

WALNUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 15-16-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WALNUT CREEK
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, AND
AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Walnut Creek School District (the "District"), within Contra Costa County, California (the "County"), is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code (the "Education Code");

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to section 15100 *et seq.* of the California Education Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and section 15266 of the California Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a 55% vote of those voting on a proposition for the purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by 55% of the votes cast;

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by section 15266 of the California Education Code;

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2016, a statewide primary election is scheduled to occur throughout the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 15268 California Education Code, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed \$30 per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property;

WHEREAS, section 9400 *et seq.* of the California Elections Code requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Walnut Creek School District as follows:

Section 1. Specifications of Election Order. Pursuant to sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and section 15266 of the California Education Code, an election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on June 7, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the following proposition:

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$60,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below. Bonds will be issued in one or more series.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees has prepared its Capital Investment Program in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (section 15278 *et seq.* of the California Education Code), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board of Trustees shall cause to conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Trustees shall cause to conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2017, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition, and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

The Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this proposition, lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds. Such projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore the Board of Trustees cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to section 53410 of the California Government Code.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest will be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature later than shall be permitted by law.

Section 2. Ballot Proposition. Pursuant to section 13247 of the California Elections Code and section 15122 of the California Education Code, the Board hereby directs the Registrar of Voters to use the following abbreviation of the bond proposition on the ballot:

“To address critical renovation, modernization and safety needs at District schools, upgrade classrooms, libraries and computer networks to provide students with 21st Century classrooms, improve energy efficiency of classrooms and buildings, and replace, acquire, construct and renovate school facilities shall the Walnut Creek Elementary School District issue \$60 million in bonds at legal interest rates with funds monitored by an Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee and no funds spent on administrators?”

Section 3. Voter Pamphlet. The Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested to reprint Section 1 hereof (including Exhibit A hereto) in its entirety in the voter information pamphlets to be distributed to voters pursuant to section 13307 of the California Elections Code. In the event Section 1 is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlets in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters at (925) 335-7800 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”

Section 4. Required Vote. Pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 5. Matching Funds. Pursuant to section 15122.5 of the California Education Code, the District hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters of the County include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet:

Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Walnut Creek School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure _____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

Section 6. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election. The Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested, pursuant to section 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 7. Consolidation Requirement; Canvass.

(a) Pursuant to section 15266(a) of the California Education Code, the election shall be consolidated with the statewide primary election on June 7, 2016.

(b) The Board of Supervisors of the County is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, pursuant to section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

Section 8. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District is hereby directed to deliver, no later than March 11, 2016 (which date is more than 88 days prior to the date set for the election), one copy of this Resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools and the Registrar of Voters of the County together with the Tax Rate Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit B), completed and signed by the Superintendent, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

Section 9. Ballot Arguments. The members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters of the County a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters of the County.

Section 10. Further Authorization. The members of this Board, the Superintendent, and all other officers of the District are hereby authorized, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

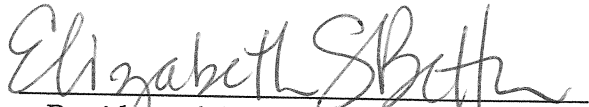
AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

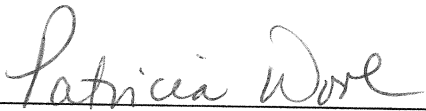
ABSENT: 0

APPROVED:



President of the Board of Trustees of the
Walnut Creek School District

Attest:



Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the
Walnut Creek School District

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, , Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Walnut Creek School District, of Contra Costa County, California, hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on March 7, 2016, and entered in the minutes thereof, of which meeting all of the members of the Board of Trustees had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Bettis, McGoff, Moss, Peña, Pennington

NOES: None

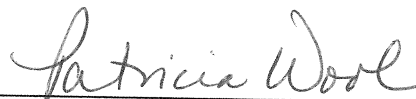
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

At least 24 hours before the time of said meeting, a written notice and agenda of the meeting was mailed and received by or personally delivered to each member of the Board of Trustees not having waived notice thereof, and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio, and television station requesting such notice in writing, and was posted in a location freely accessible to members of the public, and a brief description of the resolution appeared on said agenda.

