



TOWN OF SUDBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Sudbury:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sudbury qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium in said Town on Monday, March 2, 1998, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following article:

ARTICLE 1. AMEND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION ARTICLES

passed 12/26

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the February 24, 1997 Special Town Meeting by adding the words, "and for the purpose of constructing a new middle school or remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs and additions to the existing middle school, and to appropriate an additional amount, not to exceed the unexpended and uncommitted funds raised under Article 31 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, by transfer of these unexpended and uncommitted funds to raise this appropriation", after the words "existing schools"; or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Sudbury School Committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT: In February 1997, Town Meeting appropriated funds to build a new elementary school, and to expand, renovate and repair existing schools (Article 4). This new article allows funds from these appropriations to be used to build a new middle school as an alternative to expanding and renovating the existing facility. No additional funding is requested.

This article also allows unspent funds appropriated by Town Meeting in April 1996 for extraordinary school repairs (Article 31) to be used similarly for new construction. The amount of the April 1996 appropriation not spent immediately on urgent repairs was held for use in the schools expansion and renovation project, and was used in the calculation of new funds needed in the February 1997 appropriation.

During the last four months, the architectural firm selected for the middle school project has extensively studied design options and costs. The firm has developed an updated cost estimate for new construction that is lower than that used in the initial options analysis performed in late 1996. The firm recommends building a new middle school behind the existing building, rather than expanding and renovating the old facility.

This article allows the School Committee to pursue the option of a new middle school within the funding limit of existing appropriations. This approach has the potential to reduce the risk of unanticipated costs, shorten the time to achieve full capacity, avoid the difficulty and expense of phased construction, minimize disruption of educational activities, and reduce the size of the building needed for the required educational space.

SHOWN BELOW IS THE FEBRUARY '97 VOTE, AS AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY
(NEW WORDING IN BOLD, ITALICIZED LETTERING):

To appropriate the sum of \$43,604,000 to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, for the purpose of constructing a new elementary school, and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs and additions to existing schools, ***and for the purpose of constructing a new middle school or remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs and additions to the existing middle school, and to appropriate an additional amount, not to exceed the***

unexpended and uncommitted funds raised under Article 31 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, by transfer of these unexpended and uncommitted funds to raise this appropriation, and for purchasing additional equipment and furniture, and for landscaping, and for all expenses connected therewith, including costs of demolition, expenses incurred for professional, engineering and architectural services, expenses for the preparation of plans, specifications and bidding documents, expenses related to supervision of work, and expenses for bond and note issuance; to authorize the Permanent Building Committee to execute a contract or contracts therefor; and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$43,604,000 under General Laws Ch. 44, s.7 and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948; all appropriation hereunder to be contingent upon approval of a Proposition 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion in accordance with General Laws Ch. 59, s.21C.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the time appointed for such meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return by your doing thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of February, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

SELECTMEN OF SUDBURY: Lawrence L. Blacker
John C. Drobinski
Maryann K. Clark

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