

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Precinct A:</b>	<b>324</b>
<b>Precinct B:</b>	<b>345</b>
<b>Precinct C:</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Precinct D:</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>1485</b>

In accordance with the Warrant, as posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in Minnechaug Regional High School on Monday, October 5, 2009. At 7:00 PM Moderator Anthony Scibelli noted a large line still at check in and delayed convening the meeting until all were processed. At 8:05 PM the Moderator noted the quorum was present and called the meeting to order. Moderator Scibelli explained the purpose and the process to be used for this evening and asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The call of the meeting was then read by Town Clerk Beverly J. Litchfield.

It is noted that due to the very large turnout, a second seating area was used in the green gym. It had live feed from the main auditorium and those persons who had questions were invited to the auditorium to use the microphones.

**ARTICLE 1. Finance Committee Recommends.** Passing by a majority vote ( Yes – 1093, No – 205) that the Town hereby approve the **\$82,271,129** borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on August 25, 2009, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District High School, to be located at 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the “High School Project”), , including site work, and designing, constructing and equipping a swimming pool and District administrative offices, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility, for the instruction of school children, of at least 50 years, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. Said vote provides as follows:

**I. Elements of the High School Project Eligible for Grant Funding:**

**\$76,796,379** of the total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote is expected to be expended to pay costs of High School Project elements for which the District may be eligible to receive a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”) to pay a portion of such costs, the District acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs of the High School Project that the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA on account of the High School Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 61.73 percent ( %) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the total amount of the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any amounts received from the MSBA prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized under this vote, and

**II. Elements of the High School Project Not Eligible for Grant Funding:**

\$5,474,750 of the total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote is expected to be expended to pay costs of High School Project elements not eligible for grant funding, involving site work, and designing, constructing and equipping a swimming pool and District administrative offices. The District acknowledges that the costs described in this paragraph shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that the District is not eligible to receive financial assistance from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the MSBA to defray any portion of such costs.

The Town's approval of the debt authorized by the District for the High School Project shall not be effective, however, until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts necessary to pay its allocable share of the District's debt issued for the High School Project from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (also known as Proposition 2 ½).

Hampden/Wilbraham Regional School Committee Chairman, Peter Salerno, spoke on behalf of the school committee. He thanked all for attending and was very pleased to see such a large turnout.

Superintendent of Schools, Marty O'Shea, gave a brief presentation on how we got where we were this evening. He thanked all who helped get this project to this point. He proceeded to highlight the main items from the forums that were conducted recently. He also gave a slide presentation to demonstrate his comments.

A question and answer session followed both presentations. Very few questions followed which was surprising due to the number of persons in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully,

  
Beverly J. Litchfield, MMC, CMMC  
Town Clerk of Wilbraham