

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2013

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Joe Heisler, Chair

Jen Barsamian, Vice Chair

Tom Ryan

Kevin Coughlin

Mayanne Briggs

Susan Butler-Walko

Rachel McGregor

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

June Doe, Superintendent

Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent

Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education

Meeting began 6:05p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the language on the warrant article and feasibility study to renovate the Dexter property. This is a warrant article for the November special town meeting.

Attachment A

ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee for the development of a Feasibility Study and schematic design for a proposed renovation of the Early Childhood Center to be located at the Dexter Elementary School site at 1100 High Street in Dedham, Massachusetts for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. It is the MSBA's understanding that the intended scope of the feasibility study is to study the option of relocating the ECEC student population into one of the Town's existing elementary schools and the option of moving the ECEC population from the Sprague Street facility to the Dexter facility. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

MOTION/VOTE/ORDER

That the Town of Dedham appropriate the amount of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the purpose of paying costs of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee for the development of a Feasibility Study and schematic design for a proposed renovation or reconstruction of the Early Childhood Education Center to be located at the Dexter Elementary School site at 1100 High Street in Dedham, Massachusetts including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town of Dedham may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee. It is the MSBA's understanding that the intended scope of the feasibility study is to study the option of relocating the ECEC student population into one of the Town's existing elementary schools and the option of moving the ECEC population from the Sprague Street facility to the Dexter facility. To meet this appropriation the Dedham School Committee with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town of Dedham acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Dedham incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Dedham, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½)), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Dedham and the MSBA.

The Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee for the development of a Feasibility Study and schematic design for a proposed renovation of the Early Childhood Education Center to be located 1100 High Street, Dedham, MA.

Discussions took place.

Motion made by Mrs. Briggs to strike the attachment B, seconded by Mrs. Walko, voted unanimous, approved 7-0.

Further discussions took place.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan to approve the Warrant language for the special town meeting, seconded by Mrs. Briggs. Voted unanimous, approved 7-0.

Mr. Heisler will present the warrant to the Board Of Selectmen following the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. McGregor, seconded by Mrs. Barsamian, voted unanimous.

Meeting ended at 6:35 p.m.