

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

June 28, 2021

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A special meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, June 28, 2021. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M. by the Council President. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mick McGarry	Dominique Baez
Adrian Webber	Marjorie Bonadies
Kathleen Schomaker	Brad Macdowall (after roll call)
Justin Farmer	Jeron Alston
Austin Cesare	Athena Gary (after roll call)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Berita Rowe-Lewis; Jody Clouse; Kristin Dolan; Valerie Horsley; Betty Wetmore

PRESIDING: Mick McGarry, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Scott Jackson, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Adam Sendroff, Chief of Staff; Julie Smith, Community Development Manager; Tom Ariola, BOE Finance Director; David Panico, Bond Counsel

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: None

Mr. Farmer asked about donations for the recent fire victims. Ms. Smith said they are organizing donations which can be sent to the Keefe Center.

AGENDA:

1. Resolution to transfer appropriations and unexpended bond proceeds

-- Moved by Ms. Schomaker, seconded by Ms. Baez. DISCUSSION: Ms. Smith gave an update on the project saying they had to pull the previous resolution because when they had their meeting with the State on the 22nd it was brought to their attention that they needed certain language in the resolution that wasn't there and tonight's resolution now has that language. She explained how this shifts funds from one project to another but stays within the frame work. She also said the reason for this special meeting was because the application is due to the State June 30th.

Ms. Bonadies asked if the increase from 11.2 million to 17.1 million was due to any reasons other than soft costs and the increase of materials. Ms. Smith said the vast majority is the escalation of materials and the soft costs. Ms. Bonadies asked if any of it was due to a low quote. Ms. Smith said it's been ongoing for some time, and as things were changed such as the architect design, etc and as things moved along the materials came back with higher numbers. She said it's Covid related and inclusion of a few items such as an Owner's Rep. Ms. Bonadies asked if they should wait until the costs come down in the Fall. Ms. Smith said this does that, it pushes it out a year so they're hopeful the costs will come down, but they'd rather be safe than sorry.

Ms. Smith then spoke about the extra 10% the State is giving Hamden for addressing diversity issues.

Mr. Farmer asked by moving these funds from Ridge Hill School does it effectuate the time it will take to complete set projects. Ms. Smith said no.

There was then some discussion on Ridge Hill School and some discussion about an Owner's Rep.

Mr. Cesare asked if the June 30th date is missed what happens. Mr. Ariola said they would have to reapply for next year and wait another year to start it.

There was then some discussion on the Church Street School.

Mr. Cesare asked if the 17 million was going to go up. Ms. Smith said she'd like to say no, but that number is conservative so they'll need to be conservative with the project.

A vote was then taken and the item passed with 1 opposed (Bonadies)

2. Resolution approving and authorizing the Board of Education to file an SCG-049 with the State of Connecticut for various renovation projects at Hamden Middle School pursuant to the 3R Restructuring Plan

-- Moved by Ms. Schomaker, seconded by Mr. Macdowall. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked if the price of materials are still high next year what the process is. Ms. Smith said the 7% escalation rate was taken into account for the 17.1 million and explanation was sent to the Council with the last meeting. She said they're hopeful they won't need the whole 7%.

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 opposed (Bonadies)

There being no further business Mr. McGarry requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Ms. Schomaker, seconded by Ms. Bonadies and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council