

~AD HOC REPORT~
D.H.S. 2020 Bond
Monday, March 23, 2015

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Chairman Joseph Cavo called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Leadership Committee members Legislative Leader Jack Knapp, Council Majority Leader Gregg Seabury, and Minority Leaders Thomas Saadi and Fred Visconti as well as Ex Officio Members Vinny DiGilio, Irving Fox, Warren Levy, Peter Nero, and Andrew Wetmore. Also present were Mark D. Boughton, Mayor; Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works; Farid Khouri, City Engineer; and members from Danbury Public Schools including Dr. Sal Pasquarella, Superintendent of Schools; Eileen Alberts, School Board Chair; Joe Martino, School Finance Director; Gary Bocaccio; and Sandra Atanasoff; and members of the public including Joe Fuller, Vendor.

Mr. Boughton provided a history of and plans for the Danbury High School 2020 Bond. He noted enrollment numbers are increasing and reviewed work that has been done on the elementary and middle school, and the high school is the priority now. Also, other strategies that were looked into were noted, and the suggestion is for a new wing for 9th grade students.

Mr. Fuller reviewed the background and the four different concepts that were discussed including space utilization studies. They are looking at space for 540 new students, approximately 60,000 square feet of space for a 9th grade academy. Of the four concepts, concept 'C' was deemed best, and Mr. Fuller gave an overview of the plan. Representatives discussed areas such as the façade, bus return, parking, field, gym, auto shop, performance space, solar, LEED, ACE, and other areas.

Dr. Pasquarella commented on student numbers, programming, State graduation requirements, security, theater arts space, the bus area, and future flexibility.

In response to Mr. Saadi, Ms. Atanasoff commented on ACE needs, a 'cafetorium,' and classrooms. In addition, Mr. Boughton responded to questions on the appropriation, costs, and timing. He noted if Council comes to a consensus in April, with a public hearing on the same date as the budget, final vote in May, to the voters in June, and if passed, completion Fall of 2018 may be possible. Other representatives commented on projections.

Mr. Fox inquired regarding air conditioning and summer programming and commented on auto shop. He commended the group on the plan. Representatives noted there would be air conditioning and summer programs could be moved to this building.

Mr. Levy inquired regarding access routes for fire protection. He also inquired whether costs include furnishings. Representatives pointed out areas for emergency vehicles.

Mr. DiGilio noted he has received comments regarding building a new high school and suggested building additional space needed in the future now vs. adding it on later. Mayor Boughton commented that if such future space is added on now, the State will not give the 62% reimbursement.

Mr. Nero commended the group on the plan. Mayor Boughton noted this will pay dividends in many ways. Representatives discussed higher graduation rates.

Mr. Visconti stated he is in support of the plan, the auto shop upgrades, and a study for ACE.

A motion was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded by Councilman Visconti, to recommend to the City Council adoption of an Ordinance appropriating a dollar amount as determined by the Director of Finance of approximately \$53.5 million for the planning, design, acquisition, and construction of additions, renovations, roof replacements, and improvements to Danbury High School as well as the alternative center; and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the City to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof, the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose; and refer this item to a Public Hearing and to a referendum on June 9th. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Seabury and seconded by Councilman Saadi to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Cavo, Chairman

Jack Knapp

Gregg Seabury

Thomas Saadi

Fred Visconti

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ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CITY COUNCIL

A.D. 2015

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$53,500,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, ROOF REPLACEMENT, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DANBURY HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$53,500,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$53,500,000 is appropriated for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of additions, renovations and improvements to Danbury High School, including but not limited to construction of a new wing and/or buildings, roof replacement, electrical system upgrades, fire alarm and associated Code upgrades, installation of a sprinkler system, installation of emergency generators, removal of underground oil storage tanks, installation of grease traps, various alterations, improvements and upgrades, and for engineering and legal costs, and for such administrative, printing, and financing costs related thereto as determined by the Director of Finance, said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State and federal grants-in-aid thereof (collectively, the "Project"), all to be completed in substantial accordance with final plans and specifications therefore approved by the City of Danbury School Building Committee (the "School Building Committee") with such changes thereto to the Project as may be approved from time to time by the School Building Committee.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$53,500,000 bonds of the City or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). The bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in the amount necessary to meet the City's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of State and federal grants-in-aid of the Project, or the actual amount thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust

company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest shall be determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. The bonds shall be sold by the Mayor in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor, the City Treasurer and the Director of Finance.

Section 4. The City Treasurer is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all federal and State loans and/or grants-in-aid of the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith, to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others.

Section 6. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Project in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds or bond anticipation notes, or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the City. The Tax

Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of Tax Exempt Obligations.

Section 7. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The Mayor is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

Section 9. The Board of Education is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply to the Connecticut Commissioner of Education for any and all State and federal grants-in-aid of the Project described in Section 1.

Section 10. This ordinance shall become effective upon its approval at a Special City Meeting called by the Mayor for such purpose, pursuant to the revised City Charter.

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RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2015

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CITY MEETING

RESOLVED: That the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$53,500,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Additions, Roof Replacement, Renovations And Improvements To Danbury High School And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$53,500,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", adopted by the Council on _____, 2015, be submitted for approval or disapproval at a Special City Meeting to be called by the Mayor pursuant to Section 7-10(a) of the Revised City Charter and held on _____, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), that the warning of said meeting states the question to be voted on as follows:

1. Shall the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$53,500,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Additions, Roof Replacement, Renovations And Improvements To Danbury High School And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$53,500,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", adopted by the City Council at its meeting held _____, 2015, be approved?

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

Shall the \$53,500,000 appropriation and bond authorization for planning, design, acquisition and construction of additions, renovations and improvements to Danbury High School be approved?

YES _____ NO _____

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid ordinance is on file, open to public inspection, in the Office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on the aforesaid bond ordinance is taken under the authority of Section 7-10(a) of the Revised Charter of the City of Danbury and Chapters 90 and 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with law in the Office of the Town Clerk.