

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 77 registered voters present and voting at the start 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; Lauren Zahorsky, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; and Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools.

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

Finance Committee Chairman John Wozniak read Article 1.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent's Office for the John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Windows, Doors and Boiler Replacement Project located at 200 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA 01504 for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Mr. Wozniak then read the following motion, which was seconded:

ARTICLE 1. I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Capital Trust the sum of \$1,963,074.00 for the purpose of paying costs of the John F. Kennedy Elementary School Windows, Doors and Boiler Replacement Project at 200 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), and that it hereby approve the \$4,611,588.00 borrowing authorized by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the Project, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of said 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 School Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a nonentitlement, 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; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Seven and 74/100 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 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.

A discussion followed.

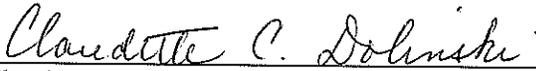
Mr. Wozniak stated that the Finance Committee did have concerns that there was no representative of the Blackstone-Millville School District available at its meeting. The committee members did vote and recommend it because they deemed it an opportunity to make improvements to an asset of the town of Blackstone.

Mr. James Watson of 5 Fairway Lane spoke as Chairman of the Capital Outlay Committee. He said his committee met a few weeks ago and did the basic article. He said the members held another special meeting this evening because originally the funding for the article was not specified and was put forward by other boards in the town. He said the Capital Outlay Committee voted this evening to recommend that the \$1,963,074 be taken out of Capital Trust and that it be withdrawn over a period of time.

Next Superintendent Allen Himmelberger addressed the meeting. He said this is a great opportunity to work with the MSBA to update the John F. Kennedy School with a new boiler, windows, and doors. He said MSBA will pick up 57.74%. He expressed his appreciation for the support.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:12 p.m. A total of 83 voters had checked in by the conclusion of the meeting.



Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone