

RTM

January 2014

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GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Greenwich, Connecticut

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2013

Title of Item: Ruth and Hall Launderers Charitable Trust Grant

Policy Reference: E - 020

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION OR PRESENTATION OF INFORMATIONAL ITEM

 X Action Requested Informational Only

Submitted By: Gus Lindine

Position: Director of Athletics

I will be present at Board meeting to explain if called upon:

 X
Yes No

BACKGROUND:

The Greenwich High School Athletic Department was approached by Ms. Cathy McEvoy, trustee for the Ruth and Hal Launders Charitable Trust, to apply for a grant. Ms McEvoy indicated that the trust would like to make a \$10,000 grant to supply storage space for the GHS Athletic Department, including a specific area for the high school golf teams.

Currently, the Athletic Department has limited storage space that was further temporarily reduced through the MISA project construction. The GHS golf teams do not have a secure location to store their personal equipment (golf bags and clubs) during the school day. Approval of these funds will provide the Athletic Department with the opportunity to explore storage location options and supply much needed storage.

With a compressed timeframe to apply for the grant coupled with a lengthy approval process for grants in Greenwich the District Administration is currently reviewing exact storage options for the High School. Options are either an external shed or interior storage space within the High School. In addition, the Administration is reviewing Planning and Zoning requirements, including floor area ratio (FAR) issues.

Board of Education, Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), and Representative Town Meeting (RTM) authorization is required since this grant is not covered in the annual budget resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the administration to accept a \$10,000 grant from the Ruth and Hal Launders Charitable Trust.

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GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**Greenwich, Connecticut**Date of Meeting: December 19, 2013Title of Item: Acceptance of Asia Society – Confucius Classrooms GrantPolicy Reference: E-020**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION OR PRESENTATION OF INFORMATIONAL ITEM** X Action Requested Informational OnlySubmitted By: Viviana ConnerPosition: Program Coordinator, World Language

I will be present at Board meeting to explain if called upon:

 X
Yes
No**SYNOPSIS:**

The Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network is an International partnership between Hanban (colloquial abbreviation for the Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language) and Asia Society, dedicated to building the field of Chinese language teaching and learning in American schools. Greenwich High School was originally honored in 2010-2011 when chosen as one of the 100 schools chosen in the US to be a model Confucius Classroom site. As a member of the Network, we have been recognized for our strong potential to lead the development of the field of Chinese teaching and learning and international education into the future. Our selection was based on our achievements in the following areas: (1) curriculum and instruction; (2) Integration and culture; (3) leadership; (4) partnerships.

As part of participation in the program, Asia Society has offered Greenwich High School a cash award in the amount of **\$10,000** to be used as described in our grant application to fund:

Software
Art, film, classroom realia
Field trips
China Club activities

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Community speakers and artists' presentations
Festivities and celebrations for Chinese classes
Supplies for classroom projects

An additional **\$1,000** is offered as a subsidy for travel, hotel and conference registration to the 2013 National Chinese Language conference for teachers and administrators.

The total grant is therefore **\$11,000**.

In addition to the financial support offered by the Asia Society, they offer the following: participation in professional development with other high quality programs from across the nation, organized by the Asia Society; authorization to use the title "Confucius Classroom;" assistance in identifying and developing a partnership with a school in China.

Approval by the Board of Education, Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), and Representative Town Meeting (RTM) is required since this grant is not covered in the annual budget resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the administration to accept the grant and to request BET and RTM approval.

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20XX Admitted Assets

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Bonds - (All obligations are per obligor unless otherwise stated.)

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| 1. | State Obligations; (Section 38a-102c(a)(1)); issued, assumed or guaranteed by: | 10.0% |
| | Agency | #REF! |
| | Political Subdivision | #REF! |
| | Instrumentality of any state | #REF! |

General Obligations are excluded

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| 2. | Development bank obligations; (Section 38a-102c(a)(2)); issued, assumed or guaranteed by: | 10.0% |
| | Int'l Bank for Reconstruction and Development | #REF! |
| | Inter-American Development Bank | #REF! |
| | Asian Development | #REF! |
| | Any other agency/entity engaged in similar activities in which the U.S. participates | #REF! |
| 3. | High Yield Obligations; (Section 38a-102c(c)); excludes agencies, authorities, or instrumentalities of or entities sponsored by the U.S. its possessions or territories. | 1.0% |
| | Any entity - 1% | #REF! |
| | In the aggregate - 10% | #REF! |
| 4. | Single Issuer Limitations; (Section 38a-102c(b)); this excludes: HYO - 1% of admitted assets | 5.0% |
| | Any single institution - 5% (Public Utilities; Industrial/Misc Categories) | #REF! |

