

**RESOLUTIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL  
(Special Town Meeting and Referendum)**

Item 1.

RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on Monday, May 24, 2021, to consider and act upon the following resolution which the Town Council recommends be approved:

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Farmington appropriate ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$135,600,000) for costs related to the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, substantially as described in the Farmington High School Schematic Design Report prepared by TSKP Studio, dated July 16, 2020, and as amended on January 11, 2021 and March 10, 2021. The project shall consist of (1) design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a new, three story high school building of approximately 239,000 square feet, to be constructed on the grounds of the existing Farmington High School campus, (2) demolition of substantially all of the existing Farmington High School other than the “900 Wing” and the “1928 Building”, (3) renovation of the 900 Wing to house locker rooms and Farmington Public Schools Central Offices, and (4) related site work, including improvements to traffic patterns and vehicular circulation, additional parking, relocation of athletic fields, accessibility improvements to the upper fields, football field stands and press box and widening of Monteith Drive. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, demolition and hazardous waste removal costs, equipment including but not limited to building systems and technology equipment, furnishings, materials, athletic fields, parking, sidewalks, lighting, utilities, landscaping, and other site improvements, architect’s fees, engineering and other consultant fees, contract administration costs, grant application and administration costs, moving and relocation costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project, including the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project. The Town anticipates applying to the State of Connecticut for school building project grants to offset in part the cost of the project and anticipates that it will receive grants for the project in the estimated amount of approximately \$26,300,000. The Farmington High School Building Committee, or such other building committees for the project as are established from time to time, shall determine the particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project including without limitation reductions and modifications appropriate in the event of a shortfall in anticipated project grant receipts to maintain an anticipated net municipal project cost of \$109,300,000, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$135,600,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds and notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay project costs. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 and 10-289 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The

bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes and the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$135,600,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign any bonds, notes or temporary notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to sell the bonds, notes or temporary notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town 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 above for the project. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to 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.

(f) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(g) That the Board of Education is authorized to apply for and accept one or more state grants for each of the new Farmington High School and the Board of Education central office components of the project. The Board of Education, the school building committee established for the project, the Superintendent of Schools and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to file applications with the State Board of Education, to execute grant agreements for the project components, and to file such documents as may be required by the State Board of Education to obtain grants for the costs of financing the project components.

(h) That the Town Council, the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Board of Education, the school building committee established for the project, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take any other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to complete said project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and obtain grants to finance the project.

(i) That this resolution shall not become effective until it has been approved by vote on voting machines of persons qualified to vote in town meetings.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Farmington High School project be referred to the Plan and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

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Item 2.

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved under item 1 above with respect to a \$135,600,000 appropriation and borrowing authorization for the Farmington High School project be submitted to a vote on voting machines of the persons qualified to vote in town meetings on Thursday, June 3, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Electors shall vote at their regularly assigned polling places, as follows: Electors residing in the First Voting District and assigned to polling places 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4 shall vote at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Road, Farmington, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 1-5 shall vote at West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington, Connecticut. Electors residing in the Second Voting District and assigned to polling place 2-6 shall vote at the Community & Senior Center, 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 2-7 shall vote at the Municipal Complex, Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Voters qualified to vote at town meeting who are not electors shall vote at their respective polling place at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, West Woods Upper Elementary School, the Community & Senior Center or the Municipal Complex. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said resolution shall be placed upon the ballots under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$135,600,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON THE GROUNDS OF THE EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS, DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE EXISTING FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL OTHER THAN THE 900 WING AND THE 1928 BUILDING, AND RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 900 WING, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAYED FROM GRANTS (AN ANTICIPATED NET PROJECT COST TO THE TOWN OF \$109,300,000)?

YES

NO”

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized, in such official’s discretion, to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolution and the Town Manager is authorized, in such official’s discretion, to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolution, such texts and explanatory materials to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, including, as applicable, publication in the Town Letter.

RESOLVED, that due and proper notice of the Special Town Meeting to be held May 24, 2021, and the Referendum to be held Thursday, June 3, 2021, be given in substantially the form presented to this meeting, a copy of which shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.

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