

February 2, 2016

A special emergency meeting of the Alexandria Central School Board of Education, held in the Superintendent's Office, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President, Christine Lingenfelter.

Those present: Christine Lingenfelter, Andrea Adsit, Patricia Aitcheson, Stephen Dreizler, William Farman, Suzanne Hunter, Kyle Faulkner, and Brianne Kirchoff.

Jane Aikins – excused.

Emergency Building Repairs

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Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following resolution regarding emergency building repairs:

WHEREAS, upon completing its 2015 Building Condition Survey, the District found that the roof over the school building and its related systems were worn and in poor condition, had exceeded their life expectancy, such that their replacement was likely for inclusion in the District's next capital project; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the roof's storm drainage system began to fail resulting in water leaking into the school building and the lathe and plaster ceilings above the auditorium stage beginning to disintegrate, with pieces falling to the stage floor beneath them; and

WHEREAS, the District has since made multiple attempts to repair the roof's storm drainage system; and

WHEREAS, due to the age and condition of the storm drainage system, these efforts have been unsuccessful, to the point that water continues to leak into the building and the ceilings above the auditorium stage continue to disintegrate, such that safety netting has been installed beneath them to catch falling debris; and

WHEREAS, student and staff events and activities scheduled to be held in the auditorium have since been moved elsewhere or curtailed due to safety concerns related to the leaks and the disintegrating ceilings; and

WHEREAS, until the roof's storm drainage system and the ceilings are repaired, they represent a continuing safety hazard to the District, its students and its staff, and a risk of additional damage to the school building and its facilities; and

WHEREAS, King and King Architects has since inspected the building and recommended that repairs to the roof storm drainage system, stage ceilings and other related components damaged by the leaks be made on an emergency basis; and

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WHEREAS, King and King has determined that the scope of work necessary to effect the necessary repairs includes but is not limited to replacing 1928 vintage cast iron storm piping and damaged ceilings and curtains in the stage, and to remove and replace the existing stage lighting and remove and reinstall related mechanical equipment in order to gain access to and repair the roof's storm drainage system and ceilings, together with other related and necessary repairs; and

WHEREAS, King and King has estimated that the maximum total cost to make the aforementioned emergency repairs should not exceed \$380,000 (three hundred eighty thousand dollars); and

WHEREAS, the District has consulted with Fiscal Advisors, who has opined that because the repairs are to be made on an emergency basis, they can be paid for with monies from the District's existing fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the District has also consulted its legal counsel, the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Office of Inter-Municipal Legal Services, who advised that their research on the issue did not reveal any legal authority prohibiting the District from using existing fund balance monies to pay for the aforementioned emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the District is desirous of making the emergency repairs as quickly as possible to restore the safety of its building towards both students and staff, to prevent further damage to the school building, and to use monies from its existing fund balance to pay for the emergency repairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. Due to safety concerns and the potential for further damage to the school building and its facilities, the roof's storm drainage leak and the stage ceiling disintegration, together with damage to any related components constitutes an emergency.

Section 2. The District has previously considered the scope of necessary repairs and subsequently adopted a resolution pursuant to the States' Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") identifying itself as lead agency and determining that per 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(33), the repairs to be performed constitute an "emergency action" and are exempt from further review.

Section 3. Emergency repairs to the roof's storm drainage system, the ceilings above the auditorium stage and any related components be undertaken as quickly as possible, and that to facilitate that process, King and King, Architects, and/or the District's Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Darin Trickey, are authorized to seek bids for completion of the work as soon as the totality of the project is determined, such that the extent of the needed emergency repairs can be set forth in bid documents.

Section 4. Monies from the District's existing fund balance be used to pay for the emergency repairs.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Christine Lingenfelter	Voting	Yes
Jane Aikins	Voting	Excused
Andrea Adsit	Voting	Yes
Patricia Aitcheson	Voting	Yes
Stephen Dreizler	Voting	Yes
William Farman	Voting	Yes
Suzanne Hunter	Voting	Yes

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)


I, KIM CARPENTER, Clerk of the Alexandria Central School District, Jefferson County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing resolution of the Board of Education of the Alexandria Central School District, adopted on February 2, 2016 with the original thereof on file in my office, and the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to, and that all members of the Board of Education of said School District had due notice of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Alexandria Central School District this 2nd day of February, 2016.



Kim Carpenter, Clerk

(SEAL)

PATRICIA S. WAGONEK
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01WA4912376
Qualified in Jefferson County
Commission Expires May 16, 2018

SEQR
Regarding
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SEQR Regarding Emergency Repairs to the School Building

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following resolution being adopted pursuant to SEQR regarding emergency repairs to the school building:

WHEREAS, upon completing its 2015 Building Condition Survey, the District found that the roof over the school building and its related components were worn and in poor condition, had exceeded their life expectancy, and that their replacement was likely for inclusion in the District's next capital project; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the roof's storm drainage system began to fail resulting in water leaking into the school building, to the point that the lathe and plaster ceilings above the auditorium stage began to disintegrate, with pieces falling to the stage floor beneath them; and

WHEREAS, the District has since made multiple attempts to repair the roof's storm drainage system and ceiling leaks; and

WHEREAS, due to the age and condition of the roof and that of the storm drainage system, these efforts have been unsuccessful, that water continues to leak into the building, and the ceilings above the auditorium stage continue to disintegrate, requiring the installation of safety netting beneath the stage ceilings to catch falling debris; and

WHEREAS, student and staff events and activities to be held in the auditorium have since been moved elsewhere or restricted due to safety concerns related to the leaks and disintegrating ceiling; and

WHEREAS, King and King Architects has since inspected the building and determined that the scope of the work necessary to repair the problem includes, but is not limited to replacing 1928 vintage cast iron storm piping and damaged ceilings and curtains in the stage area of the auditorium, and to remove and replace existing stage lighting, and remove and reinstall related mechanical equipment in order to gain access to the storm piping system; and

WHEREAS, until the leaks and ceiling are repaired, they represent a continuing safety hazard to the District, its students and its staff, and a risk of additional damage to the school building and its facilities, thereby constituting an emergency; and

WHEREAS, before seeking bids to complete the aforementioned repairs, the Board has statutory responsibilities relative to the proposed repairs pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed repairs are immediately necessary, on a limited and temporary basis, for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources, thereby constituting an "emergency action," as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5(33); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the issue of designating the "lead agency" relative to the proposed repairs as required by 8 N.Y.C.R.R. §155.9, and the appropriate classification of each of the elements of the proposed repairs under SEQR.

Section 1. Pursuant to 8 N.Y.C.R.R. §155.9, the Board hereby determines that it is the “lead agency” with respect to the Proposed Project.

Section 2. Pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(33), the Board hereby determines that the SEQR classification of each of the elements of the proposed repairs are those of an “emergency action.”

Section 3. Based upon the proposed repairs’ classification as an “emergency action,” it is not subject to further review under SEQR.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Christine Lingenfelter	Voting	Yes
Jane Aikins	Voting	Excused
Andrea Adsit	Voting	Yes
Patricia Aitcheson	Voting	Yes
Stephen Dreizler	Voting	Yes
William Farman	Voting	Yes
Suzanne Hunter	Voting	Yes

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Adjournment

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Motion by Aitcheson, seconded by Farman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.
6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

The Board of Education then went into a budget work session.


Clerk