# Quorum was announced at 7:10 at 441 people

# Meeting called to order at 7:11

# Moderator called on Fire Chief Robert Parsons to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

# Moderator called on Town Clerk Sandra Fritze to sing the National Anthem

# Moderator called a moment of silence in memory of Susan Lacaire

# Moderator read the motion and Finance Committee approval 7 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstained

# Moderator declared we had signatures to have a secret ballot, we would have the presentation first, then would vote on the secret ballot.

# Presentation:

# Dr. Paul Haughey, Superintendent of SEBRSD

# Nathan Malone, Principal DPHS

# Architects and OPM for Building Project

# Gary Suter, Business Manager SEBRSD

# Speakers:

# Vincent Cloutier, 17 Northwest Road

# After Mr. Cloutier spoke Moderator opened the floor up to further comments and then the vote on secret ballot:

# Speakers:

# Peter Bogren, Math Teacher Knox Trail Middle School

# Ronald Sciascia, 95 North Spencer Road

# Ayla Messier, Student DPHS

# Jennifer Nolan, 26 Lincoln Street

# James Barnette, 116 Charlton Road

# Sheila Doiron, 4 Bellevue Drive

# No name given, Real Estate Agent

# Lisa Vaudry, no address given

# Jaxson Wells, 158 South Spencer Road

# Aaron Powell, 56 Borkum Road

# Stephanie Underwood, 46 Greenville Street

# Adam Hebert, 186 Paxton Road

# Jason Monette, 81 Wilson Street, school committee and building committee

# Lisa Kennedy, 3 Paxton Drive

# No Name, Teacher at Wire Village School

# Lisa Miller, 79 Browning Pond Road

# Motion made to get to the question.

# Moderator again announced that:

# 5 People signed a paper to request a secret ballot. We would vote by hand count

# To see what majority wanted, Tellers would be around to count sections.

# Hand count vote: Moderator declared overwhelmingly opposed to secret ballot.

# Vote Hand count taken on Motion.

# Motion approved with a hand count of 430 in favor to 10 opposed

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF SPENCER

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**September 14th, 2022**

## WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Spencer in the County of Worcester, Greetings.

IN THE NAME OF THE Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the David Prouty High School, 302 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562 on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:**

To see if the Town of Spencer will vote to approve the $111,587,059.00 borrowing authorized by the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District School Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, and equipping a multi-phased, addition/renovation project at the David Prouty High School located at 302 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the David Prouty High School Building Committee; the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy- four and nineteen hundredths percent (74.19%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided, however, that the approval of the District’s borrowing under this article shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½);

Or take any other action relation thereto.

S*ponsored by the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District Committee)*

### Finance Committee Recommends Approval: Voted seven in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

**Motion:**

I move that the Town of Spencer hereby votes to approve the $111,587,059.00 borrowing authorized by the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District School Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, and equipping a n owner-occupied, multi- phased, addition/renovation project at the David Prouty High School located at 302 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the David Prouty High School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non- entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy-four and nineteen hundredths percent (74.19%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that the approval of the District’s borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

### Vote Required: Majority (see G.L. c.71, §16(d)) Motion Made By: Vice Chairman John Howard Motion Seconded By: Selectman Tony Pepe

### Motion Approved: 430 in favor, 10 opposed

### Respectfully Submitted, Sandra J. Fritze,

### Town Clerk

### 

*~Remainder of document intentionally left blank.~*

## And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy in at least three places fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this day of August the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

Gary E. Woodbury, Chairman

John J. Howard, Vice Chairman

Jared J.B. Grigg, Clerk

Ralph E. Hicks, Member

Anthony D. Pepe, Member

Board of Selectmen A true copy. Attest.

Constable Worcester, SS.

Date

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have posted and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Spencer by posting an attested copy in at least three places at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Spencer

NOTICE: Persons needing a sign language interpreter or other hearing assistance device, please contact the Board of Selectmen.