

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 9TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Minutes of meeting held Thursday, February 23, 1967
Stamford, Connecticut

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A Special Meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Thursday, February 23, 1967, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, George E. Russell, in the meeting rooms of the Board, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:15 P.M.

No roll call was taken. However, it was noted that 19 members were present and 21 absent. Those present were:

Louis Casale (R) 1st District	Charles Heinzer (R) 13th District
John Boccuzzi (D) 2nd District	Joseph Bitetto (R) 14th District
Ralph Lockhart (D) 2nd District	Howard Kaplan (D) 14th District
Gerald Rybnick (D) 4th District	William Buchanan (R) 16th District
Carmino Longo (D) 6th District	George Russell (R) 17th District
Frederick Karl (R) 7th District	Lynn Farman (R) 18th District
George Connors (D) 8th District	John Rich (R) 18th District
John Fusaro (D) 10th District	Booth Hemingway (R) 19th District
Dominick Mosca (R) 10th District	Robert Bromley (R) 20th District
Peter Chirimbes (R) 12th District	

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The President read the following "Call" of the special meeting:

February 16, 1967

TO: All members of 9th Board of Representatives

FROM: President, George E. Russell

SUBJECT: Open meeting of the Board of Representatives, acting as a
"COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE"

I, GEORGE E. RUSSELL, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives, for

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1967

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Place: 2nd floor meeting room
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
429 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

for the following purpose:

To meet as a "COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE" to hear and discuss the \$500,000.00 request by the BOARD OF EDUCATION for a resolution amending the 1966-1967 Capital Projects Budget, for CONSTRUCTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE FACILITIES.

This meeting will allow any Board member to question the Board of Education on all phases concerning this new Administration Building, whether it be location, cost, or answers to direct inquiries from the members themselves.

George E. Russell, President
Board of Representatives

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THE PRESIDENT invited the members of the Board of Education to sit in front of the room in order to face the members and answer whatever questions they might have. He said the meeting will be very informal.

Those present representing the Board of Education were: Milton Ellerin, President, Ellis Baker, Vice President, Dr. Joseph Porter, Superintendent of Schools, as well as other members of the Board of Education. Also present was George McCulloch, Urban Renewal Coordinator.

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, spoke briefly, outlining the present status of the following requested appropriation, which was approved by the Board of Finance on August 11, 1966, being requested by the Mayor in his letter of August 5, 1966:

\$500,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Resolution amending 1966-1967 Capital Projects Budget, for CONSTRUCTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE FACILITIES - (Present building needed for Urban Renewal) - Deferred 9/6/66 and again on 10/3/66; TABLED on 11/9/66 with 2 "no" votes; held in Committee 12/5/66 and TABLED INDEFINITELY on 1/9/67; appeared on the 2/6/67 agenda, the President explaining it was erroneously placed on the agenda. (See page 4965 of Minutes)

An informal discussion took place, with questions being asked by the various members of the Board of Representatives and those representing the Board of Education, replying to the questions asked.

Several members said they could not go along with putting the offices of the Board of Education so far away from the central part of the city and the answer was given that parents usually visit the school itself and not the offices of the Board of Education.

The question was asked if the Board of Education would consider another site, other than the one which has been designated at Turn-of-River. An informal poll was taken of the members present from the Board of Education and they indicated a willingness to consider another site, all things being equal, such as whether or not "State Aid" could be obtained, enough land being available, etc.

The question was also presented as to whether City-owned land on Hillendale Avenue comprising about the acreage needed, could be used. It was pointed out that a portion of Hillendale Avenue, being an unpaved street, splits the City-owned property and then the question was asked whether or not this site could be closed off in order to facilitate the joining of the two parcels of City-owned land. This matter was later referred to the Public Works Committee and the Planning & Zoning Committee for study.

The question was also raised as to whether or not the offices could be combined with a maintenance garage and if so, could proper fire protection be given in such a combined structure.

Another point was raised, and that was the deadline date for a building to be constructed and ready for occupancy. The date of April 1, 1968 was given. Several members questioned if there would be enough time to do all this and have the building ready in time. It was felt that this would be something to be determined by the architect and would not present too unsurmountable a barrier.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that in the appropriation resolution no site is mentioned, so that is something that could very possibly be worked out, and the resolution could be worded so that it definitely ties it down to one particular site, or left without mentioning any particular location.

The question was raised that in the event a certain site is designated in the appropriation resolution, and later on it proves to be not feasible to build on that site, does it mean that no building can be constructed because the money for one particular site was appropriated.

THE PRESIDENT said the money ^{having} once been appropriated, it could still be used by the Board of Education.

The question was raised as to what the "target date" was for widening Broad Street up to Main Street. The answer was that the end of this year it should be well under way and may carry over into 1968, and will overlap with other related work.

Another question was asked as to whether this would involve condemnation of property, which might take longer. The reply was that this has been the problem all along - that it is very involved and one matter depends on the completion of another phase.

The question was asked if the amount of the appropriation being requested is going to be enough, or will the Board of Education come back again later on for an additional appropriation to finish the work. The answer was that to ask a question of this kind is also to answer it - that this is only a rough guess and they may very well need to come back for more money later on.

The question was asked if the way will be cleared to find out some of the answers before the next Board meeting in regard to whether or not Hillandale Avenue can be abandoned, so that the Board can act on this.

THE PRESIDENT said this is being referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee, so they can inquire into these questions and have the answers in time for the March Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M., on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED.

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APPROVED:

George E. Russell
George E. Russell, President
9th Board of Representatives

Velma Farrell
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Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

Note: The above meeting was not broadcast over the Radio.

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