

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Lewis S. Mills High School Auditorium**  
**26 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013**  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013  
Immediately following the Public Hearing or 9:17 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman  
Susan Baccaro  
Beth Duffy  
Thomas Fausel  
Theresa Foley  
Paul Omichinski  
Phillip Penn, Vice Chairman  
Ted Scheidel  
Brooke Joiner  
Bruce Guillemette

**Board Members Absent:** n/a

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
David Fortin, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order:  
Mr. Joseph Arcuri, Chairman of the Board, called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 9:17 p.m.

II. Action  
A: Approve a referendum for January 14, 2014 for the Exterior Athletic Facilities Renovation Project as proposed for the Lewis S. Mills/Har-Bur Complex

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Omichinski and seconded by Ms. Beth Duffy to bring the proposed \$3,327,000 project to referendum on January 14, 2014 as presented at the Public Hearing;

**Further Discussion:**

Board Member Ms. Theresa Foley opened discussions by asking if there could be modifications to the proposal with either a cut to specific items or a cut in the dollar amount, as a compromise.

After listening to members of the audience and getting a feel that the project is important and that something needs to be done, she personally felt that it could be accomplished for a lower cost. She also expressed concerns about the yearly fees.

Mr. Paul Omichinski provided a list of the proposed project items and asked what might be considered as a possible cut.

The press box was cited as a nice item to have, but not a necessity. A statement about the lighting being an expensive ticket item was also said.

Mr. Omichinski reiterated what he tried to explain at the conclusion of the public hearing; that he had planned to trim the project and insure that the district was receiving value for what they were spending their money on and not spending more than what was needed to spend.

Mr. Ted Scheidel agreed with one exception, at what level the project could be accomplished. He supported the lighting because, "You get more use of the fields."

Mr. Omichinski said, without itemizing, "if the Board says to do the project at 2.9 million, then it will be done at 2.9 million", adding that they would try to get as much of the project completed within that amount. He guaranteed that they would touch on all the elements of the project. He spoke about value engineering, the step after the detail design, "Here are the numbers. Here are the first estimates. Can we get it down to here? Can you find ways to do it?"

Ms. Beth Duffy stated, citing Canton's similar project, "We need to have a cohesive project that is going to work and do what we need it to do." She felt Canton's project, even though it passed, was a strip down project.

Mr. Omichinski asked where the Board felt they would be comfortable and where the two communities would support the project with regards to dollars and cents and he would let them know if it was feasible or not.

Mr. Scheidel mentioned that he had received numerous comments from the communities regarding the tennis courts. Discussions ensued regarding the varying methods of repair and the pros and cons of each.

Mr. Omichinski motioned to amend his original motion currently on the table from \$3,327,000 as presented at the Public Hearing with modification to 2,900,000. (See Appendix A attached)

#### Further Discussion

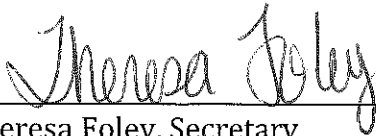
Ms. Sue Laone, Director of Finance and Operations, commented that because the district is so early on in the process, she expects to receive some pretty competitive bids.

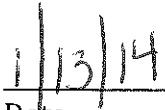
Mr. Ominchinski's motion was seconded by Ms. Duffy; None opposed;  
Motion carried unanimously.

III. Adjourn:

On a motion made by Ms. Duffy and seconded by Ms. Sue Baccaro to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:58 p.m., no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Theresa Foley, Secretary

  
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Date

## Appendix A

### **APPROPRIATION OF \$2,900,000 AND AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTERIOR ATHLETIC FACILITY RENOVATIONS AT THE LEWIS MILLS /HAR BUR COMPLEX**

RESOLVED,

1. That Regional School District Number 10 of the State of Connecticut appropriate TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,900,000) for costs related to the design, construction and implementation of design, construction and implementation of exterior athletic facility renovations at the Lewis Mills /Har Bur Complex, 26 Lyons Rd, Burlington, Connecticut, including: the installation of synthetic turf, lighting improvements, a press booth, bleachers, fencing, track and field replacement, tennis court replacement, construction of a crew boat storage facility and the acquisition of associated equipment; related work and improvements, and the costs of the financing thereof. The appropriation may be spent for design, demolition, installation and construction costs, equipment, materials, testing costs, disposal costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, construction management costs and fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Building Committee established by the District Board of Education 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 TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,900,000) 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 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 authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Burlington and Harwinton, being all of the towns comprising said District.

Item 2.

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recommends to the towns comprising Regional School District Number 10 that the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorizations be approved by referendum vote; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014; 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 Burlington and Harwinton be substantially in the following form:

“WARNING”  
REFERENDUM VOTE  
Regional School District Number 10  
Towns of Burlington and Harwinton  
January 14, 2014

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Burlington and Harwinton, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Burlington and Harwinton at the following polling places:

Burlington Town Hall  
200 Spielman Highway  
Burlington, CT 06013

Harwinton Town Hall  
100 Bentley Drive  
Harwinton, CT 06791

on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 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 10 APPROPRIATE  
\$2,900,000 AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE  
SAME AMOUNT FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTERIOR ATHLETIC FACILITY RENOVATIONS  
AT THE LEWIS MILLS /HAR BUR COMPLEX?

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.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2013.

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Town Clerk  
Town of Burlington/Harwinton

Item 3

FURTHER 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, a concise explanatory text regarding the aforesaid question to be submitted to the voters of the District at referendum to be held January 14, 2014, 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.

Item 4

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Regional School District Number 10 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 projects 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.