

At a Special Financial Town Meeting holden within and for the Town of Scituate, on December 16, 2008 in the High School Auditorium in said Scituate, pursuant to the Warrant issued and to law, being for the purpose of voting on the the following question:

"SHALL AN ACT PASSED AT THE 2008 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCITUATE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 IN BONDS THEREFOR', BE APPROVED?"

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Town Moderator, David D'Agostino.

The warrant, the posted notice and return of service was read by Town Clerk, Margaret M. Long.

Town Moderator, David D'Agostino, advised the audience of the rules and regulations of the meeting. He explained that visitors are all seated in the front rows to his right, and he explained the procedures which would be followed for voting by registered voters.

Mr. D'Agostino stated that there will be one question before the assembly. He asked that a motion be made on this question, seconded, and then will open the floor to discussion. He kindly asked that anyone making remarks, observations and comments keep them brief and to the point of the motion before the assembly. The decision of the majority of electors present will be the decision of the assembly. Voting will be accomplished by voice vote; those in favor say "aye," those opposed say "no." If the voice vote is close, it will call for a standing vote. Those in favor will stand, those opposed will remain seated. If a paper ballot is called for, under R. I. General Laws pertaining to Town Meetings, there must be a second by 1/5 or 20 percent of those present. If it does come down to that, we do have an Eagle Voting Machine on hand. Mr. D'Agostino explained the procedures for voting by paper ballot with the voting machine.

At this time, Mr. D'Agostino introduced the Town Council, School Committee, Superintendent Paul Lescault, Town Clerk, Town

Treasurer and Town Solicitor who were all sitting on the stage.

At this time, School Committee Member Ernie Marcure gave a power point presentation of the proposed plans. (Refer to tape for complete testimony and discussion).

Town Moderator D'Agostino stated that the Board of Canvassers advised there were 557 voters and 18 visitors present.

A motion was made by Brian LaPlante, and seconded by Margaret Long to approve the following question:

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With no further discussion, Town Moderator David D'Agostino called for a voice vote. After being unable to determine the voice vote, Moderator D'Agostino called for a standing vote. At that time, a motion was made for a paper ballot. Moderator D'Agostino asked that anyone wishing to second the motion for a paper ballot to please stand. Deputy Town Clerk/Canvassing Clerk Gail Chatfield and Town Clerk Margaret Long counted the number of people standing in the auditorium. Town Clerk Long asked the 18 visitors to please sit in the area designated for visitors. Town Moderator D'Agostino stated that 110 votes would equal 20% of the total voters present, and the number of people standing well-exceeded that number. Motion for a paper ballot passed.

At this time, Town Moderator opened the floor for discussion. David Aiello of 36 Armand Way, read a letter that he wrote stating that he was not in support of this. (Please refer to tape for complete testimony and discussion.)

Kerman McDuffie, Westcott Road, commented that if they kept the 6th graders in the Elementary Schools instead of sending them to the Middle School, the Special Needs Children would have rooms.

Carol Mumford, 141 Betty Pond Road, stated it has been her honor to be our State Representative for the last 10 years, but before that it was her greatest honor to teach at Scituate High

School for more than two decades. Mrs. Mumford stated that this bond issue is sorely needed, and we are encouraged to bring our construction projects forward.

Several other members from the audience wished to express their support of this bond and encouraged everyone to vote in favor of this (Refer to tape for complete testimony and discussion).

Mohamed Awwad of Trimtown Road made a motion to suspend the discussion and move on to the vote. Motion was seconded and voted without discussion.

Town Clerk Long announced that when the voting was finished, the totals would be posted on the Town Web Site for those who did not wish to wait for the results.

After all voters present cast their ballots, Town Clerk Long informed the audience that the totals printed from the Eagle Voting Machine are as follows:

Total # of Ballots Cast: 536

Yes: 401

No: 135

(A copy of the tape and certification by the Board of Canvassers is attached hereto)

At 10:45 pm, a motion was made by Town Clerk Long to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Collins and others, and voted without discussion.

(Please refer to electronic tape for complete discussion and testimonies given.)

Witness:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk