



Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2016
Type of Meeting: **SPECIAL MEETING**
Location: School 12

I. Call to Order

At 5:45 pm Mr. Schofield called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Jason Schofield, President
Mr. Thomas Mayo, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Apicella
Ms. Elizabeth Denio
Mrs. Carol Harvin
Ms. Mary Marro-Giroux
Mr. Bill Strang
Mr. Michael Tuttmann
Mrs. Anne Wager-Rounds

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. John Carmello, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Donna Watson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Adam Hotaling, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mrs. Kristen Miaski, Director of Human Resources

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Schofield made a motion at 5:45 pm to move to Executive Session regarding a contractual matter. Invited into Executive Session were Mr. Carmello, Dr. Watson, Mr. Hotaling and Ms. Miaski.

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:05 pm Mr. Schofield called the public session to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

II. Action Items

A. Superintendent's Recommendations - Human Resources

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve Item 1.A.

Second: Mr. Mayo

Discussion: Mr. Schofield introduced Ms. Sheevers [who is filling Jared Heiner's position].

Carried: 9-0

1. Staff Matters - Unclassified (reviewed by D. Watson)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following unclassified personnel action:

A. Unclassified Employee - 2015-16 Probationary Appointment

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE</u> <u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>ASSIGI</u>	<u>PROB APPT</u> <u>START DATE</u>	<u>PROB APPT</u> <u>START DATE</u>	<u>CERT</u> <u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u> <u>RATE</u>
Erin Sheevers	Director of Technology	100%	District	4/25/2016	4/24/2020	SBL, Initial SDL, Pending	\$96,760 (pro-rated)

B. Infrastructure Upgrade Capital Project

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve Items 1-3 as a Consent Agenda.

Second: Mr. Mayo

Discussion: Mr. Schofield thanked Mr. Carmello and Mr. Hotaling for working on the Capital Project for the May 17 vote.

Mr. Mayo asked about the infrastructure upgrades that include "Stage improvements, misc.". Mr. Hotaling said this referred to audio, lights and safety features that cost less than \$100,000. There will be miscellaneous items that will need to be addressed once the project begins.

Mr. Tuttmann asked why playgrounds were listed as Priority in Capital Project. Mr. Carmello explained that there are safety concerns from old equipment.

Mr. Mayo asked about 0% tax impact and for an explanation of one-shot revenues. Mr. Carmello answered that one-time revenues include sale of School 1, Ark Charter School assets, carbon monoxide mandate which was over-budgeted, charter school tuition issues which were resolved, plus \$500,000 from this year's budget.

Carried: 9-0

1. A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND THE ACQUISITION AND THE ACQUISITION OF ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY OR APPARATUS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH SUCH BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES ARE TO BE USED, REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH RECONSTRUCTED AND RENOVATED BUILDINGS ARE TO BE USED, SUCH BUILDINGS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TROY, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York (the "School District"), that the needs of the District require the reconstruction and renovation of various School District buildings and facilities, site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus (collectively, the "Project"), which buildings are located in the City of Troy and located within the School District, in order for the School District to continue to fully utilize said School District buildings as school and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District has been presented with a proposal for the aforesaid Project at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$23,303,400; and

WHEREAS, Section 2512 of the Education Law requires that whenever in the judgment of the Board of Education a building or property, or both, are to be reconstructed, constructed or otherwise improved, such Board of Education shall prepare a Resolution specifying, in detail, the necessity therefor and the estimated cost of the funds necessary for such purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Enlarged City School District of Troy (the "School District") shall reconstruct and renovate various School District buildings, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings and facilities are to be used at a maximum cost of \$23,303,400, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. It is hereby estimated that the amount of funds necessary for the aforesaid purposes are as set forth in the preamble hereof, including, but not limited, to those items set forth in Schedule A shall not exceed the sum of \$23,303,400.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

[Click for Schedule A](#)

2. BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 23, 2016 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TROY AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$19,803,400 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$23,303,400, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE EXPENDITURE OF \$3,500,000 OF FUND BALANCE AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Enlarged City School District of Troy (the "School District") shall reconstruct and renovate various School District buildings, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings and facilities are to be used at a maximum cost of \$23,303,400, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to (A) expend \$3,500,000 of fund balance; and (B) issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$19,803,400 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the reconstruction and renovation of various School District buildings, including site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$23,303,400, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from the expenditure of fund balance and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. Based on the School District's knowledge of the Purpose, the School District has determined that the Purpose constitutes a Type II action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, and therefore no further environmental review of the Purpose is required.

Section 11. This Resolution, when effective, shall be published in full by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval thereof by the voters of the School District at a special meeting of such voters.

3. RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 23, 2016 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TROY AUTHORIZING A PROPOSITION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TROY (the "School District") that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of the School District to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016:

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education authorizing: (a) the reconstruction and renovation of various School District buildings and facilities, including site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings and facilities are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$23,303,400; (b) the expenditure of such sum for such purpose; (c) the expenditure of \$3,500,000 of fund balance; (d) the levy of the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid received and the expenditure of fund balance; and (e) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, the issuance of bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$19,803,400, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due, be approved?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the aforesaid Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines in the following abbreviated form:

Shall the bond resolution authorizing the Board of Education to reconstruct and renovate various School District buildings and facilities, including site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus (the "Project") at a maximum cost of \$23,303,400, and providing that the cost of the Project (including the interest due on any District obligations), taking into account state aid received and the expenditure of \$3,500,000 of fund balance, be raised by a tax levy to be collected in annual installments, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual School District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

III. Move to Executive Session

At 6:15 pm Mr. Schofield made a motion to adjourn the public meeting to continue Executive Session. This was seconded by Mr. Mayo. Executive Session ended at 7:10 pm.

A. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. April 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm (TMS)
2. April 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm (THS)

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Beth Bruno, Board Clerk

