

**RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING APRIL 2, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Moore at 8:05 a.m. in the K-2 Library at the Mill Road Elementary School followed by the Pledge to the Flag. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board members present were: K. Kortbus, J. Moore, D. Morrison, J. Munn and M. Rothwell. Administration present were: P. Finch, B. Martin, K. Summers, R. McKiernan, K. Zahedi, B. Boyd, J. Costello, and E. Maskell, District Clerk.

Motion made by Kate Kortbus and seconded by Jen Munn to accept the following:

Mr. Finch noted that this is a SEQRA Type II Resolution. Discussion ensued regarding the District LAMS Building being a Historic Building and the type of the SEQRA Resolution. It was noted that the LAMS Building was searched and is not on the historical building list.

**SOLAR PROJECT SEQRA RESOLUTION**

**SEQRA**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Red Hook Central School District (“Board”) is considering to undertake a project involving the installation of roof mounted solar arrays on each of the three existing school buildings (Red Hook High School, Linden Avenue Middle School, and the Primary and Intermediate Elementary Schools located at Mill Road) with electrical wiring to be connected to the electrical services for each building (“the Proposed Action” or “Project”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the installation of roof mounted solar arrays on each of the three existing school buildings (Red Hook High School, Linden Avenue Middle School, and the Primary and Intermediate Elementary Schools located at Mill Road) with electrical wiring to be connected to the electrical services for each building, all of which is immediately on existing spaces and involves no construction of additions (“the Project”).

2. The proposed Project represents installation of solar energy arrays on existing structures which are not listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, located within a district listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or been determined by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be a structure or district eligible for such listing within the meaning of 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(15); and/or alternatively a retrofit of existing structures and their appurtenant areas to incorporate green infrastructure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(3); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(8).

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3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.

4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

Name:	
Johanna Moore	Yes
Dawn Morrison	Yes
Kate Kortbus	Yes
Jen Munn	Yes
Maggie Rothwell	Yes

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Jen Munn and seconded by Kate Kortbus to accept the following proposition to be placed on the May 2019 ballot for approval by the voters:

Mr. Martin noted there has been further discussion, and the numbers given out need to be changed. Mr. Martin stated we need the voter authority to give us the flexibility with NYPA and Solar Liberty. The change in the numbers has to do with the NYSERTA credit. NYPA and Solar Liberty state the NYSERTA incentive is first come, first served. If the BOE and District were to wait, the incentive may not work, and it would become financially not viable for the District. Once the vote in May happens, NYPA and Solar Liberty will file for the project immediately. The NYSERTA incentive is about \$369,000.

A member of the community, Francisco Pujol, had questions about the project.

The District stands to receive \$20,000 a year for 15 years. The project costs \$132,000 estimated annual loan payment, of which the District will receive \$80,00 in energy savings, and \$75,000 in State Aid, which nets a \$20 revenue for the District. The Project is projected not to have any financial impact on the taxpayers. No State Aid is available when you bond the project out and don't have to receive voter approval. The net financial impact to the community will be positive from the inception of the project. If all of the pieces don't come together to benefit the District, if SED does not approve the Project, it is the plan to not move forward.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RED HOOK **PROPOSITION** CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of such voters to be to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019:

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**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education of the Red Hook Central School District be authorized to (1) renovate and reconstruct various District buildings, including the installation of roof mounted solar arrays, and pay incidental costs related thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$2,000,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and grants received; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,630,437 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual meeting.  
All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Maggie Rothwell and seconded by Jen Munn to approve the following:  
That the Board of Education move to Executive Session at 8:59 AM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual(s) and/or corporation.  
All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**EXEC  
SESSION**

President Moore declared the Board returned to open session at 9:27 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Jen Munn and seconded by Maggie Rothwell to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 AM. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk