

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**                    **DEIRDRE d’ALBERTIS**  
    **MARK FLEISCHHAUER**  
    **STEVE JENKINS**  
    **DIANE LYONS**  
    **LAURA SCHULKIND**  
    **LISA ROSENTHAL**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**                    **DEIRDRE BURNS**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**                    **JOSEPH PHELAN, THOMAS BURNELL,**  
    **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MEMBERS OF THE**  
    **PRESS**

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **1.0 Call to Order**

President Fleischhauer called the Special Meeting to order in the Rhinebeck High School/ Bulkeley Middle School Library at 6:05 pm.

Superintendent Phelan reported that the Facilities Committee met the day before with an update on the Capital Project Scope. Lou Rodriguez, the construction manager, reviewed the proposed scope and costs and came up with additional costs in the amount of approximately \$150,000 which, considering the size of the project, is a conservative jump. In addition, Mr. Rodriguez also found some savings. Factoring all of the items that have been added and deleted, the budgets break down as follows:

Priority 1 Budget	\$ 9,205,911
Priority 2 Budget	\$ 1,837,767
Priority 3 Budget	\$ 895,482
Capitalized Interest	\$ 150,000
Total Project Budget	\$12,089,160

The Board briefly discussed the time that the sports fields will need to mature after improvement work and the need for the District to look at other options for playing fields during the down time for those fields.

Tom Burnell reported on the estimated tax impact on the median home with a STAR exemption. It is estimated that the average increase for a median home will be approximately \$108.29 per year. Median Assessment w/STAR = (\$291,000 - \$38,580 = \$252,920). He also reviewed the increase and/or decrease in taxes from the retiring debt service. In reality, after retiring the District’s debt service from the 1997 capital project, the annual estimated tax impact would be \$86.77 in 2017-18, with some variations from year to year over the 18 year life of a new bond. Mr. Burnell reminded the Board that there are no absolutes, as it is an anticipated increase that will depend on assessments, real estate values, and growth within the school district. Mr. Burnell is working on creating a calculator to be posted on the district’s website whereby residents can plug in their own

home's assessed value in order to see what the estimated cost of the increase will be for their home.

The Facilities Committee is in favor of making a recommendation to the full Board on this project. The budgets are reasonably tight and it is imperative that the District get the work done at this time. President Fleischhauer reported that most aspects of the proposed project are large and virtually none of these projects can be added to the regular year to year budget due to the tax cap. The projects are nothing fancy, but they need to be done to keep buildings safe and comfortable for our students.

President Fleischhauer asked each Board member if they are opposed to putting up the project for referendum and saw none. The Board expressed appreciation for all the work put into developing this project.

## **2.0 Action Items**

**2.1 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted 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.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Schulkind, Rosenthal); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Burns)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- 2.2 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted 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 ballots for 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.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Schulkind, Rosenthal); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Burns)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.0 Adjournment**

**Motion** by Burns, seconded by d'Albertis, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Schulkind, Rosenthal); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Burns)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Torres  
District Clerk