

Stanwood Camano School District

TO : BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM : GARY PLATT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – BUSINESS SERVICES
SUBJECT : BONDS TO CONSTRUCT AND RENOVATE SCHOOLS –
RESOLUTION NO. 2016/2017-001
DATE : SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
TYPE : ACTION NEEDED

For the past couple of years, the district has been obtaining citizen, staff, and student input on plans to replace Stanwood High School. The district has held 6 public “town hall” meetings, has met with the 42-member Facility Planning Committee, and has presented facility planning information and updates to other community groups and staff. Information received during these meetings was recorded and has been incorporated into the construction and financing plan. The 10 most commonly communicated preferences were:

1. Construction costs and the financing plan must not increase current tax rates,
2. Utilize the current high school site, do not purchase a new site,
3. Improve security by reducing the number of exterior access points (doors),
4. The new facility footprint should be more compact with interior hallways,
5. The school should be inspiring and address current and future instructional needs of the generations to come,
6. The school should be a visible source of pride for the community,
7. Construction materials should be good quality, durable, efficient, and easy to maintain,
8. Provide options for future expansion and school population growth,
9. Maintain highly successful programs such as career and technical education, music, arts, drama, athletics, and special education,
10. Provide convenient access for community use of the facilities.

Attached is Resolution No. 2016/2017-001 which authorizes a special election to be held on the February 14, 2017. District legal counsel, Cynthia Weed, K & L Gates LLP, prepared the resolution. It defines the projects to be funded by the ballot measure and, upon voter ratification, authorizes the issuance bonds in the total amount of \$147,500,000. The bonds will finance the following work:

1. Replace Stanwood High School on the existing site.
2. Provide a new facility to house Lincoln Hill High/Academy and Saratoga School students on the existing school maintenance building site.
3. Relocate the technology and school maintenance facilities on existing school district property.
4. Other related capital project improvements and construction approved by the school board.

The resolution provides additional details regarding the scope of work and the purposes for which the bond proceeds may be used. If approved by the voters, any deviation from the defined scope of work must be presented to the school board during a public hearing.

Pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020, the hearing must be held prior to board action approving any such change in plans. In addition, the resolution authorizes the district, upon voter approval of the ballot measure, to request eligibility for participation in the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program. Participation in this program could result in lower interest rates on the bonds due to the State's high bond rating.

Jon Gores, of D.A. Davison Inc., district financial advisor on this matter, will be present at the board meeting to review details of the financing plan.

Recommendation:

We recommend the board *move to adopt Resolution No. 2016/2017-001 authorizing a special election on February 14, 2017, for the purposes detailed in the resolution.*

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

BONDS TO CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE AND IMPROVE SCHOOL FACILITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/2017-001

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, providing for the form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held therein on February 14, 2017, of a proposition for the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$147,500,000, or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of school districts for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of a new high school to replace Stanwood High School; construct a new building for Lincoln Hill High and Saratoga Schools; relocate school and technology maintenance facilities; undertake other capital improvements and construction; and authorizing the Superintendent and/or Executive Director, Business Services to submit a request for eligibility for the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program.

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
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WHEREAS, improved facilities are needed in Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington (the “District”) in order to provide the students of the District with safe, adequate and efficient educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide all or a part of the funds to enable the District to replace Stanwood High School, provide additional instructional space for Lincoln Hill High/Academy and Saratoga School, and construct a new technology and school maintenance building as described more fully in this resolution it is deemed necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) to provide funds for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question of whether or not the Bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in RCW ch. 39.98 (the “Credit Enhancement Act”), the State Legislature established a credit enhancement program (the “Program”) for voter-approved school district general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.98.040 of the Credit Enhancement Act authorizes the state treasurer to make a determination that a school district is eligible for participation in the Program if the state treasurer determines that the District is eligible under rules adopted by the state finance committee; and

WHEREAS, the District may elect to participate in the Program upon an administrative determination that it is cost-effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. This Board of Directors (the “Board”) hereby finds and declares that the best interest of the students and other inhabitants of the District require the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The District shall make the following capital improvements (the “Improvements”):

- Demolition of existing facility and construction of a new Stanwood High School building on its existing site;
- Construct a new building for Lincoln Hill High School and Academy and the Saratoga School program on the current location of the Maintenance Building;

- Relocate and construct a new technology and school Maintenance Building being replaced by the new school construction;
- Upgrade and modernize safety, security, and infrastructure throughout the new campus, including full ADA compliance; and
- If available funds are sufficient, make additional improvements to High School facilities.

The cost of all necessary planning, architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, demolition, site work, on and off-site utilities, related improvements, including but not limited to parking, driveways, entry ways, landscaping and related athletic facilities and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of the Improvements. Such Improvements shall include all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes, the District may use such funds to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds. In the alternative, if available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes and/or state and local circumstances require, the District may use such funds to acquire, construct, equip, modernize and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors may determine, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

The District shall determine the application of available moneys as between the various Improvements set forth above so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Improvements

described or provided for in this section. The District shall determine the exact extent and specifications for construction of structures or other improvements.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any of such Improvements or portions thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Improvements and may apply the Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Improvements, to other capital improvements, or to payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other moneys of the District legally available, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Improvements provided by this section, the District shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those Improvements for which the Bonds were approved deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

It is anticipated that the District will receive approximately \$8,200,000 from state construction assistance program funding from the State of Washington pursuant to Chapter 28A.525 RCW. The District intends to apply such funds to the completion of the Improvements described in Section 2 and if not required for those purposes, then to pay principal of and/or interest on the Bonds. Such funds may also be used to make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, but only after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing all or a part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Improvements, together with incidental costs and costs

related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, the District shall issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$147,500,000. The balance of the cost of the Improvements shall be paid out of any money which the District now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes. None of the Bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for any other than a capital purpose. Such bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of twenty-one (21) years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said bonds shall be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon (including original issue discount) shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

Section 5. Election. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District requires the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of

whether the District shall issue the Bonds at a special election to be held on February 14, 2017. The Snohomish County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested also to call and conduct the special election to be held within the District and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

BONDS TO CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE AND IMPROVE
SCHOOL FACILITIES - \$147,500,000

The Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401 approved a proposition for bonds to replace existing educational facilities and improve safety and infrastructure. This proposition would authorize the District to construct a new high school replacing Stanwood High School; construct a new building for Lincoln Hill High and Saratoga Schools; relocate technology and school maintenance facilities, and undertake other capital improvements; issue \$147,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 21 years, and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2016/2017-001. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?..... ☐

REJECTED? ☐

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Snohomish County Auditor and a courtesy copy to the Island County Auditor.

Section 6. Notices relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) Executive Director, Business Services (Gary Platt), telephone 360.629.1215; fax: 360.629.1242; email: gplatt@stanwood.wednet.edu, and (b) bond counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; fax: 206.370.6201; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the

individuals to whom the Snohomish County Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary of the Board is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Snohomish County Auditor or the Office of the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Request for Eligibility for the Credit Enhancement Program. In preparation for the issuance and sale of the Bonds after approval by the voters, the Board of Directors hereby requests that the State Treasurer issue a certificate of eligibility in favor of the District for participation by the District in the Program with respect to the Bonds. The Superintendent and/or Executive Director, Business Services is hereby authorized (following voter approval) to submit such applications, resolutions and certifications as shall be required by the State Treasurer in reviewing the District's request for participation.

Section 8. Severability. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but they shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 6th day of September, 2016.

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 401, SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND
COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

President and Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington (the "District"), and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2016/2017-001 of the Board (herein called the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6th day of September, 2016.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of said Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of September, 2016.

Secretary of the Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

February 14, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "APPROVED"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "REJECTED."

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REJECTED? ☐

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
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February 14, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, a special election will be held in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said School district of the following proposition:

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Snohomish County Auditor