

Board of Education, Concord School District
Public Hearing and Special School Board meeting
January 18, 2017

Board members: Pam Wicks, Clint Cogswell, Tom Croteau, Alana Kimball, Jennifer Patterson, Maureen Redmond-Scura, Jim Richards, Barb Higgins

Board members absent: Nathan Fennessy

Administrators: *Superintendent* Terri Forsten, *Business Administrator* Jack Dunn;
Treasurer Kass Ardinger

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order

Board President Clint Cogswell called the Public Hearing to order at 5:38 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to introduce a \$12 million loan resolution for public comment and to set a date no less than 15 days and no more than 60 days from the introduction of the loan resolution. Business Administrator Jack Dunn distributed document #AM59074406.1-R, which was the \$12 million loan resolution.

Mr. Dunn presented the specifics of a proposed \$12 million loan resolution. The projects include the cost of converting from steam to natural gas in four schools due to the closing of Concord Steam; transportation leasing; the cost of renovating or replacing the CRTC childcare facility, including the current building or the “stable” building located in the CHS parking lot; expanding 1:1 Chromebooks to add all high school students; replacing laptops for staff; and replacing technology in the elementary schools.

Board members discussed whether there were any deferred items that should also be included on this list, or items that should be deferred in favor of more critical projects. The Board made the decision to schedule a Capital Facilities committee meeting to review the 10-year capital improvement plan.

Kass Ardinger, District Treasurer, briefly spoke about the impact of the Concord Steam conversion on local taxpayers, with the district being the second-largest user of Concord Steam in the state. She noted that funds being used for this conversion will impact the budget for the foreseeable future, and that projects such as the middle school renovation/relocation may be pushed back. Jennifer Patterson and Tom Croteau echoed Ms. Ardinger’s sentiments, noting that it is not this Board’s choice to spend these funds on the conversion, but rather a matter of emergent necessity.

Mr. Dunn noted that the list was created with the understanding that the Board is considering an early childhood development program, and that there is no building aid from the state.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Special Board meeting commenced.

The Board moved to vote to use the existing February 6 monthly Board meeting to officially vote on the \$12 million loan resolution (document #AM59074406.1-R) requiring 2/3-member approval required (motioned by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Croteau).

The Board voted 8-0 to adjourn (motioned by Jim Richards, seconded by Mr. Croteau).

The Special Board meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Croteau, *Secretary*