

**RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Rhinebeck, New York**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
High School/Middle School Library  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**1.0 Call to Order**

**2.0 Action Items**

**2.1 Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Rhinebeck Central School District (the “District”) is proposing the reconstruction of various District buildings, site work and the acquisition of original furnishings equipment, machinery or apparatus (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project entails the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation involving no substantial changes or expansion beyond 10,000 square feet of existing structures and/or facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project is a routine activity of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the information and documentation, which describes the design and intent of the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed Project and under the applicable standards of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that the Project is a Type II Action, and that no further action is required to satisfy the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

**2.2 Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT** (the “District”) that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the cafeteria of the Rhinebeck High School/Bulkeley Middle School, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck, New York, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from

2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

### **PROPOSITION**

SHALL the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District be authorized to (1) reconstruct various District buildings, including site work thereat, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such reconstructed buildings are to be used, at a cost not to exceed \$12,089,160, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$12,089,160, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The proposition shall appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines and in the absentee ballots in the following abbreviated form:

### **PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) reconstruct various District buildings, including site work thereat, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such reconstructed buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$12,089,160; and (2) providing that the cost of the project (including the interest due on any District obligations), taking into account state aid received, be raised by a tax levy to be collected in annual installments, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines or by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If an eligible voter is currently registered to vote with the Dutchess County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register with the District. Any qualified voter may register to vote during regular school business hours, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on days when school is in session (September through June) and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on business days (July and August) at the District Clerk's Office [48 Knollwood Road, Rhinebeck, New

York] or the Business Office, in the Rhinebeck High School/Middle School [45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck, New York], by providing proof of District residence, which may include one or more of the following items at the District's discretion: driver's license with picture, non-driver identification card with picture, passport, lease agreement, deed plus utility bill, and/or redacted copy of income tax return. Persons wishing to register with the District to be eligible to vote on December 6, 2016 must register by December 1, 2016. A qualified voter is someone who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age and who has resided in the District during the 30 days immediately preceding the vote. The residence in the District must be the individual's primary place of residence or domicile (not a weekend residence).

The Register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District [48 Knollwood Road, Rhinebeck, New York] and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on weekdays when school is in session between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, beginning on December 2, 2016, and at the Business Office [45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck, New York] on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Said Register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the vote.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for absentee ballots for the vote may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk [48 Knollwood Road, Rhinebeck, New York]. The application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the day of the vote, December 6, 2016. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the Office of the District Clerk [48 Knollwood Road, Rhinebeck, New York] on weekdays when school is in session during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, until the day of the vote, and at the Business Office [45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck, New York] on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list stating the reason for the challenge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of such meeting in two newspapers of general circulation within the District, four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such District meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

### **3.0 Adjournment**

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Rhinebeck Central School District is a collaborative educational community that provides an excellent learning environment, prepares students to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future, and is dedicated to nurturing every student's generosity of spirit, passion for learning, and success.

### VISION STATEMENT

The Rhinebeck Central School District meets the changing needs of our community with innovative programming, consistent with best learning practices. Each student enjoys equity of access to opportunities in an enriching environment that encourages the mastery of skills and knowledge necessary at each grade level to meet or exceed high school graduation requirements.

Working collaboratively with staff, parents, and the community we will support our students to become:

- **Self-directed learners** who create a positive vision for themselves and their future, set priorities and achievable goals, create options for themselves, monitor and evaluate their progress, and assume responsibility for their actions.
- **Collaborative workers** who use effective leadership and group skills to develop and manage interpersonal relationships within diverse groups and settings.
- **Complex thinkers** who identify, access, evaluate, integrate, and use available resources and information to reason, make decisions, and solve complex problems using higher order thinking.
- **Community contributors** who contribute their time, energies, and talents to improving the welfare of others and the quality of life in their diverse communities.
- **Quality producers** who create intellectual, artistic, practical, and physical products which reflect originality, high standards, and the use of appropriate advanced and traditional technologies.
- **Ethical decision-makers** who exemplify the principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, integrity, fairness, caring and citizenship.

### CORE VALUES

Quality education includes:

- **Safety and Health:** Students and staff need a healthy and safe environment. In order for students to be successful, their emotional, social, physical, and academic needs must be met.
- **Resources:** A robust educational program requires access to state of the art facilities, equipment, and materials.
- **Respect:** We respect and honor the dignity and worth of ourselves, others, and our environment.
- **Responsibility:** Each person is responsible for what he or she says and does.
- **Courage:** Courage is required to grow, change, take risks, and make commitments.
- **Integrity:** Personal integrity develops as one attends to and becomes increasingly ethical in one's speech and actions.
- **Citizenship:** We are constructive and engaged citizens of our school, community, state, nation, and the world.
- **Collaboration:** The education of our students is a process involving the entire educational community: students, teachers, administrators, non-instructional staff, Board of Education, families, and the community at large.
- **Achievement:** Continuous growth and improvement occurs for students and staff when there is use of best practice, an articulated/aligned curriculum, and pertinent data; personal educational success requires investment and ownership.
- **Recognition:** Acknowledging and celebrating successes, large and small, nurtures growth and a sense of community.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #1230 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to hear and respond to public comment, and therefore encourages public participation at Board meetings. There will be a specific agenda item at each Board meeting to provide an opportunity to address the Board.

#### Rules of Order In Public Meetings

- When a member of the public wishes to speak, he/she shall address the chair.
- If two or more persons wish to speak, the chair shall designate the person to speak first.
- The speaker shall give his/her name and address before proceeding further.
- All remarks shall be addressed to the chair.
- The speaker shall confine him/herself to the question under debate, and avoid comments of a personal nature.
- No person shall speak upon a subject more than twice, no more than five minutes each time, except by consent (of the Board).
- No person shall speak a second time until all have had a first chance to speak.
- The right to each individual to speak without interruption is paramount, provided they remain in accordance with these rules.
- No calls for expression of sentiment shall be made except upon request by the chair.