

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District.

“Ralston Middle School Repair Measure. To continue quality education/prevent classroom overcrowding, shall Belmont-Redwood Shores School District repair/replace leaking roofs, provide additional classrooms for science, math, general instruction, construct, acquire, repair classrooms/facilities/sites/equipment, meet current fire/safety codes, improve disabled access, upgrade technology, replace outdated electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, safety/security systems by issuing \$25,000,000 of bonds, qualifying for State matching funds, with citizens’ oversight, no funds for administrator salaries / all funds staying local?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, growing middle school enrollment trends, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review in developing this Project List, and has prepared a draft Facilities Assessment and Master Plan which was presented to the Board on April 15, 2010 and which is incorporated herein and on file in the Office of the Superintendent. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing. **Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that:**

- (i) **in repairing aging schools, priority shall be given to basic repairs, such as leaking roofs, plumbing, electrical and utility systems; and**
- (ii) **all of its schools should be safe neighborhood learning environments which offer student modern technology, teaching tools and science classrooms; and**
- (iii) **the District must manage increasing class size by repairing existing classrooms and building new classrooms, particularly so that students can improve their academic performance; and**
- (iv) **all of its schools must be healthy and safe from earthquake risks, hazardous materials such as asbestos, lead paint, mold and fire dangers; meet current safety codes; and**
- (v) **the District must seek State matching funds to offset school repair costs; and**
- (vi) **all bond money shall be used exclusively in our local community.**

The Project List is on file at the District Office of the Superintendent and includes the following types of projects:

Ralston Middle School

- Replace leaking and deteriorating roofs.
- Upgrade outdated classrooms and facilities for 21st century learning.
- Improve classroom access for students and teachers with disabilities.
- Upgrade fire and earthquake safety systems, including alarms, sprinklers, fire safety doors.
- Upgrade outdated electrical systems to support added classroom technology and computer labs.
- Add classrooms to support growth in enrollment.
- Repair and replace plumbing, electrical and heating and ventilation systems.
- Remove asbestos, lead paint, mold and hazardous materials.
- Replace/upgrade existing security systems.
- Provide and maintain upgraded technology, data and communication equipment.

- Upgrade and expand wireless systems, telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
- Upgrade and replace computers, hardware and software systems.
- Upgrade and replace classroom furniture, equipment and instructional aids.
- Upgrade media and audio/visual equipment.

District-Wide Projects

- Retirement of Sandpiper Elementary School Certificates of Participation.
- Repair District maintenance building.

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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 payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies, construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, 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 Project List also includes the refinancing of the District's outstanding lease obligation which was incurred to fund the construction of Sandpiper Elementary School, as well as repairs to the District maintenance building. 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 aggressively 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. The budget for each project is an estimate 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.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only for the specific purposes identified herein. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

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.