



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

To: Members of the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education

Subject: **Region 4 BOE Special Meeting – Monday, February 06, 2023**

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Place: **John Winthrop Middle School Library** or Dial (US) +1 (575) 618-2429 PIN: 279 322 948#

(We kindly ask that if participating remotely, you **please mute your phone immediately** upon connecting to the meeting as this will improve the audio quality for all participants. Google Meet may do this automatically, depending on the number of people already connected to the call. If so, pressing ***6** will unmute your phone when it's time to speak)

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** – Chair, K. Sandmann
- 2. Review and Discuss DRAFT bonding resolutions** (*encl #1*)
- 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. Action Item

Possible **VOTE** to direct the Superintendent to have the resolutions placed on the agenda of the March 2nd Region 4 BOE Regular Meeting as presented this evening, or with specific revisions, as directed by the BOE

5. Adjournment.

Cc: Town Clerks: Chester, Deep River, Essex

**WARNING
DISTRICT MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNS OF CHESTER, DEEP RIVER AND ESSEX
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023**

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex (the "Member Towns") are hereby warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 4 (the "District") will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the John Winthrop Middle School Library, located at 1 Winthrop Road, Deep River, CT 06417, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following recommendation of the District Board of Education:

1. That \$9,966,000 be appropriated for the following projects:

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| Stadium Complex - Reconstruction of running track at Valley Regional High School | \$769,000 |
| Reconstruction of natural grass or conversion to Artificial Turf at the Stadium Complex, Upper Field and Practice Field at Valley Regional High School | 4,605,000 |
| Baseball Field - Reconstruction of infield at Valley Regional High School | 223,000 |
| Softball Field - Reconstruction of infield at Valley Regional High School | 291,000 |
| Tennis Courts - Construction of Post Tension Concrete Courts at Valley Regional High School | 881,000 |
| John Winthrop Middle School Soccer Field 1 - Reconstruction of natural grass | 566,000 |
| John Winthrop Middle School Soccer Field 3 - Reconstruction of natural grass | 461,000 |
| Construction of two (2) new natural grass fields and the development of property | 2,020,000 |
| Administrative, Financing and Bond Issuance Costs | <u>150,000</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$9,966,000 |

The projects shall be referred to herein collectively as the “Projects”. The appropriation may be expended for design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, materials, equipment, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Projects. The appropriation shall include any federal or state grants received for the Projects. The amount authorized to be expended for each purpose shall not exceed the amount set forth opposite each purpose, provided that the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education may, by resolution, transfer funds among purposes, so long as the total appropriation and bond authorization is not increased. The Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Projects and may reduce or modify the scope of the Projects as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the Projects as so reduced or modified.

2. That \$9,966,000 of bonds, notes or temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation. The amount of the bonds authorized shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state grants received by the District for the Projects.

3. That the Chair of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, be authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.

4. That the Superintendent of Schools and the Finance Director be authorized to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the District with respect to the Projects, to approve design and construction expenditures for the Projects, and to exercise such others powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the Projects.

5. That the authorization of the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes shall be submitted to a referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Member Towns of the District.

Dated at Deep River, Connecticut this 2nd day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$9,966,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND FIELDS AT VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,966,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That Regional School District No. 4 (the “District”) appropriate \$9,966,000 for the following projects (collectively, referred to herein as the “Projects”).

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| Stadium Complex - Reconstruction of running track at Valley Regional High School | \$769,000 |
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| TOTAL: | \$9,966,000 |

The appropriation may be expended for design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, materials, equipment, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Projects. The appropriation shall include any federal or state grants received for the Projects. The amount authorized to be expended for each purpose shall not exceed the amount set forth opposite each purpose, provided that the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education may, by resolution, transfer funds among purposes, so long as the total appropriation and bond authorization is not increased. The Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Projects, and may reduce or modify the scope of the Projects as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the Projects as so reduced or modified.

SECTION 2. That the District finance the Projects by issuing the District's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$9,966,000, which bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. 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, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing 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.

SECTION 4. 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 Projects; 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.

SECTION 5. 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.

SECTION 6. That the Superintendent of Schools, Finance Director and other District officials are authorized to apply for and accept or reject grants-in-aid for the Projects.

SECTION 7. That the Superintendent of Schools, Finance Director and other District officials are authorized to execute agreements and other documents on behalf of the District for the Projects; and that other District officials and employees are authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out the Projects and to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.

SECTION 8. 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 \$9,966,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND FIELDS AT VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,966,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED:

Section 1. 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, May 2, 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 \$9,966,000 for various improvements to athletic facilities and fields at Valley Regional High School and John Winthrop Middle School and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$9,966,000 to finance the appropriation?

YES NO”

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

Section 2. 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

Section 3. 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 less than fifteen (15) days before the date of said referendum, and not more than five (5) days before the date of said referendum, which warnings shall be in substantially the following forms:

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WARNING
REFERENDUM VOTE
Regional School District No. 4
Town of Chester
May 2, 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, May 2, 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 March 29, 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 \$9,966,000 for various improvements to athletic facilities and fields at Valley Regional High School and John Winthrop Middle School and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$9,966,000 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
May 2, 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, May 2, 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 March 29, 2023.

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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
May 2, 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, May 2, 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 March 29, 2023.

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

Joel Marzi
Essex Town Clerk