

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Oyster Bay – East Norwich Central School District**

Date: October 22, 2015
Kind of Meeting: Special Meeting/Bond Referendum
Location: Oyster Bay High School, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County NY
Members Present: Ann Marie Longo, President
Jennifer Romeo-Vice President
Michael Castellano
Todd Cronin
Robin Dando
Laurie Kowalsky

Members Not Present: John McEvoy

Others Present: Dr. Laura Seinfeld, Superintendent
Stephen Valente, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Dr. Lisa Mulhall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
Margaret Nolan, District Clerk

Ann Marie Longo called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

There were no community members present at the meeting.

The Board discussed the specifics of the proposed bond referendum before confirming if they wanted to offer the bond as two separate propositions. One proposition for the proposed new music/art wing and a separate proposition for safety and security enhancements. After this discussion, the Board agreed to put the vote out as two separate propositions.

Motion by R. Dando, second by J. Romeo, to approve the following:

V BOND RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 22, 2015, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO
AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY
OF A TAX THEREFOR.**

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on **Thursday, December 17, 2015** at 7:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) in the lobby of the gymnasium of the Oyster Bay High S Bay, New York, as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in "*Oyster Bay Enterprise Pilot*" and "*The Guardian*," two newspapers having a general circulation in the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on October 22, 2015, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on

Thursday, December 17, 2015

from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the lobby of the gymnasium of the Oyster Bay High School, East Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following two (2) Bond Propositions:

BOND PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a school facilities improvement project (the "High School Project") substantially as described in a plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects Landscape Architects and Engineers PC, (the "Plan") which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; consisting of the construction of art and choral room additions, the partial reconstruction and construction of alterations and improvements to existing music and art facilities, and the installation of air-conditioning at the Oyster Bay High School; the foregoing to include all original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$6,990,791; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the High School Project as set forth in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$6,990,791 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,990,791 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

BOND PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct District-wide safety and security system upgrades and enhancements (the "Building Safety and Security Project") substantially as described in a plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects Landscape Architects and Engineers PC, (the "Plan") which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; the foregoing to include all original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$826,000; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Building Safety and Security Project as set forth in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$826,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$826,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The Bond Propositions shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

BOND PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District is hereby authorized to construct various additions, alterations and improvements at the Oyster Bay High School and to expend therefor not to exceed \$6,990,791; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$6,990,791 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,990,791 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

BOND PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake District-wide safety and security system upgrades and enhancements and to expend therefor not to exceed \$826,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$826,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$826,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the School District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register of the qualified voters of said School District prepared for the Annual Election held on May 19, 2015, shall be used as the basis for the preparation of the register for the Special District Meeting to be held on December 17, 2015. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2011, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County under the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that voter registration for the School District is ongoing up to and including Friday, December 11, 2015 from 8:00 o'clock A.M. until 1:00 o'clock P.M. and from 2:00 o'clock P.M. until 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the office of the District Clerk, McCouns Lane, Oyster Bay, New York. Registration shall also take place at the James H. Vernon School, 880 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York, and the Theodore Roosevelt School, 150 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 12:00 o'clock P.M. and from 1:00 o'clock P.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, up to and including December 11, 2015.

The register of the School District will be filed in the office of the District Clerk, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock

P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Sunday, and by appointment only on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk, McCouns Lane, Oyster Bay, New York, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Thursday, December 10, 2015. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Wednesday, December 16, 2015. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on Thursday, December 17, 2015.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Saturday and Sunday.

Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. The last day to register to vote is Friday, December 11, 2015.

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed for the said voting machines, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Propositions set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. The resolution of the Board of Education of the District adopted October 6, 2015, authorizing the submission of a single Bond Proposition to the qualified voters of the District at a Special District Meeting to be held on December 10, 2015, is hereby rescinded, and the District Clerk is hereby ordered to cancel and withdraw any and all further publications of legal notices with respect to such rescinded resolution, and to take other necessary and appropriate measures consistent with the intent of this section.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: The Board would like the resolution to read safety and security rather than just security in all publications. Add items 4-7 to minutes.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by R. Dando, second by J. Romeo, to adjourn at 9:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Nolan

District Clerk

