

## EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

### RESOLUTION NO. 1317

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

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

**WHEREAS**, thirteen of the District’s eighteen elementary schools are currently over permanent building capacity with 143 portable classrooms located across the District, with 100 of these portables situated at the elementary level; and

**WHEREAS**, the district’s elementary enrollment is projected to exceed permanent building capacity by 1,429 students and necessitate 119 portables at the elementary level by 2030; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the last capital bond to fund construction of new space, school modernizations, classroom and lab upgrades, and other essential capital projects to address increasing enrollment and substantially increase the district’s permanent building capacity was approved by voters in 2016; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors directs the superintendent to create this Committee and set forth their expectations for the Committee’s formation, instructions, and guiding principles as follows:

#### Committee Formation

- 1) The Committee shall comprise approximately 30 community and staff members plus four 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 the district’s region 1 and region 2; and
  - c) One student each from Jackson, Cascade, Sequoia and Everett high schools; and
- 2) The community will be informed through several effective channels about the Committee’s charge, the opportunity to participate on the Committee, and how to apply; and
- 3) Applicants will be asked to share their background and interest in representing the community, commit to attending at least 75 percent of the scheduled meetings, and be an active and committed member of the Committee; and
- 4) Selections will be focused on providing balanced perspectives, including parents/guardians from both region 1 and region 2, working and stay at home parents, and community members with diverse socioeconomic and business-related backgrounds; and
- 5) Applications will be reviewed and members recommended by a selection committee appointed by the superintendent, and appointment to the Committee shall be decided by the superintendent; and
- 6) Each board member may nominate up to three candidates to the superintendent for consideration, and the superintendent will select one or more of the applicants submitted by each board member.

Committee Instructions

- 1) The Committee is to develop a recommendation to the superintendent by June 24, 2025 describing the scope, size, and timing of a capital bond proposal to be placed before district voters; and
- 2) The board anticipates the bond proposal will be placed on an election ballot in 2026.

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 elementary level; 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; and
- 5) Safety and Security: Consider the need to improve safety and security in district facilities to better protect staff and students; 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 of the community towards 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 2025.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December 2024 and authenticated by the signatures affixed below.

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Traci Mitchell, President

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Attest:

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Dr. Ian B. Saltzman, Superintendent  
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