

NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 14-17

IN THE MATTER OF: Ordering a School Bond Election, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with other Elections

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Natomas Unified School District, at a regular meeting held on July 23, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

B. Teri Burns	_____
Scott Dosick	_____
Ryan Herche	_____
Susan Heredia	_____
Lisa Kaplan	_____

Signed and approved by me after its passage:

Susan Heredia, President

Attest:

Lisa Kaplan, Clerk

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Natomas Unified School District (the “District”), within Sacramento 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, 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 November 4, 2014, a general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 15270 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 the legal limit of \$60 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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Natomas Unified 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 November 4, 2014, 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 \$129,000,000 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 to address the specific facilities needs of the District, 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 has updated its Facilities Master Plan 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 hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology and other needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board 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.

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

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

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. Listed repairs, rehabilitation projects and upgrades 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 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 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.

Section 2. Brief Statement of 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 protect quality education in Natomas, increasing student safety and security, improving accessibility for disabled students, upgrading classrooms for 21st century learning and college/career readiness with technology, furniture, and equipment, repairing and constructing school and support facilities, upgrading basic infrastructure/utilities and acquiring new school sites, shall Natomas Unified School District issue up to \$129 million of bonds at legal interest rates, with citizen oversight, annual independent audits and no money for administrators' salaries or pensions?”

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 Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at (916) 875-6451 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. State Matching Funds. In addition to the amount of Bonds issued, it is the Board's intention to seek State funding, in the event and to the extent it is available.

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 general election on November 4, 2014.

(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 Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver, no later than July 28, 2014 (which is the County's preferred deadline, with the statutory deadline being August 8, 2014), 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 and directed, 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.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Lisa Kaplan, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Natomas Unified School District, of Sacramento 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 July 23, 2014, 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:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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 _____ day of _____, 2014.

Lisa Kaplan
Clerk of the Board of Trustees
Natomas Unified School District

EXHIBIT A
NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND PROJECT LIST

Safety and Security, including fire protection systems, security systems, emergency communication systems, lighting, school entry and access areas, locks, parking and transportation areas, fencing, and earthquake retrofitting.

Improving Accessibility for Students with Disabilities, to help ensure that all schools are accessible.

21st Century Learning Classroom Improvements, including building and space layout configuration, furniture, technology, and equipment, but specifically excluding laptops and tablets, to allow for student collaboration, teamwork, and expanded learning methods.

Repair and Upgrade Classrooms, Labs, and Schools, including roofs, walls, windows, doors, floors, and ceilings.

Classroom, Lab, and School Construction for enhancing education including college preparatory education, career and technical education, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math education.

Basic Infrastructure and Utilities, including electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and internet access, plumbing and restrooms, sewer, gas, electrical, water, storm drainage, HVAC systems, and energy efficiency systems.

Landscape and Hardscape Improvements and Repairs, including irrigation systems, fields, playgrounds, courtyards, quads, trees, and shade structures.

Student and Staff Support Facilities, including libraries, student union, student services, and administration facilities.

District/City of Sacramento Joint Use Aquatics Facility adjacent to Inderkum High School.

Acquisition of New School Sites.

The following sites are planned to receive some of the improvements described above:

- American Lakes Elementary School
- Bannon Creek Elementary School
- Discovery High School
- H. Allen Hight Elementary School
- Heron School
- Inderkum High School

- Jefferson Elementary School
- Leroy Greene Academy
- Natomas Charter School (including STAR Academy)
- Natomas Gateways Middle School
- Natomas High School
- Natomas Middle School
- Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep
- Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep Middle School
- Natomas Park Elementary School
- Natomas USD Education Center
- Two Rivers Elementary School
- Westlake Charter Middle School (including future K-8 site)
- Westlake Charter School (including future K-8 site)
- Witter Ranch Elementary School
- Other District owned school sites

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Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, furniture, equipment, construction management, and a customary contingency for design and construction costs. Projects may also include the preparation of 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. 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.

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.

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 performed.

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.

In order to maximize the effectiveness of the bond proceeds in meeting the need for public school facilities, charter schools receiving allocations of bond proceeds shall have the greatest amount of flexibility possible to lease, purchase, develop, and finance charter school facilities so as long as consistent with State laws applicable to charter school facilities projects and Board approval.

EXHIBIT B

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Natomas Unified School District (the “District”) on November 4, 2014, to authorize the sale of up to \$129,000,000 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 and a State bonding capacity waiver is received, the District expects to sell the bonds in two 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 which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$59.02 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2015-16.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$59.49 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2022-23.
3. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$59.09 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2021-22.
4. The best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the life of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$59.10 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Voters should note that estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value of taxable property on Sacramento 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 Sacramento County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: _____, 2014.

Chris Evans
Superintendent
Natomas Unified School District