

**TOWN OF BETHEL  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009  
BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL  
WHITTLESEY DRIVE  
7:00 P.M.**

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TOWN OF BETHEL  
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**Present:** Town Counsel, William J. Hagan, First Selectman, Robert E. Burke, Selectman, Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman, Paul Szatkowski and Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman, Robert E. Burke called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh reads the call (see attached).

Motion made by Robert Legnard, seconded by Billy Michael to accept the call. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Robert Legnard made a motion to nominate Robert Burke as moderator, Motion seconded by Nick Ellis.

Motion made by Geraldine Mills to close nominations, seconded by Billy Michael. Vote taken to close nominations and appoint Robert Burke as moderator. Motion approved.

Town Counsel, William J. Hagan reads the resolution. (see attached).

Discussion on resolution:

Billy Michael: Wants to know where the money is coming from. First Selectman Burke stated that \$97,747.00 is coming from the Board of Education operating budget, and \$72,823.00 is being funded through a State of Connecticut Grant. Chairman of the Board of Education, Bill Kingston informed Mr. Michael that the current spending freeze for the past 6 months has recognized a \$125,000 savings for school related expenses. This has given the Board the confidence that they will have enough money to cover the expense of the new security system. The cameras will be located indoors and also provide the police department with 2 laptops for direct access.

Chris Trodahl: Asked if the security system was ever in the original plans. Mr. Burke responded "No". Did the construction manager concur with this new system and who is the construction manager? Yes, the construction manager Morganti Group concurs. Were bids solicited? Chairman of the High School Building Committee William Slifkin stated that this was done on spec. Was this approved by the Building Committee? "Yes, there is no security system in there." Mr. Trodahl went on to ask what the cost was for the consultant. \$6500.00. Who is responsible for the ongoing maintenance cost? Public Works is responsible for Building Maintenance. Is there anything in Public Works budget to provide for the system maintenance? Yes.

Robert Legnard: Believes it is a commendable thing that this is moving forward. It doesn't do the Town good to have a brand new building with no security.

Motion to move the question made by Bob Legnard, then removed to allow Geraldine Mills to speak.

Geraldine Mills: Remembers it took 4 years to have the power lines buried for the safety of the students. We are in an era of wars, declared and undeclared, the fact that Mr. Burke stressed strongly that this is for the protection of the kids is perfectly correct. She encouraged everyone to support this.

Alice Hutchinson: Feels that the audience should be able to ask the questions that they want to, she questioned whether the security system was previously in the package and pulled out due to lack of affordability. She stated it is important, but would like to know where the money is coming from. Robert Burke responded by telling her the security system was never in the project.

Chris Trodahl: Stated he took exception to being challenged regarding his opinion on the safety of the children. His questions were directed towards whether the process was valid, and the procedure was valid, never questioning the need for security for the children. He is in favor of a security system.

Nick Ellis made a motion to move the question then withdrew to allow Matt Knickerbocker to speak.

Matt Knickerbocker: Having been involved for 10 years with the Board of Education, there were a lot of good reasons it was not included in the plans. He publicly wanted to thank the Building Committees, thank the Board of Education. He stated that the repair and maintenance

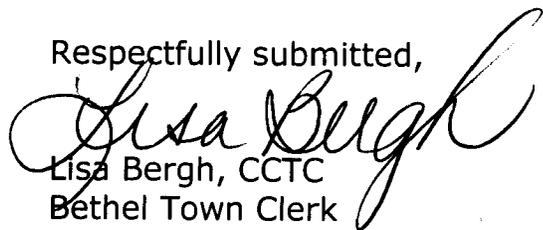
would come from the 460 account. He mentioned it is a State Statute. A disagreement took place between Mr. Burke and Mr. Knickerbocker regarding the responsibilities with Mr. Knickerbocker stating he would look into this and Mr. Burke stating Town Counsel had advised on the responsibility.

David Glahn: Wanted to thank the panel for allowing him to speak and stating that everyone that wanted to should have the right to speak

Robert Legnard made a motion to move the question and accept the resolution seconded by Nick Ellis. Vote Taken, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn made by Nick Ellis, John Kelly seconded the motion  
Vote all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:27PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Lisa Bergh, CCTC  
Bethel Town Clerk

**WARNING  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT**



The Legal Voters of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, and those persons entitled to vote therein, are notified to assemble at a Special Town Meeting to be held in the Bethel High School Auditorium, Whittlesey Drive, Bethel, CT 06801 on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose, to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon a resolution, as recommended by Town of Bethel, to appropriate a sum not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$170,570) from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) School Security Competitive Grant for the Bethel High School. Said appropriation to be funded from Board of Education 2008-2009 Operating Budget in amount of \$97,747 and \$72,823 from the State of Connecticut.
2. To do any and all things necessary, convenient and/or desirable to accomplish the above.

Dated at Bethel, Connecticut, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Robert E. Burke, First Selectman  
Paul Szatkowski, Selectman  
Kevin Cleary, Selectman

TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTIONS: MARCH 26, 2009

1) RESOLVED, that the legal voters of the Town of Bethel and those persons entitled to vote therein appropriate a sum not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$170,570) from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) School Security Competitive Grant for the Bethel High School, said appropriation to be funded from the Board of Education 2008-2009 Operating Budget in amount of \$97,747 and \$72,823 from the State of Connecticut.

2) RESOLVED, that the legal voters of the Town of Bethel and those persons entitled to vote therein authorize any and all things which may be legally necessary, convenient and/or desirable to accomplish the above named purposes.