


Stanwood Camano
School District

TO : BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM : GARY PLATT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CAPITAL PROJECTS
SUBJECT : FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY RESOLUTION
TYPE : ACTION NEEDED/RESOLUTION NO. 2017/2018-001
DATE : SEPTEMBER 5, 2017



Attached is Resolution No. 2017/2018-001, which directs the county auditor to place a Facilities and Technology Capital Levy measure on the February 13, 2018, ballot.

The current Facilities and Technology Capital Levy expires at the end of 2018. In order to continue funding to maintain the district's current technology systems, a replacement levy would need to be approved by voters. When the plans for replacing Stanwood High School were presented to the public, a replacement capital levy for technology only was included in the tax rate estimates. District projections at that time showed the total maximum voted school district tax rate at \$3.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This rate is lower than the actual rates in the prior four years.

The total 2019 tax rate as presented in the bond levy materials were as follows:

Maintenance and Operation Levy	\$2.10
Facilities and Technology Capital Levy	\$0.12
Bond Issue Levy	<u>\$1.30</u>
Total Combined Tax Rate	\$3.52

At the tax rate shown above for the Facilities & Technology Capital Levy, the amount generated is not adequate to replace technology equipment on a timely schedule. Therefore, increased funding to provide technology updates is included in the levy proposal. In addition, other facility improvement projects have been identified as being needed within the next five years. Those projects are:

- Port Susan Middle School – full roof replacement
- Twin City and Stanwood Elementary Schools - fire alarm system replacement
- Stanwood Middle School – Replace leaking windows and repair stucco
- Cedarhome, Utsalady, and Elger Bay Elementary Schools – playground safety improvements
- Several locations – asphalt parking lot repairs

The voter approved school tax rates needed to fund the above projects and technology replacements as proposed, on the attached resolution are as follows:

Maintenance and Operation Levy	\$1.50
Facilities and Technology Capital Levy	\$0.33
Bond Issue Levy	<u>\$1.38</u>
Total Combined Tax Rate	\$3.21

The proposed tax rate total for 2019 (\$3.21) is \$.31 less than the \$3.52 rate advertised in the bond proposal information. However, part of the reason the district (voted) rates are lower is due to the state legislation that passed this year. In that legislation the state placed a tax rate limit of \$1.50 on school district maintenance and operations levies beginning in 2019. New school funding laws will result in a tax rate increase in 2018, to the *state* schools tax rate of \$.82. The combined state and school tax rates are as follows:

	School Voted Tax <u>Total</u>	Combined State & School <u>Total</u>	Combined State & School Change From <u>Prior Year</u>
2017(current)	\$3.50	\$5.53	
2018	\$3.52	\$6.37	+\$.84
2019	\$3.21	\$6.06	(\$.31)

Summary:

1. The current Facilities and Technology Capital Levy will expire at the end of 2018.
2. The maximum voted school district tax rate as shown in the bond issue fact sheet will not be exceeded even with the additional scope of work proposed for the replacement Facilities and Technology Levy.
3. There will be fluctuations in total tax rates during the next two years due to legislatively mandated restructuring of school districts.

Recommendation:

We recommend the board **move to adopt Resolution No. 2017/2018-001 authorizing the submission of a ballot measure to the voters for the proposed 2019-2022 Replacement Facilities and Technology Capital Projects Levy.**

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

REPLACEMENT TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

NO. 2017/2018-001

- A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 13, 2018, of a proposition to authorize the District to levy an additional tax to provide a total of \$8,370,044 for the District's Capital Projects Fund for technology improvements, other necessary equipment purchases and facility improvements, and related costs, such levies to be made for four years commencing in 2018 for collection in the calendar years from 2019 through 2022.

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

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WHEREAS, the educational facilities of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington (the "District"), including technology facilities, are in need of modernization, improvements and expansion to meet the current and future educational and operational needs for its students; and

WHEREAS, the current technology levies expire following the 2018 collections; and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District will be insufficient to enable the District to implement such projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to support the cost of these projects as found necessary by the Board of Directors, it is deemed advisable that the District levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the District in excess of the annual tax the District is permitted by law to levy without a vote of the people, such levy to be made for four years commencing in 2018 for collection in the calendar years from 2019 through 2022 inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether or not such excess tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth require the holding of a special election in the District;

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

Section 1. Finding. It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the students and other residents of the District requires the District to carry out the improvements hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Authorization of Improvements. The levy will fund major facility repairs, such as a new roof on the Port Susan Middle School, renovations of three elementary playgrounds, exterior repairs and new windows on Stanwood Middle School, fire alarm system replacements at two elementary schools, and major repairs to parking lots. The District also shall modernize its educational and operational facilities through the acquisition, development, installation and implementation of technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, undertaking technology updates in all schools, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing as an integral part of the District's technology systems, facilities, or projects; and through the application and modernization of technology systems for operations and instruction, and related capital expenses to support the instructional programs and operations of the District, including, but not limited to, the ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training and other costs associated with the installation and application of these products or services; and shall make other capital expenditures, to the full extent permitted

by law, as determined by the Board of Directors.

The District may repay any obligations hereafter incurred for the foregoing purposes.

If available funds are sufficient, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors finds necessary; provided that such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, replacement, and remodeling of or maintenance of school facilities or the implementation, application and modernization of the District's technology systems, as permitted by law.

If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish any of such improvements or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvement and may apply levy proceeds as set forth in this section. If any or all of the improvements have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the levy proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the improvements or to other capital purposes of the District, as the District in its discretion shall determine. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution to the contrary, levy proceeds may only be used to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of or maintenance to school facilities or the implementation, application and modernization of the District's technology systems as described above or as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall make the Capital Projects Fund levies for their

ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on February 13, 2018. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the Snohomish County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for tax levies for the Capital Projects Fund for four years, commencing in 2018, producing dollar amounts at estimated tax rates per thousand dollars of assessed value to produce such amounts, in excess of the maximum amount tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, all as follows:

- A. \$2,092,511, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019; and
- B. 2,092,511, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020, and
- C. 2,092,511, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- D. 2,092,511, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Snohomish County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2018 levy is \$0.33 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; the estimated levy rate for the 2019 levy is \$0.32 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; the estimated levy rate for the 2020 levy is \$0.31 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; and the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$0.30 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Approval of Form of Ballot. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Snohomish County Auditor, as

ex officio supervisor of elections in Snohomish County, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2017/2018-001 concerning a capital projects and technology levy to replace an expiring levy. The proposition authorizes the District to modernize and repair District facilities; modernize and upgrade District technology and computer systems for instruction and operations; other capital project expenditures, and the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the district:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2019	\$0.33	\$ 2,092,511
2020	\$0.32	\$ 2,092,511
2021	\$0.31	\$ 2,092,511
2022	\$0.30	\$ 2,092,511

all as provided in District Resolution No. 2017/2018-001. Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

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

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 5th day of September, 2017.

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

President and Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, 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 No. 2017/2018-001 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of September, 2017.

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 the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the 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 5th day of September, 2017.

Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
 SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
 February 13, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES

NO

NOTICE
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 February 13, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2018, a special election will be held by mail 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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- YES
- NO

Snohomish County Auditor