

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President
JEFF CURTIS
Clerk of the Board
MEGAN COTTRELL

Majority Leader
NINA SHERWOOD
Minority Leader
MARY L. FEDELI

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

President Curtis read the call of the meeting:

I, Jeff Curtis, President of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Monday, November 28, 2022,

6:30 p.m.

by computer, tablet, or smartphone at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83111582878> or www.zoom.com – Webinar ID - 831 1158 2878 or
by phone 1-646-558-8656 – Webinar ID - 831 1158 2878.

to consider and act upon the following:

1. [F31.134](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Cloonan Unit Ventilator Controls Replacement Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
2. [F31.135](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Davenport Roof Top Unit Replacement Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
3. [F31.142](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Northeast Boiler Room Upgrade Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0

4. [F31.140](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Rippowam Boiler Room Upgrade Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
5. [F31.137](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Stamford High School HVAC Replacement and Upgrade Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
6. [F31.136](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Stark Roof Top Unit Replacement Project.
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11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
7. [F31.139](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Westover Magnet Elementary School HVAC Improvement Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
8. [F31.144](#) \$8,000,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001304; Newfield Fresh Air; Replacement of HVAC Mechanical Equipment at Newfield Elementary School; Project is Being Submitted through State HVAC Indoor Air Quality Reimbursement Program for Anticipated Reimbursement of 60% (Source of Funds: \$3,200,000 City Bonds, \$4,800,000 State Grant).
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9. [F31.143](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by Adding an Appropriation of \$8,000,000 for the Newfield Fresh Air Project and Authorizing \$3,200,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation; and Resolution For School Construction Grant.
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11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

10. [F31.145](#) \$4,000,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001305; Rippowam Mechanical Improvements; Replacement of HVAC Mechanical Equipment at Rippowam Middle School and Apples Pre-K; Project is Being Submitted through State HVAC Indoor Air Quality Reimbursement Program for Anticipated Reimbursement of 60% (Source of Funds: \$1,600,000 City Bonds, \$2,400,000 State Grant).
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11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12. [F31.146](#) \$3,000,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001306; Stamford High School Mechanical Improvements; Replacement of HVAC Mechanical Equipment at Stamford High School; Project is Being Submitted through State HVAC Indoor Air Quality Reimbursement Program for Anticipated Reimbursement of 60% (Source of Funds: \$1,200,000 City Bonds, \$1,800,000 State Grant).
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AGENDA

INVOCATION: Led by Rep de la Cruz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Curtis.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell. There were 32 members present and 8 members absent or excused. (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Ley, Matheny, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins were present; Reps. Coleman, Mays, Moore, and Stella were excused; Reps. Jacobson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, and Summerville were absent). Rep. Mays joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and Rep. Summerville joined the meeting at 6:59 p.m., for a total of 34 members present and 6 members absent or excused. Rep. Ley left the meeting at 6:46 p.m. and was not present for any votes. Also present were Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Anita Carpenter, Grants Administrator; Kevin McCarthy; SPS Director of Facilities. Michael Smith, SPS Director of Facilities – Capital Projects; Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools; Cindy Grafstein; and Tony Romano, OPM.

¹PRESENTATION: Monica Di Costanzo and Lindsey Miller, Co-Chairs, Fiscal Committee; Kevin McCarthy; SPS Director of Facilities. Michael Smith, SPS Director of Facilities – Capital Projects; Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools; Cindy Grafstein; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Tony Romano, OPM; and Anita Carpenter, Grants Administrator.

Ms. Dennies explained that approximately six weeks ago, the State announced a grant program to address HVAC projects. Projects were eligible that took place between March, 2020 and June, 2022, as well as new projects going forward. The City has completed projects, partially completed projects and new projects that it wishes to submit. The applications for these grants are all due by December 1st. Ms. Carpenter stated that this is unprecedented, because school HVAC applications were not previously accepted as part of school construction grants. The first 7 projects on the agenda are submitted as completed projects. The remaining three projects are new projects to be submitted as part of the long range plan.

