

The Regional District 13 Board of Education held a District Meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the Julian Thayer Auditorium at Coginchaug Regional High School. Board members present: Mr. Currin, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Ms. Parsons, Dr. Ochterski, Dr. Shoemaker, Ms. Gara. Member absent: Mrs. Adams. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Melnik.

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 8:04p.m. and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Jim Finley as moderator. No other nominations were made. Jim Finley was unanimously elected as moderator.

Mr. Hicks read the call of the meeting.

The meeting was opened to questions.

Karen Cheney asked what paper and when the notice to the meeting was posted. The notice was in the Hartford Courant on May 28, 2008.

Barbara Rowe asked why the District meeting is necessary to transfer the funds.

Mr. Melnik stated the District's Bond Counsel said this is a requirement by State Statutes. The District would like to transfer 1% from the current budget from the fund balance into a capital reserve account. A motion needs to be made and voted on by the public to approve the transfer. The first selectmen in both towns asked that the Registrars of Voters be invited.

Barbara Jean DiMauro asked when this statute was implemented. Mr. Melnik stated in 2006.

Ms. DiMauro asked if this transfer had anything to do with the bond issue. Mr. Melnik stated no, the money is not used for the bond.

Mr. Hicks made the motion by reading the resolution to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded. A copy of the motion is attached to these minutes.

The question was asked if the money is not in the fund balance to transfer what happens at that point. Mr. Melnik said the Board would need to make a motion to put the money back into the budget.

Chris Flanagan asked what the appropriation will be for the money. Mrs. Viccaro stated most of the money will be used to apply for a grant for security at all the schools. This would include cameras, ID badges, etc. The District needs to apply for the grant with the money up front and then get reimbursed: 48% for Durham and 52% for Middlefield.

Ms. Rowe asked what building envelope meant on the resolution. Dr. Ochterski stated that means the roofs, windows, doors or anything that would be replaced to make the building more energy efficient.

Ms. Rowe asked if the Board thought this capital fund was more important than returning the money to the taxpayers.

Mr. Hennick stated the Board felt it was important to have a capital reserve fund to put money aside to plan for future capital projects such as roofs.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

A vote to approve the resolution was done by paper ballot. A yes vote was to approve the transfer and a no vote to reject the transfer. The vote result: Yes 18, No 2. The motion was approved.

A motion to adjourn was first and seconded.

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