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ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. D 17-18-15

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Alpine County Unified School District (the "District"), within Alpine 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 6, 2018, 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 Alpine County 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 6, 2018, 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 \$4,900,000 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 improve local school safety systems; provide accessibility for students with disabilities; update classrooms and improve technology to support quality instruction; update plumbing, heating, AC and electrical systems, shall Alpine County Unified School District issue \$4,900,000 of bonds with an estimated \$300,000 in taxes raised annually on average for 32 years at average projected tax rates of \$28 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, with citizen oversight, annual audits, no funds for administrator salaries, with all funds staying local?”

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 Alpine County Registrar of Voters at (530) 694-2281 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 6, 2018.

(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 August 10, 2018, 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Clint Celio, President of the Board of Trustees of the
Alpine County Unified School District

Attest:

Amy Mecak, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
Alpine County Unified School District

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, , Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Alpine County Unified School District, of Alpine 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 June 12, 2018, 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 12th day of June, 2018.

Amy Mecak, Clerk of the Board of Trustees
Alpine County Unified School District

EXHIBIT A

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

KEY FINDINGS

- Alpine County Unified School District adopted a Facilities Master Plan that established a framework for the school district to assess and define its facilities needs and prioritize the facility improvements to be completed.
- District facilities need to adapt, both physically and technologically, to address the evolving needs of District students, teachers, and community.
- Aging education facilities need repairs and upgrades to meet modern academic and safety standards.
- Updating classrooms and aging facilities will make school more efficient and will help cut utility costs, freeing up money to support teaching and classroom instruction.
- Current facilities need to be updated in a manner that enhances the safety and health of Alpine County Unified School District students, especially in light of the natural hazards that can occur in Alpine County. These needs include the requirements of providing clean water and protecting/housing students when sudden weather emergencies occur.
- Master Plan projects include addressing urgent needs, like replacing leaky roofs, keeping schools clean, well-maintained and in good condition, performing essential safety repairs and maintenance on classrooms and facilities, and upgrading fire and emergency safety
- District schools will continue to be community centers that promote life-long partnerships with local agencies to the benefit of District students.
- Updates are needed to improve campus and student security, including lighting, security cameras and fencing to control access to all campuses.
- Locally-controlled funding from bond measures is the primary means by which the all local school districts are able to keep its school buildings and classrooms in good repair, safe, designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.
- The District is proposing this bond measure to complete urgent health and safety improvements at local schools along with improvements to classrooms and other educational facilities to support quality academic instruction for students.
- This bond measure will benefit local Alpine County schools only and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions.

- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Projects to be funded by the bond measure include:

- Update aging classrooms and District facilities, or acquire and rehabilitate existing facilities, to meet current fire and safety codes;
- Fix and/or replace leaking or deteriorating roofs;
- Replace aging, outdated and/or deteriorating utility infrastructure, electrical, mechanical, lighting, plumbing, sewer, heating and ventilation (HVAC) systems;
- Create ADA-compliant access and safe pedestrian paths of travel at schools;
- Improve security at schools by providing classroom intrusion alarms, video surveillance cameras, safety locks on classroom doors and exterior lighting for student safety and other security measures;
- Upgrade emergency communications and technology backup systems, signage and fencing;
- Repair, rebuild, equip and furnish school sites in the event of unforeseen emergency.
- Resurface playgrounds and asphalt areas;
- Provide updated school and classroom technology, including the infrastructure necessary to support learning technology;
- Construct, furnish and equip and/or renovate, modernize, upgrade, repair, replace:
 - classrooms and buildings, including relocatable or modular buildings
 - school libraries
 - arts and music spaces and venues
 - multipurpose rooms and play areas
 - community centers, technology rooms, workrooms and parent/student support service areas

Projects listed may be completed at any and all District school sites and facilities where such project is determined by the Board to be necessary or required, including the Diamond Valley and Bear Valley school sites and support facilities.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Bond Project List, payment of the costs of preparation of all 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. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

The budget for each project, as defined in the Facilities Master Plan, is an estimation 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 completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. 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.

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

Fiscal accountability: in accordance with education code section 15272, the board of trustees will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on district projects and for no other purpose. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements. By law, performance and financial audits will be performed annually, and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent as promised and specified. The citizens' oversight committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers' association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No district employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the citizens' oversight committee.

No administrator salaries: proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

EXHIBIT B

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Alpine County Unified School District (the "District") on November 6, 2018, to authorize the sale of up to \$4,900,000 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 from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund that bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is 2.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$28.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) of all property to be taxed. The best estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2050-51.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund that bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is 3.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$39.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) of all property to be taxed. The best estimate of the year in which the highest tax rate will apply is anticipated to be 2021-22.

3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$8,860,000.

Voters should note that such estimated tax rates are specific to the repayment of bonds issued under this authorization and are and will be in addition to tax rates levied in connection with other bond authorizations approved or to be approved by the District or any other overlapping public agency.

Voters should note that estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on Alpine 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 Alpine County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: June 12, 2018.

Patrick Traynor, Ph.D., Superintendent
Alpine County Unified School District