²¹. [F31.134](#) **RESOLUTION;** Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Cloonan Unit Ventilator Controls Replacement Project.
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**APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [F31.135](#) **RESOLUTION;** Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Davenport Roof Top Unit Replacement Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
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11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0

**APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹ Video Time Stamp 00:14:00

² Video Time Stamp 00:16:00

3. [F31.142](#) [RESOLUTION](#); Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Northeast Boiler Room Upgrade Project.
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- APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. [F31.140](#) [RESOLUTION](#); Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Rippowam Boiler Room Upgrade Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
- APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. [F31.137](#) [RESOLUTION](#); Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Stamford High School HVAC Replacement and Upgrade Project.
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11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
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- APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. [F31.136](#) [RESOLUTION](#); Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Stark Roof Top Unit Replacement Project.
11/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/22/22 – Approved by Planning Board
11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
- APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. [F31.139](#) [RESOLUTION](#); Related to the Application for HVAC Indoor Air Quality School Construction Grant for Westover Magnet Elementary School HVAC Improvement Project.
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11/28/22 – Approved by [Board of Finance](#) 6-0-0
- APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote

³8. [F31.144](#)
\$8,000,000.00

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**APPROVED
BY A ROLL
CALL VOTE
OF 29-0-3**

Board members discussed this item with the invited guests. Items discussed included the following:

- This project is to take equipment currently in the building, which has aged out, and replace the equipment with rooftop units.
- The total additional appropriation is \$8,000,000. \$3.2 million is to be provided by the City, and the City is requesting a reimbursement from the State at the 60% rate of \$4.8 million.
- If the funding is not provided for this project or the following projects, the Board of Finance will provide the Board of Education with a specific amount of long term bonds and the Board of Education will then have to determine which projects to move forward with. If all of the projects are approved by the State, there will be sufficient bonding for the local share of all of the projects; if not, the Board of Education will have to prioritize its projects based on the allocation of funds the BOE will receive through bonding. The amount of long term debt the BOE will receive will be discussed as part of the Safe Debt letter review Ms. Dennies will have with the Board of Finance in December.
- Funding for HVAC projects is not usually available, so it is worth trying for.

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 29-0-3 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa and Jean-Louis abstaining).

9. [F31.143](#)

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**APPROVED
BY A
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
*(Reps. Cottrell
and Figueroa
abstaining)*

A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

³ Video Time Stamp 00:26:55

410. [F31.145](#) \$4,000,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001305; Rippowam Mechanical Improvements; Replacement of HVAC Mechanical Equipment at Rippowam Middle School and Apples Pre-K; Project is Being Submitted through State HVAC Indoor Air Quality Reimbursement Program for Anticipated Reimbursement of 60% (Source of Funds: \$1,600,000 City Bonds, \$2,400,000 State Grant).
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- APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE 31-0-2**

A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 31-0-2 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Cottrell and Figueroa abstaining).

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11/28/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
- APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
(Reps. Cottrell and Figueroa abstaining)

A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

12. [F31.146](#) \$3,000,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001306; Stamford High School Mechanical Improvements; Replacement of HVAC Mechanical Equipment at Stamford High School; Project is Being Submitted through State HVAC Indoor Air Quality Reimbursement Program for Anticipated Reimbursement of 60% (Source of Funds: \$1,200,000 City Bonds, \$1,800,000 State Grant).
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11/28/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
- APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
(Reps. Cottrell, Di Costanzo and Figueroa abstaining)

13. [F31.138](#) **RESOLUTION**; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by Adding an Appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the Stamford High School Mechanical Improvements Project and Authorizing \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation; and Resolution For School Construction Grant.
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- APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
(Reps. Cottrell, Di Costanzo and Figueroa abstaining)

⁴ Video Time Stamp 00:48:44

A motion to approve Item No. 13 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)