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of the meeting on file and of record in my office. The resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 8th day of March, 2016.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Walnut Creek School District

EXHIBIT A

WALNUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND PROJECT LIST

Bond funds will be used in combination with any other received State matching funds. The Walnut Creek School District will use bond funds for the following school facility improvement projects. All schools listed below will receive bond funds:

Buena Vista Elementary School
2355 San Juan Avenue

Indian Valley Elementary School
551 Marshall Drive

Murwood Elementary School
2050 Vanderslice Avenue

Parkmead Elementary School
1920 Magnolia Way

Tice Creek School
1847 Newell Avenue

Walnut Creek Intermediate School
2425 Walnut Boulevard

Walnut Heights Elementary School
4064 Walnut Boulevard

The Walnut Creek School District will use bonds funds to provide up to date classrooms, renovate athletic fields and related facilities, replace underground water sewer and gas lines, and replace old and inefficient electrical, lighting, heating, plumbing and ventilation systems. In addition, all schools are in need of updated instructional technology as well as ongoing repairs and renovations to keep the schools safe and secure.

School Bond Renovation and Modernization Projects

- Upgrade classroom electrical and network wiring to improve student access to computers and technology
- Upgrade classrooms and libraries to provide students with 21st Century schools
- Repair or replace aging roofs
- Replace security and fire alarm systems
- Upgrade and replace classroom lighting systems
- Improve the energy efficiency of classroom and school buildings
- Add solar energy systems

- Renovate or replace aging asphalt play areas and outdoor play structures to improve student safety
- Make all school areas fully accessible to students by completing additional ADA improvements
- Replace aging classroom desks, tables and other furniture
- Replace aging furniture in libraries and offices as needed
- Replace aging windows, flooring, carpeting and window coverings
- Upgrade staff kitchen areas
- Build or replace shade structures
- Upgrade athletic and play fields
- Replace old underground utilities including gas, water and sewer lines.
- Replace old heating, cooling, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems.
- Add additional air conditioning
- Improve irrigation and hardscape
- Remodel computer labs and other rooms
- Add fencing
- Add additional parking

New Construction Projects

- Build new classrooms at Tice Creek School
- Build a new multi-purpose building at Tice Creek School
- Build a new performing arts theater at Walnut Creek Intermediate School
- Build a new gym at Tice Creek School
- Build a new library at Tice Creek School

Miscellaneous Projects

- Remove hazardous materials, such as asbestos, lead, etc., where necessary.
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (such as plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- Other improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, and access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of re-locatable classrooms, including removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines (such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping.
- Rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including re-locatable classrooms) for students and school functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.
- All work necessary and incidental to specific projects described above, including demolition of existing structures.
- Paint the interior and exterior of buildings.
- Repair and replace damaged and uneven paving and concrete.
- Provide classroom furniture and equipment as needed.
- Improve school building safety and security

- Improve District-wide technology and infrastructure
- Improve access to classroom/instructional technology.

For any bonds that the District issues to fund the acquisition of technology equipment or any other projects with a relatively short useful life, the District will certify at the time of issuance that the average maturity of the particular bond issue does not exceed the useful life of the projects being financed.

For any project involving modernization or renovation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction if the Board of Trustees determines that replacement and new construction is economically more practical considering the building's age, condition and other relevant factors.

The District will seek a waiver from the State Board of Education of the applicable bonding limit requirements of Section 15106 of the California Education Code if such a waiver is necessary to allow the District to issue bonds under this Measure.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of election and bond issuance costs, furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List, payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration and landscaping, may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal

of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only for the specific purposes identified herein. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects, but not for other administrator or teacher salaries. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

EXHIBIT B
TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Walnut Creek School District (the "District") on June 7, 2016, to authorize the sale of up to \$60,000,000 in bonds of the District for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List established by the District, as described in the proposition. If the bonds are authorized, the District expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

(1) The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$17.30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

(2) The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$17.30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

(3) The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$17.30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

(4) The best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bonds during the life of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$17.30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

(5) The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$132,354,136. This estimates is based on assumptions regarding future interest rates and the term, timing, structure and amount of each series of bonds.

Voters should note that estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on Contra Costa County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the Contra Costa County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: March 7, 2016.

Patricia Wool

Superintendent
Walnut Creek School District