

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Board members present: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Hurlbert, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback

Board members absent: Mr. DeVecchio, Mr. Mennone and Mr. Stone

Administration present: Dr. Schuch, Superintendent and Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance

Mrs. Dahlheimer called the special meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to approve the agenda, as presented.*

*In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Hurlbert, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Motion carried.*

Mrs. Dahlheimer stated that the joint public hearing on the plan amendment and the bonding took place on May 1, 2024 and tonight's meeting is to vote on bonding resolutions.

**RESOLUTION 1**

Mrs. Petrella read the following resolution into the record: RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$76,130,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN MIDDLEFIELD INTO A PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5 SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT.

*Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hurlbert, to approve the resolution.*

*In favor of approving the resolution Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Hurlbert, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTION 2**

Mr. Moore read the following resolution into the record: RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO REFERENDUM THE RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$76,130,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN MIDDLEFIELD INTO A PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5 SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT.

*Dr. Darcy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the resolution and move the question to referendum on November 5, 2024.*

*In favor of approving the resolution and moving the question to referendum on November 5, 2024: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Hurlbert, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

*Dr. Darcy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hurlbert, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education.*

*In favor of adjourning the special meeting of the Board of Education: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Hurlbert, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION 1

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13  
TOWNS OF DURHAM AND MIDDLEFIELD**

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$76,130,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN MIDDLEFIELD INTO A PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5 SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That Regional School District No. 13 (the “District”) appropriate \$76,130,000 for the expansion and renovation of Memorial School in Middlefield into a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 school (the “Project”). The appropriation may be expended for design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, materials, equipment, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The Regional School District 13 Building Committee (the “Building Committee”) is authorized to determine the 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. The District anticipates receiving grants from the State of Connecticut for a portion of the eligible costs of the Project to defray in part the appropriation.

SECTION 2. That the District finance the Project by issuing the District’s bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 which bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The bonds or notes may be sold as a single issue or consolidated with any other authorized issues of bonds or notes of the District. The bonds or notes shall bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The bonds or notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such bond or note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the District and the towns of Durham and Middlefield (the “Member Towns”) are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are hereby authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate a bank or trust company to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to designate the persons to sign such bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures in the name or on behalf of the District; 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.

SECTION 3. That the District is authorized to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes. The temporary notes shall be issued with maturity dates in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The temporary notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the District and its Member Towns are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The

Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, form, and other details of the notes; to sell the notes at public or private sale; to designate the persons to execute and deliver the notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the notes. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing such notes, to the extent paid from the proceeds from the issuance of bonds or notes, shall be included as a cost of the appropriation.

SECTION 4. That the District hereby declares its official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the 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 for the Project; that the Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are authorized to bind the District pursuant to such representations and agreements as they deem necessary or advisable in order to ensure and maintain the continued exemption from Federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary 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; and that the Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are authorized to make representations and agreements for the benefit of the holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information and to execute and deliver on behalf of the District an agreement to provide such information with such terms and conditions as they, with the advice of bond counsel, deem necessary and appropriate.

SECTION 5. That the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized above, or any portion thereof, may bear interest which is includable in the gross income of holders thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the issuance of such taxable bonds, notes or temporary notes is hereby determined to be in the public interest.

SECTION 6. That the Superintendent and the Building Committee are authorized to apply for and accept or reject grants-in-aid for the Project.

SECTION 7. That the Superintendent and Building Committee are authorized to execute agreements and other documents on behalf of the District for the Project; and that other District officials and employees are authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out the Project and to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.

SECTION 8. That the Board of Education is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of this appropriation and bonding resolution which has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators in each of the Member Towns. Subject to the approval of the Board of Education's Attorney, the Board of Education is authorized to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding this resolution, such explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.

SECTION 9. That the Board of Education hereby refers the Project to the Town of Middlefield Planning & Zoning Commission for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

RESOLUTION 2

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13  
TOWNS OF DURHAM AND MIDDLEFIELD**

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO REFERENDUM THE RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$76,130,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN MIDDLEFIELD INTO A PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5 SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The appropriation and bonding resolution approved by the Regional School District No. 13 Board of Education concurrently herewith shall be submitted to a referendum vote on voting tabulators by electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings in the Towns of Durham and Middlefield on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

“Shall Regional School District No. 13, comprised of the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, appropriate \$76,130,000 for the expansion and renovation of Memorial School in Middlefield into a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 school and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 to finance the appropriation, or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the project?”

YES NO

Voters approving the resolution shall vote “Yes” and those opposing the resolution shall vote “No”.

Section 2. The following polling places shall be utilized for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting tabulators:

Durham Community Center  
144 Pickett Lane  
Durham, Connecticut 06422

Middlefield Community Center  
405 Main Street  
Middlefield, Connecticut 06455

Section 3. Warnings of the referendum vote shall be published in newspapers having a general circulation within the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, respectively, not more than fifteen (15) days before the date of said referendum, and not less than five (5) days before the date of said referendum, which warnings shall be in substantially the following forms:

**WARNING  
REFERENDUM VOTE  
Regional School District No. 13  
Town of Durham  
November 5, 2024**

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Durham, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Durham at the following place:

Durham Community Center  
144 Pickett Lane  
Durham, Connecticut 06422

and simultaneously in Middlefield, Connecticut on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional School District No. 13 Board of Education at a meeting held on August 29, 2024.

The resolution will be placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

“Shall Regional School District No. 13, comprised of the Towns of Durham and Middlefield, appropriate \$76,130,000 for the expansion and renovation of Memorial School in Middlefield into a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 school and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 to finance the appropriation, or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the project?”

YES                      NO”

Voters approving the resolution shall vote “Yes” and those opposing the resolution shall vote “No”.

A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

Dated in Durham, Connecticut this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Nicole Charest  
Durham Town Clerk

**WARNING**

**REFERENDUM VOTE  
Regional School District No. 13  
Town of Middlefield  
November 5, 2024**

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Middlefield, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Middlefield at the following place:

Middlefield Community Center  
405 Main Street  
Middlefield, Connecticut 06455

and simultaneously in Durham, Connecticut on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional School District No. 13 Board of Education at a meeting held on August 29, 2024.

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Dated in Middlefield, Connecticut this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Tonya Hogan  
Middlefield Town Clerk