

South Windsor Board of Education

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the *2011-2014 South Windsor Public Schools Strategic Plan*, adopted on September 11, 2011, calls for a “long-range elementary facilities plan that promotes a safe, engaging learning environment that is accessible to all students and community members” and further calls specifically for a “staggered construction/referenda proposal”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has participated in a variety of meetings designed to provide professional development associated with the school construction and referenda process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools to develop a master plan for its review in the fall of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the central office team engaged the services of architects and engineers to update the 2007 Elementary Facilities Study; and

WHEREAS, the central office team engaged with a professional statistician to conduct ten-year student enrollment projections; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools engaged local stakeholders to identify other community needs that may be addressed through a comprehensive elementary facilities plan; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan is responsive to community feedback garnered over the past ten years through the previous efforts associated with the defeated 2004 and 2008 referenda; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools presented a proposed Master Plan to the Board of Education on October 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has vetted the recommendations and deliberated at a series of meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the deficiencies of South Windsor's aging elementary schools require action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to providing students and the community with modern facilities that fully comply with current building and fire codes, meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, incorporate current technology, enhance school security features, utilize energy efficient mechanical systems, provide for a climate-controlled environment, and result in instructional spaces designed to meet the needs of today's learners; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan outlines a conceptual ten-year plan which specifically notes that changes in enrollment, changes in reimbursement rates, changes in the economy, and changes in education legislation could alter the proposed plan and/or timeline.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the Elementary Facilities Master Plan as proposed at the October 15, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to prepare for its review the Educational Specifications associated with Phase One of the Master Plan: a newly constructed PK-5 building on the Orchard Hill campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education intends to request that the Town Council approve a spring 2014 referendum to provide an opportunity for South Windsor residents to cast their vote regarding Phase One of the Master Plan.