO ORDER

M. D'Agostino called the Region 9 Board of Education District Hearing- Bond Authorization to order at 7:17 p.m.

M. D'Agostino read the Bond Resolution, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

M. D'Agostino explained the school was experiencing technical challenges, specifically that the projectors would not sync with the AppleTV. Therefore, he would need to read the Powerpoint presentation, which the board has shown many times previously. A hard copy of the presentation was shared with the public, and the content has not changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

S. Melnyk (Cricklewood Rd., Redding) Expressed dissatisfaction with the communication regarding this project. No drawings until tonight

B. Chapin (Lonetown Rd. Redding) Spoke about the reduction in overall expenses and benefits of having artificial turf

M. Melnyk (Cricklewood Rd. Redding) Expressed dissatisfaction with communication regarding this project

A. Bennett (Gallows Hill Rd. Redding) Stated there have been drawings at last 5 board presentations

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

G. Denny- Renderings shown at last meeting

M. D'Agostino- All work will be done according to all state and local regulations. Board is open to receive all questions and concerns.

K. Thompson- Nest website may have led to confusion regarding scope of project

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move that the Region 9 District Public Hearing Bond Authorization be adjourned. (Denny, Thompson).

Absent any objections, M. D'Agostino adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted and Recorded by Karen O'Brien
Secretary, Region 9 Board of Education



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ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$4,500,000 FOR JOEL BARLOW STADIUM NEST BUILDING & FIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000

RESOLVED:

Section 1. That Regional School District No. 9 of the State of Connecticut (the "District") appropriate the sum of \$4,500,000 for (a) improvements at Joel Barlow High School, including (i) resurfacing existing field with synthetic turf, (ii) paving existing practice field to expand parking lot off Turney Road, (iii) installation of LED lighting for turf field and expanded parking area, (iv) construction of a building, which may include accessible restrooms, team rooms, and concessions in the existing stadium venue, (v) bleacher sports seating, (vi) other site improvements, including pedestrian walkways, safety fencing, and accessible entrance gates, (vii) other work related to the project listed in (i) through (v) above, including, but not limited to planning, design, acquisition and construction costs, equipment, materials, architects' fees, engineering fees, insurance, and project management fees, and (b) ~~for interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and for administrative, printing, financing and legal~~ and costs of issuance related thereto (the "Project"). The District Board of Education is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The District Board of Education may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

Section 2. That to finance said appropriation for the Project, the District shall issue bonds or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 10-56 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes") and any other enabling acts.

Section 3. That the District issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$4,500,000.

Section 4. That the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of the District (the "Officials"), or such officer or body to whom the Board of Education of the District delegates the authority to make such determination, be authorized to sign said bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures and to determine the amounts, rates of interest, dates, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds or notes, the form of such bonds or notes; the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds or notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the issuance and securing of such bonds or notes and to execute, sell and deliver the same, and provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), and in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling. The bonds and notes authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the District and its member towns secured by the full faith and credit of the District and its member towns.

Section 5. That the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; to provide for the keeping of 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 designate the law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC, Hartford, Connecticut, as the attorneys at law, to render an opinion approving the legality of such issue or issues.

Section 6. That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds and notes by a competitive offering or by a negotiated sale, at their discretion; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes, including, but not limited to, entering into a continuing disclosure agreement pursuant to the "Rule". If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized 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, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 7. That the District hereby declares its official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations (the "Treasury Regulations") that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds, which are paid within sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution, and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the District reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings (the "Obligations") in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Project. Such Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than eighteen months after the later of the date of the original expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Treasury Regulations may authorize. The Officials 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.

Section 8. That the Officials are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to information repositories designated by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to provide notices to such repositories of certain events as enumerated in the Rule, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to such repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 9. That the Officials and other proper officers of the District are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 10. That the authorization of bonds and notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Easton and Redding, being all of the towns comprising said District.