

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: City Council Operations and Oversight Committee

Date: March 16, 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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03-09-2015 - **Order No. 15-1006128**: Request from the Mayor for the City of Marlborough to file a Statement of Interest for Marlborough Public Schools with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

-REFER TO OPERATIONS AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass.,

MARCH 9, 2015

ORDERED:

That WHEREAS having convened in an open meeting on March 9, 2015 the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, MA in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2015 for the RICHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 80 FOLEY ROAD, MARLBOROUGH, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to include PRIORITY 7: REPLACEMENT OF OR ADDITION TO OBSOLETE BUILDINGS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND APPROVED LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Marlborough to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, NOW THEREFORE the City Council of the City of Marlborough hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the above-specified project, be and is herewith refer to **OPERATIONS AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 15-1006128



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March 5, 2015

City Council President Patricia Pope
Marlborough City Council
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

RE: Statement of Interest for Marlborough Public Schools

Honorable President Pope and Councilors:

As you know the Marlborough Public Schools Administration and the School Committee have been in discussions regarding the future facility needs of our school system at the elementary level. Included in these conversations, have been a review of our existing and projected needs based on compliance with applicable state and federal regulations concerning, as well as the procedures for applying for reimbursement through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

In order to continue this process and further evaluate our facility needs, I am seeking your approval to authorize the City of Marlborough to file a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the MSBA. This action is the first of many steps necessary in order to ensure our district is eligible for funding. Below is a brief synopsis of the SOI provided by the MSBA:

Submitting an SOI is the first step in the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") program for school building construction, addition/renovation, and repair grants. The SOI asks the District to state what it believes are the deficiencies in a school building and how those deficiencies fit the statutory priorities established in MGL c.70B.

The filing of an SOI is the formal way of declaring a communities interest in a potential school building construction or renovation project. An SOI in no way obligates the city to commit to any project or funding of any kind. The City has filed similar SOI's in years past that were approved for smaller projects that ultimately benefitted the Marlborough High School and Kane Elementary as well as larger projects for Whitcomb Middle School and Jaworek Elementary Schools.

As in past requests, I respectfully seek the Council's support to take this matter up this evening. Superintendent of Schools Richard Langlois and Finance Director Mike Bergeron will be in attendance should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Vigeant
Mayor

ENCLOSURES

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ADOPTED
In City Council
Order No 15-
Adopted

Approved by Mayor
Arthur G. Vigeant
Date:

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ATTEST:

**MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752**

Call to Order

February 24, 2015

1. Chairman Vigeant called the Special Meeting of the Marlborough School Committee to order at 6:25 pm at the District Education Center, 17 Washington St., Marlborough, MA. Members present included, Mr. Earl Geary, Mrs. Denise Ryan, Mrs. Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Mrs. Heidi Matthews & Mr. Mark Walter.

Also present was Superintendent Richard Langlois.

Mrs. Katherine Hennessy was absent.

2. Presentation:

A. MPS Statement of Interest to MSBA

Mr. Richard Langlois, Superintendent of the Marlborough Public Schools addressed the committee on the agenda item.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews seconded by Chairman Vigeant to authorize Superintendent Langlois to submit the required Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the purpose of upgrades /repairs to the Richer Elementary School, 80 Foley Road, Marlborough, specifically to address overcrowding in classrooms and facilities not equal for eligible students and regular education students. Motion passed 6-0-0. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Earl Geary, Mrs. Denise Ryan, Mrs. Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Mrs. Heidi Matthews, Mr. Mark Walter & Chairman Arthur Vigeant.

12. Adjournment: Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Vice Chair Bodin-Hettinger to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Matthews
Marlborough School Committee

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Agenda Item #3A

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**For School Committee Meeting
of February 24, 2015**

SUBJECT: MSBA Statement of Interest

Person(s) preparing Agenda Item: Richard Langlois, Superintendent

Listing of Attachments: MSBA Statement of Interest

BACKGROUND: Richer Elementary School is overcrowded and is in need of renovations and upgrades. A committee came together to write a Statement of Interest to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Board Authority.

STATUS:

RECOMMENDATION: Having convened in an open meeting on February 24, 2015, prior to the closing date, the Marlborough School Committee vote to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated February 19, 2015 for the Richer Elementary School, 80 Foley Road, Marlborough, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

The district is submitting the Statement of Interest under Priority 7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

Brief Description: The 2014 Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Coordinated Program Review found the district to be noncompliant with regard to facilities in Special Education and ELL. These civil rights violations are as listed: the classrooms and facilities are not equal for eligible students and regular education students; student assessments are conducted in a space occupied concurrently with special education assistants which violates the confidentiality of the assessments; special education speech and language and reading groups are conducted concurrently in regular education classrooms which creates auditory distractions; instruction for ELL students is provided in shared classrooms with students not in an ELL setting; some classrooms are occupied by up to 25 students at one time for ELL services due to lack of space for programs with more than 1 teacher at a time for different subgroups; prior to 2014 some small group special education and ELL instruction took place in hallways through which students and staff regularly pass by. Facilities and services at Richer Elementary are not comparable to those provided to the districts overall student population. According to the Coordinated Program Review, these findings clearly identify civil rights violations of students due to lack of programming space at Richer Elementary. The two remaining elementary schools are confronted with similar challenges due to space and programming and provide limited or no outlet for the Richer School. The Whitcomb Middle School has already taken Grade 5 from the elementary school as a result of overcrowding at the elementary level; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Marlborough School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Richard Langlois

Recommended by the Superintendent: _____