SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 13, 2003

ARTICLE 5 – On motion by Russell T. Graham, Chairman of the Reading School Building Committee, it was voted that:

- The Town vote, pursuant to Section 2-15 (d) of the Reading Home Rule Charter, to declare the subject matter of this article to be “an emergency measure necessary for the immediate peace, health, safety, or convenience of the Town”; and
- That the sum of $54,305,000 is hereby appropriated, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to pay costs of making extraordinary repairs and/or additions to the Reading Memorial High School at 62 Oakland Road, including the payment of all engineering and architectural fees and the payment of all other expenses incidental and related to this project; that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized, pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(3) and 7(3A) and Chapter 70B of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to borrow said amount and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and
- That the Town vote to authorize the School Building Committee, the School Committee, or any other agency of the Town to file applications for a grant or grants to be used to defray the cost of all or any part of the cost of the project; and that the Town votes to authorize the School Committee to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article; provided however that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required for the repayment of any bonds or notes authorized by this vote from the property tax levy limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws, which vote shall be held not later than 90 days following the conclusion of this Special Town Meeting.

2/3 vote requested
38 voted in the affirmative
18 voted in the negative

A true copy
Attest:

Cheryl A. Johnson
Town Clerk