

COMMON COUNCIL - EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting to be called to order by Mayor Joseph H. Sauer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Bourne, Fazio, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan
Zotos, Cresci, Shaw, Cassano, Charles, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez,
Nimmons, Regan, Weiss.

_____ 21 Present _____ 0 Absent

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on December 1, 1987 immediately following the Special Common Council Meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

1. Boiler Replacements - Mill Ridge Intermediate School.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ for the meeting to be adjourned at _____ P.M.

CITY OF DANBURY

To: Common Council - City of Danbury

A special ^{emergency} meeting of the Common Council _____ of the City of Danbury will be held on the 1st day of December 19 87 at _____ o'clock p.m., at the ^{Special Meeting} City Hall in said Danbury.

For the purpose of

- ✓ 1. Boiler Replacements - Mill Ridge Intermediate School.

Dated at Danbury, this 1st day of December 19 87
12/1/87 Joseph H. Sauer Mayor
12/1/87 Elizabeth C. ... Clerk



CITY OF DANBURY

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

November 30, 1987

MEMO TO: Common Council via
Mayor Joseph H. Sauer

FROM: Dominic A. Setaro, Jr., Acting Director of Finance/
Comptroller

RE: Boiler Replacements - Mill Ridge Intermediate School

On October 6, 1987 the Common Council approved the use of Educational Enhancement Act funds for the purchase of new boilers at the Mill Ridge Intermediate School. At that meeting the Common Council also recommended that the bids be solicited as soon as possible, and when we received those bids, we would then in turn put a 120-day award period in order to hopefully get a better handle on whether or not we are going to receive the full reimbursement from the State of Connecticut that we are due. Since that meeting a bid opening for the boilers was scheduled and a Board of Awards met on November 25 to recommend the awarding that the bid in the amount of \$117,872.00 be accepted pending my certification to Common Council for the availability of funds.

At the October 6, 1987 meeting I indicated to the Common Council that once we received official notification I would come back to them for a certification of funds. Since that time I have received a copy of a memo from Mr. Walter E. Skowronski, Director of Finance & Support Services for the School Department, to Dr. Anthony L. Singe, Superintendent of Schools, in reference to the Educational Enhancement Act funds. As a result of this letter, it is my opinion that the city will be receiving the \$171,426.00 that we are due from the state. Since the bids came in lower than that amount of money, the balance will be used for other capital improvements to the school system which the Common Council will later approve.

At this time I recommend that the revenue entitled Educational Enhancement Act and the appropriations in the capital budget entitled School Improvements be established in the amount of \$171,426.00. Keep in mind this does not affect our contingency or surplus. Since Mr. Palanzo has indicated that this is an urgent matter because the #2 boiler at the school is no longer in operation,

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I would suggest that you seek to get this item added to the December 1987 Common Council meeting agenda, so that proper authorization will be granted and the installation of the new boilers will take place as soon as possible so that the school will not have any difficult time in reference to its heating problems.



Dominic A. Setaro, Jr.

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DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Danbury, Connecticut

TO: Dr. Anthony L. Singe
FROM: Walter E. Skowronski *WES*
RE: Educational Enhancement Act Payments
DATE: September 22, 1987

I contacted the Bureau of Grants Processing regarding the payment schedule for the 1987-1988 Enhancement Act monies.

The application procedure and payment timelines are dictated by statute. Quite simply, if our application (Form ED 030) is received by November 30th, payment will be made by February 15th.

We will meet the November 30th deadline. The appropriate base information has been forwarded to the Teacher's Retirement Board (deadline was September 15th). The application (ED 030) has not been received from the Bureau of Grants Processing. These forms will be mailed out mid-October per Brian Mahoney, the person to whom I spoke this morning.

Information regarding the amount of funding to be received will not be available until mid-January. In Mr. Mahoney's words, it would be "very difficult for a town not to max out". In our case the maximum general aid is \$685,707 which, when divided per the discussion with the Council, yields \$171,426.

WES/bs

CC: D. Setaro ✓

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Common Council appointed to consider the subject request met on Monday, September 21, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. in the Fourth Floor Lobby in City Hall.

The following individuals were present at this meeting: Councilmembers Eriquez, Hadley and Johnson; Dr. Anthony Singe, Walter Skoworonski, Barbara Baker, Joseph Scozzafava and Stephen Wright representing the Schools Administration and Board of Education; Basil Friscia and Richard Palanzo representing Public Works; and City Comptroller Dominic Setaro.

At the outset, Mr. Friscia explained the operational problems with the two-boiler heating system at the Mill Ridge Intermediate School. He and Mr. Palanzo told those present that this system is approximately 29 years old, a contributing factor to its functional problems.

The #2 boiler and burner has been used to provide replacement parts for the #1 boiler and burner since replacement parts are extremely difficult to obtain. This procedure had to be done to keep boiler and burner #1 operational. Currently, boiler #2 has internal leaks. It has been repaired and welded several times, but additional leaks occur due to metal fatigue.

Mr. Friscia and Mr. Palanzo strongly recommend the immediate replacement of the existing system since a temporary, portable system would cost \$150 per day plus installation costs in the event of a total system failure. A new system would consist of state-of-the-art burners, controls and thermostats increasing energy efficiency and environmental comfort within the school.

Mr. Friscia suggested that the appropriation for this expenditure be made through Education Enhancement Act funds that the City expects to receive in January or February, 1988.

Mr. Setaro reported that the City should receive \$171,000 of Education Enhancement Act monies in that timeframe. He noted that, currently, this is the only potential source of funds for such an expenditure since contractual and other commitments could exhaust contingency funds. Furthermore, he could not certify to an expenditure through the unappropriated fund balance since the FY 1986-87 audit has not been completed.

~~He recommended that the bid process be allowed to commence with the stipulation for a 120 day award period. Upon receipt of the Education Enhancement Act money, Mr. Setaro would return to the Council for the actual appropriation in accordance with the bid award utilizing these funds as the primary source for the replacement heating system.~~

School officials and Councilmembers expressed their concern regarding this situation since they were not aware of the critical condition of the existing heating system. Recognizing that these Education Enhancement Act funds were to be used for capital expenditures, they were nonetheless disappointed that these funds would be used for an "emergency" expenditure.

~~As a result, the Committee suggested that Public Works personnel and School officials need to consider a long term plan for replacement equipment to avoid such "emergency" occurrences in the future.~~

In order to start the bid process, it was moved by Mr. Hadley to recommend that the primary source of funding for the replacement heating system at the Mill Ridge Intermediate School be Education Enhancement Act funds when available. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson and passed unanimously.

The report was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent of the Mayor.

65 - REPORT - Town Clerk's Salary.

Mr. Eriquez submitted the following report: