

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 133 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting. A total of 138 registered voters checked in prior to the end of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP; Harold Gould, Esq.; Richard Sitnik, Project Director for the Roof Project; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Moderator Stone explained that a two-thirds vote will be required on all articles on the warrant because the town's bylaw, Chapter 5, Section 19, states that at all Special Town Meetings a two-thirds vote shall be required to pass any article involving the raising, appropriating or the transferring of funds. He said the School District would be doing the borrowing, but the Town would be authorizing the School District to do the borrowing.

ARTICLE 1: BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to approve the \$3,866,801.00 borrowing authorized by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of replacing the roof and its appurtenant components at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School located at 175 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the

District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty seven and seventy four one- hundred percent (57.74%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

HAND COUNT VOTE
128 YES 1 NO
MOTION PASSES

**ARTICLE 2: JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL R O O F
R E P L A C E M E N T .**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to approve the \$2,716,777.00 borrowing authorized by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of replacing the roof and its appurtenant components at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School located at 200 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty seven and seventy four one-hundred percent (57.74%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

HAND COUNT VOTE
132 YES 1 NO
MOTION PASSES

**ARTICLE 3: AUGUSTINE F. MALONEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL R O O F
R E P L A C E M E N T .**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to approve the \$1,680,034.00 borrowing authorized by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of replacing the roof and its appurtenant components at the Augustine F. Maloney Elementary School located at 200 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an

asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty seven and seventy four one-hundred percent (57.74%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

HAND COUNT VOTE
128 YES 1 NO
MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND FOR BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$ _____ to defray the Town of Blackstone's allocated share of the costs relating to the debt authorization approved by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for purpose of paying the costs of replacing the roof and its appurtenant components at the Blackstone- Millville Regional High School located at 175 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

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Interim Town Clerk of Blackstone