

Please Note:

This meeting will be IN PERSON ONLY

There will be no remote option for this meeting

Regional School District #4 Chester – Deep River – Essex – Region 4 Regional School District No. 4 Special Meeting

To: Subject: Time: Place: Members of the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education **Region 4 BOE Special Meeting – Wednesday, September 06, 2023 Immediately following 7:00 p.m. District Meeting / Public Hearing** John Winthrop Middle School Library

Please contact Jennifer Bryan at Central Office email jbryan@reg4.k12.ct.us_if you are unable to attend.

Mission Statement

We, the communities of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4, engage all students in a rigorous and collaborative educational program. We prepare our learners to be respectful citizens who are empowered to contribute in a globalized society.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and Verbal Roll Call Immediately following 7:00 p.m. District Meeting/Public Hearing – Chair, K. Sandmann

2. Action Items:

- 2.1 Possible **VOTE** to approve RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$622,947 FOR THE COST OF THE JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL SECURITY PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$622,947 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION - (See Encl #1 for full Resolution language)
- 2.2 Possible **VOTE** to approve RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO REFERENDUM THE RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$622,947 FOR THE COST OF THE JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL SECURITY PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$622,947 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION (see Encl #2 for full Resolution language)
- **3. Public Comment:** The public is reminded to state name for the record. Comments should be kept to a maximum of three minutes. Public comment is not intended to be a question and answer period; rather it is an opportunity for the Board to hear citizen comment related to educational matters.

4. Adjournment.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 TOWNS OF CHESTER, DEEP RIVER AND ESSEX

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$622,947 FOR THE COST OF THE JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL SECURITY PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$622,947 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That a supplemental appropriation of \$622,947 be appropriated for the John Winthrop Middle School Security Project (the "Project"). The supplemental appropriation is in addition to the \$952,053 appropriation which was approved at a referendum held on November 2, 2021. The appropriation may be expended for design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, costs related to complying with Town building codes, materials, equipment, an elevator, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The John Winthrop Middle School Security Project Building Committee (the "Building Committee") is authorized to determine the particulars of the Project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the Project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified. The District anticipates receiving grants from the State of Connecticut for a portion of the eligible costs of the Project to defray in part the appropriation.

SECTION 2. That the District finance the Project by issuing the District's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$622,947, which bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The authorization of \$622,947 of bonds, notes or temporary notes of the District to finance the Project is in addition to the \$952,053 authorization which was approved at a referendum held on November 2, 2021. The bonds or notes may be sold as a single issue or consolidated with any other authorized issues of bonds or notes of the District. The bonds or notes shall bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The bonds or notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such bond or note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the District and the towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex (the "Member Towns") are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are hereby authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate a bank or trust company to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to designate the persons to sign such bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures in the name or on behalf of the District; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

SECTION 3. That the District is authorized to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes. The temporary notes shall be issued with maturity dates in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The temporary notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the District and its Member Towns are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, form, and other details of the notes; to sell the notes at public or private sale; to designate the persons to execute and deliver the notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the notes. The net interest cost on such notes, to the extent paid from the proceeds from the issuance of bonds or notes, shall be included as a cost of the appropriation.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. That the District hereby declares its official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the District reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the Project; that the Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are authorized to bind the District pursuant to such representations and agreements as they deem necessary or advisable in order to ensure and maintain the continued exemption from Federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and that the Chairman and Treasurer of the District Board of Education are authorized to make representations and agreements for the benefit of the holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information and to execute and deliver on behalf of the District an agreement to provide such information with such terms and conditions as they, with the advice of bond counsel, deem necessary and appropriate.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. That the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized above, or any portion thereof, may bear interest which is includable in the gross income of holders thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the issuance of such taxable bonds, notes or temporary notes is hereby determined to be in the public interest.

<u>SECTION 6</u>. That the Superintendent and the Building Committee are authorized to apply for and accept or reject grants-in-aid for the Project.

<u>SECTION 7</u>. That the Superintendent and Building Committee are authorized to execute agreements and other documents on behalf of the District for the Project; and that other District officials and employees are authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out the Project and to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.

<u>SECTION 8</u>. That the Board of Education is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of this appropriation and bonding resolution which has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators in each of the Member Towns Subject to the approval of the Board of

Education's Attorney, the Board of Education is authorized to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding this resolution, such explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 TOWNS OF CHESTER, DEEP RIVER AND ESSEX

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO REFERENDUM THE RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$622,947 FOR THE COST OF THE JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL SECURITY PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$622,947 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED:

<u>Section 1.</u> The appropriation and bonding resolution approved by the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education concurrently herewith shall be submitted to a referendum vote on voting tabulators by persons qualified to vote in town meetings in the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) and placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

"Shall Regional School District No. 4, comprised of the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex, appropriate \$622,947 for the cost of the John Winthrop Middle School Security Project and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$622,947 to finance the appropriation?

YES NO"

Voters approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No".

<u>Section 2.</u> The following polling places shall be utilized for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting tabulators:

Chester Town Hall 203 Middlesex Avenue Chester, Connecticut 06412

Deep River Community Meeting Room at the Deep River Public Library 150 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Essex Town Hall 29 West Avenue Essex, Connecticut 06426 <u>Section 3.</u> Warnings of the referendum vote shall be published in newspapers having a general circulation within the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex, respectively, not more than fifteen (15) days before the date of said referendum, and not less than five (5) days before the date of said referendum, which warnings shall be in substantially the following forms:

WARNING REFERENDUM VOTE Regional School District No. 4 Town of Chester November 7, 2023

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Chester, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Chester at the following place:

Chester Town Hall 203 Middlesex Avenue Chester, Connecticut 06412

and simultaneously in Deep River and Essex, Connecticut on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education at a meeting held on September 6, 2023.

The resolution will be placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

"Shall Regional School District No. 4, comprised of the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex, appropriate \$622,947 for the cost of the John Winthrop Middle School Security Project and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$622,947 to finance the appropriation?

YES NO"

Voters approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No".

A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Dated in Chester, Connecticut this _____ day of ______, 2023.

Kathryn Hair Chester Town Clerk

WARNING REFERENDUM VOTE Regional School District No. 4 Town of Deep River November 7, 2023

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Deep River, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Deep River at the following place:

Deep River Community Meeting Room at the Deep River Public Library 150 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417

and simultaneously in Chester and Essex, Connecticut on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education at a meeting held on September 6, 2023.

The resolution will be placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

"Shall Regional School District No. 4, comprised of the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex, appropriate \$622,947 for the cost of the John Winthrop Middle School Security Project and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$622,947 to finance the appropriation?

YES NO"

Voters approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No".

A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Dated in Deep River, Connecticut this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Amy Winchell Deep River Town Clerk

WARNING REFERENDUM VOTE Regional School District No. 4 Town of Essex November 7, 2023

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Essex, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Essex at the following place:

Essex Town Hall 29 West Avenue Essex, Connecticut 06426

and simultaneously in Chester and Deep River, Connecticut on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education at a meeting held on September 6, 2023.

The resolution will be placed on the ballot labels as the following question:

"Shall Regional School District No. 4, comprised of the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex, appropriate \$622,947 for the cost of the John Winthrop Middle School Security Project and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$622,947 to finance the appropriation?

YES NO"

Voters approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No".

A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Dated in Essex, Connecticut this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Joel Marzi Essex Town Clerk