

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

RESOLUTION NO. 1187

Formation, Instructions and Guiding Principles for a Capital Bond Planning Committee

A Resolution of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Everett School District No. 2 (the "District") to adopt the Formation, Instructions, and Guiding Principles for a Capital Bond Planning Committee (the "Committee").

WHEREAS, Twenty-one of the District's twenty-six schools are currently over capacity and thousands of students are housed in 140 portable classrooms across the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's projections forecast enrollment growth at all grade levels in all regions of the District for the next six years; and

WHEREAS, many of the District's facilities are aging and in need of replacement, modernization, or upgrades to accommodate educational programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2018 the Board proposed capital bonds to fund constructing new space including a new high school, school modernizations, classroom and lab upgrades, and other essential capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the number of voters casting ballots to approve these capital bonds did not reach the sixty percent supermajority necessary for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that a Committee be formed comprised of community members and district staff to provide a recommendation to the superintendent regarding a capital bond proposal;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Board of Directors hereby sets forth the formation, instructions, and guiding principles for the Committee's establishment and operations:

Committee Formation

- 1) The Committee shall comprise approximately 30 community and staff members plus three student members as follows:
 - a) Approximately 24 community members representing a broad cross-section of the community; and
 - b) Two principals or assistant principals representing each of the district's north, central, and south regions; and
 - c) One student each from Jackson, Cascade and Everett high schools; and
- 2) The community will be informed through several effective channels about the Committee's charge and opportunity to volunteer for the Committee; and
- 3) Interested applicants will be invited to submit applications with information about their background and interest in representing the community and shall be asked to commit to attending at least 75 percent of the scheduled meetings and being an active and committed member of the Committee; and
- 4) Selections will be focused on providing balanced perspectives, include north, central, and south region families, working and stay at home parents, and community members with diverse socioeconomic and business-related backgrounds; and
- 5) Applications will be reviewed and selections made by a selection committee appointed by the superintendent, and final approval for appointment to the Committee shall be by the superintendent, except each school board member may appoint up to two committee members of their own choosing needing no approval by the superintendent.

Committee Instructions

- 1) The Committee is to develop a recommendation to the superintendent by June 15, 2019 describing the scope and size of a capital bond proposal to be placed before district voters; and
- 2) The board anticipates the bond proposal will be placed on the April 2020 special election ballot.

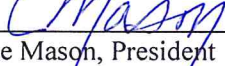
Committee Guiding Principles

The Committee is to carefully consider the following in arriving at its recommendation:

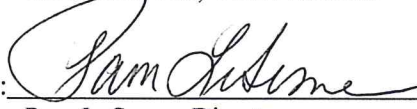
- 1) Community Input: Consider in some manner the key themes raised by the community over the last several months as well as community input and feedback on the proposed Committee recommendation, and
- 2) Enrollment: Consider the need for new classrooms and property to house current and future students, particularly at the high school and elementary school levels in the south end of the district; and
- 3) Aging Facilities: Consider the need to modernize schools based on age as well as condition, and the need to replace or upgrade building systems such as HVAC, roofing, flooring, plumbing and electrical; and
- 4) Educational Programs: Consider the need to upgrade existing buildings to accommodate new or enhanced educational programs such as science, technology, engineering, and math; and
- 5) Safety and Security: Consider the need to improve safety and security in district facilities to better protect staff and students, especially at Cascade High School and Everett High School; and
- 6) Technology: Consider the need to provide new, enhanced, and replacement technology infrastructure and equipment for instruction and support operations; and
- 7) Property Taxes: Consider the variables affecting future tax rates, the difficulties in predicting future tax rates, and the sensitivity the community has to increasing tax rates.

Be It Further Resolved: That the superintendent is instructed to bring to the Board of Directors such recommendation as the Committee may produce, accompanied by advice as to adoption, amendment and adoption, or rejection, at the Board's annual workshop in August 2019.


ADOPTED this 25th day of September 2018 and authenticated by the signatures affixed below.

By: 
Caroline Mason, President


By: 
Carol Andrews, Vice President

By: 
Pam LeSesne, Director

By: _____
Traci Mitchell, Director

By: 
Janyang Dorjee Nhangkar, Director

ATTEST:

By: 
Dr. Gary D. Cohn, Superintendent
and Secretary for the Board