**True Short-Term Investments - Not Subject to Limitations
FNM/FHLMC - Not Subject to Limitations**

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| 5. | Foreign Obligations & Investments; (Section 38a-102c(d)) | |
| | 10% admitted assets/Single Issue in an Foreign Country (jurisdiction rated in 1 of 2 highest rating categories by an independent nat'l recognized U.S. rating agency) or NAIC Class 1 & 2. | #REF! |
| | 2% admitted assets/Single Issue in any foreign country; NAIC Class 3 - 6. | #REF! |
| | 15% admitted assets/Aggregate Issues in any country; NAIC Class 3 - 6. | #REF! |
| | 30% admitted assets/Aggregate Issues in all foreign investments & obligations; NAIC Class 1-6. | #REF! |

Equity Investments (Section 38a-102c(e))

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| 1. | C/S, Pfd Stock & Ltd Partnerships are limited to 5% of admitted assets of a single investment | #REF! |
| 2. | C/S & Ltd Partnerships (Pfd Stock excluded) are limited to 25% in the aggregate | #REF! |

Affiliated Investments (Section 38a-102d) are limited in the aggregate to the lesser of:

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| 1. | 10% admitted assets | #REF! |
| 2. | 50% Policyholders Surplus | #REF! |

Real Estate and other Tangible Investments (Section 38a-102c(f)) -- Include Mtge Loans

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| 1. | 5% of a single investment | #REF! |
| 2. | 10% in the aggregate in: non-income producing real estate, and | #REF! |
| | Mtge Lns which when made exceed loan to value ratio of 75% | |
| 3. | What is the relationship of Real Estate acquired in satisfaction of debt to Mtge loan investments? | |

Item # 2

NOTICE OF CANDIDACY
OF THOMAS J. BYRNE
FOR POSITION OF RTM MODERATOR

Pursuant to the RTM Sense of the Meeting Resolution dated December 9, 2013, I submit this notice of my candidacy for the position of RTM Moderator.

Personal Information: Married, four children, resident of Greenwich for 29 years.

Education: Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Bachelor of Arts, cum laude

Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California
Juris Doctor

Professional: High School Physics teacher, Westchester County, NY

RTM Member, 1988 – present. Moderator (9 terms); Chair, District 6 (3 terms);
Member, Education Committee (4 terms); Member, Claims Committee (12 terms).

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Item #3

364 Riversville Road
Greenwich, Ct
December 29, 2013

Mrs. Carmella Budkins, Town Clerk
Town of Greenwich
Town Hall
Greenwich, Ct 06831

Dear Carm,

It is my intention to seek the position of Moderator Pro Tempore at the Representative Town Meeting in January.

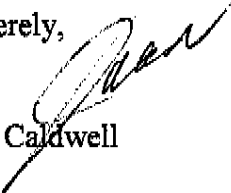
I have held that position for some years as you know, and believe that I have demonstrated the ability to lead the meeting in the calm, orderly discharge of its duties which is the real purpose of the position.

Equally important to the RTM is the fact that I have the trust and respect of the Moderator who over the years has come to depend on me to help him. I have a good working relationship with town department heads and serve as a liaison to the Moderator.

Attached is a short sketch of my service in Town Meeting. It does not fully reflect all of my more than forty-five years in the body, but it does show that over those years three Moderators, the late Al Varner, Judge David Tobin and Tom Byrne trusted my judgment enough to appoint me (twice as chair) to a Special Committee on Rules & Procedures of the RTM.

For all of the above I will again ask the support of my fellow delegates for Moderator Pro Tempore.

Sincerely,


Joan Caldwell

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Joan Caldwell

Brief Statement of Past RTM Experience

First elected in 1965, served continuously since

Served on Education Committee

Health Committee

Labor Contracts Committee

Member 1973 –

Chairman 1980 – 1985

1997 – 2008

District Chairman

1991 –

Special Committees

Moderator's Committee to Study RTM Rules & Procedures

1971 (Appointed by Al Varner)

1996 (Appointed by David Tobin)

2008 (Appointed by Ton Byrne)

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee (Chairman)

Committee to study committee and district attendance (1975)

Task Force to study GFD response times & procedures (1983)

Committee on Decorum

Joint sub-committee on Leases of Town Properties (2013)

Special Committees relative to Labor Issues

To study effect of Ad Hoc pension increases (colas)

To study origin & necessity of Greenwich Pay Plan (Collaborative
With BET)