

NOTICE OF ANNUAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

of the qualified electors of the participating towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton, and Richmond, joined together as the Chariho Regional School District.

To be held in the
CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
on Switch Road in the Town of Richmond
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
at 7:30 P.M.

To the respective Town Sergeants and Constables, or any of them in the Towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond.

Greetings:

You are hereby required to call and warn all electors of the respective towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond, who are voters qualified in their respective towns to vote at the financial town meeting next preceding this Chariho Regional School District meeting and also those voters who are certified by the Board of Canvassers in their respective towns as qualified to vote in their respective towns on any proposition for the imposition of a tax or for the expenditure of money, to assemble in the Chariho Regional School District Meeting of the participating towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond to be held in the Chariho Regional Middle School Auditorium on Switch Road in the Town of Richmond on Tuesday, the fifth day of March A. D. 2024 at seven thirty Post Meridieum time (7:30 PM) pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed at the January session A. D. 2006 of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations entitled, "An Act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 286 of the Public Laws, 1986, and Chapter 279 of the Public Laws, 1997, entitled 'An Act in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 55 of the Public Laws, 1958, Entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Towns of Charlestown and Richmond together, or together with the Town of Hopkinton, to join in a Regional High School District, Incorporating said Regional High School District and Providing for the Issuance of Bonds, Construction and Operation of a Regional High School for the Joint Use of the Participating Towns, within said Regional High School District established by this Act as amended'", as amended, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following propositions:

I. To participate in a public hearing before the Chariho Regional School District Committee concerning its proposed school budget for the 2024-2025 budget year.

II. Shall there be established a Regional School District Building Committee, which shall be charged with the responsibility and authority:

a. to undertake consideration of constructing, furnishing, and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus including, but not limited to, costs of demolition, design, health and safety projects, playgrounds, landscaping paving and all expenses incidental thereto; to endeavor to limit overall expenditures for all such undertakings within an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in the aggregate; and to report the findings and recommendations of said Building Committee to the Regional School District Committee and to each of the member Town Councils within six (6) months from the date of the first meeting of such Building Committee; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended); and

b. if, upon authorization by act of the General Assembly or otherwise, appropriate funding is approved by the electors of the Regional School District, to secure competent architectural and engineering and other appropriate services for the purpose of making of surveys, the preparation of plans, and specifications for constructing, furnishing, and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus including, but not limited to, costs of demolition, design, health and safety projects, playgrounds, landscaping, paving and all expenses incidental thereto; to endeavor to limit overall expenditures for all such undertakings within an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in the aggregate; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended); and

c. if appropriate funding is approved by the electors of the Regional District as aforesaid, to construct, furnish and equip three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus and to demolish buildings as appropriate; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended); and

d. if appropriate funding is so approved by the electors of the Regional School District as

aforesaid, to make all contracts and agreements which may be necessary for the exercise of the powers vested in said Building Committee; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended);

d. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that said Building Committee shall not make any expenditures or incur any liability unless the necessary appropriations therefore have been authorized by the electors of said Regional School District, or, if pursuant to act of the General Assembly, any bonds which may have been so authorized and approved thereunder have been successfully sold; and

e. the term of said Building Committee shall expire as to any authorized building or project at such time as any authorized building or project shall have been constructed and accepted by the architects engaged by the Building Committee and for one (1) year thereafter, whereupon the office of said Committee as to that authorized building or project shall terminate?

III. Shall the budget of the Chariho Regional School District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year be adjusted so as to allow the transfer of funds from the fund balance in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, with any additional amounts deemed necessary in carrying out said Building Committee's approved responsibilities to be approved by vote of the Regional School District Committee, for the purpose of providing funds in said amount to the Regional School District Building Committee, which funds are to be used by said Building Committee at its discretion, for necessary and proper expenses it may incur in carrying out said Building Committee's responsibilities as charged by action of the voters of the Regional School District assembled in a Regional School District Meeting; provided however, that any of such funds which are not expended by said Building Committee shall be returned to the General Fund of the Chariho Regional School District?

IV. To transact any and all business that may be lawful at said meeting.

By authorization and directions of Said Act hereinbefore quoted. Witness the hands of the Clerk of the Chariho Regional School District and Chairperson of the Chariho Regional School District Committee affixed hereto this 9th day of February, 2024.

Donna J. Sieczkiewicz
Clerk

Catherine M. Giusti
Chairperson

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals requesting special accommodations must call 364-7575 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting date.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

To the qualified electors of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Public Hearing of the Chariho Regional School District, scheduled to be held by the Chariho Regional School District Committee on March 5, 2024 concerning its proposed School Budget for the 2024-2025 budget year, will be continued if there is a lack of a quorum of qualified voters and will reconvene on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in the Chariho Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 PM. If there is a quorum present on March 5, 2024, the meeting will not be continued.