



JOY HOFMEISTER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: July 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Waiver-Textbook Allocations

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the "Board") that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

County	District	Request
Tulsa	Bartlesville	Bartlesville Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to cover other instructional expenses related directly to our classroom.

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Bartlesville Public Schools request.
- 2) Bartlesville Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

RP/ab
Attachments



Bartlesville Public Schools Independent School District #30

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May 18, 2021

Oklahoma Department of Education
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd.
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To Whom It May Concern:

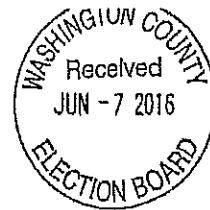
I am writing this letter to provide you information related to our annual textbook adoptions. On August 23, 2016, Bartlesville Public Schools held a bond election which passed. Included in the resolution were funds to be used to purchase state-adopted textbooks over the subsequent five (5) academic years beginning with 2016-17. I have attached a copy of the bond resolution to document this fact. We provided additional information to our patrons via our website, bruinbond.com, indicating to our voters that textbooks would be purchased over the next five years. We explained the need for this since the legislature had ceased allocating state monies for textbooks.

Bartlesville Public Schools has kept current on its state-adopted textbook schedule and, thanks to our patrons, will have sufficient bond funds to adopt current textbooks through the 2021-22 school year. It is, therefore, our intention to use the new state textbook money to cover other instructional expenses related directly to our classrooms.

Sincerely,

Chuck McCauley, Superintendent

Textbook
✓
No Application



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTION

PURSUANT TO NOTICE GIVEN UNDER THE OPEN MEETING ACT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 30 OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1100 S. JENNINGS, BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016, AT 12:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRESENT: Scott Bilger, President and Member; Rick Boswell, Vice-President, Deputy Clerk and Member; Randy Herren, Member; Alison Clark, Member and Tyler Vaclaw, Member

ABSENT: Doug Divelbiss, Member and Nikki Benson, Clerk and Member

Notice of the schedule of regular and special meetings was given in writing to the County Clerk of Washington County, Oklahoma at 2:35 o'clock p.m. on November 17, 2015. Notice of this special meeting was given in writing to the County Clerk of Washington County, Oklahoma at 9:57 o'clock a.m. on the 19th day of May, 2016, at least forty-eight (48) hours or more prior to this meeting and public notice of this meeting, setting forth the date, time, place and agenda was posted at the entry of the Education Service Center, in prominent view and open to the public twenty-four (24) hours each day, seven (7) days each week at 11:40 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of June, 2016, being twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and State designated legal holidays, all in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, (as attached hereto).

(OTHER PROCEEDINGS)

Thereupon, Bilger introduced a Resolution by reading the Title, upon motion by Boswell seconded by Vaclaw adopted by the following vote:

AYE: Bilger, Boswell, Herren, Clark, Vaclaw

NAY: None

Said Resolution was thereupon signed by the President, attested by the Clerk, sealed with the seal of said School District, and is as follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 30 OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED, QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE SUM OF SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,450,000) TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, REPAIRING AND REMODELING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ACQUIRING SCHOOL FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT AND ACQUIRING AND IMPROVING SCHOOL SITES; OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO ACQUIRE A PORTION OF SUCH PROPERTY PURSUANT TO A LEASE PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT AND THE

SUM OF ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,950,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO ACQUIRE A PORTION OF SUCH PROPERTY PURSUANT TO A LEASE PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT; AND LEVYING AND COLLECTING AN ANNUAL TAX IN SUCH DISTRICT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL OF SAID BONDS.

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable by the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 30 of Washington County, Oklahoma, to construct, equip, repair and remodel school buildings, acquire school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquire and improve school sites or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable by the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 30 of Washington County, Oklahoma, to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring transportation equipment or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement, and

WHEREAS, there are no funds in the treasury for such purposes, and power is granted said Board by Section 26, Article X of the Constitution and Title 70, Article XV of the Oklahoma Statutes 2011, and laws supplementary and amendatory thereto, to issue bonds to provide funds for such purposes provided the same be authorized by the registered qualified electors thereof, voting at an election held for such purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 30 OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. That a special election is hereby called in said School District to be held on the 23rd day of August, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors of such School District the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall Independent School District No. 30 of Washington County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the sum of Seventeen Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$17,450,000) to be used with or without other funds to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings, acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquiring and improving school sites; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement; and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest at not to exceed the rate of ten percent (10%) per year, payable semiannually and to become due serially within fifteen (15) years from their date except bonds issued for equipment described in Section 15-106.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall become due within five (5) years from their date?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall Independent School District Number 30 of Washington County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,950,000) to be used with or without other funds to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring transportation equipment; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest at not to exceed the rate of ten percent (10%) per year, payable semiannually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?

SECTION 2. That such call for said election shall be by proclamation and notice signed by the President or Vice President and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk setting forth the propositions to be voted upon, the hours of opening and closing of the polls and the substance of Section 4 hereof; that the ballots shall set forth the propositions to be voted upon substantially as set out in Section 1 hereof and that the returns of said election shall be canvassed and certified to by the Washington County Election Board.

SECTION 3. That the number and location of the polling places for said election shall be the same as the regular precinct polling places designated for statewide and local elections by the County Election Board. The persons who shall conduct the election shall be those precinct officers designated by the County Election Board, which officers shall also act as counters and certify the election results as required by law.

SECTION 4. That the specific projects for which at least seventy percent (70%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid \$17,450,000 building bonds (Proposition No. 1) shall be expended and the dollar amounts for each project shall be as follows:

Proposition No. 1

Construction and renovation associated with infrastructure maintenance of existing facilities throughout district; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement	\$3,250,000
Acquisition of textbooks and other curriculum materials; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement	\$3,037,500
Acquisition and refurbishment of computers and other technology or communications equipment, purchases and licenses of computer software, and installation of switches and wiring related to technology or communication projects, throughout the school district; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement	\$2,400,000
Construction, renovation and updating of existing facilities including but not limited to: Jane Phillips Elementary, Madison Middle School, and Bartlesville High School; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement	\$4,364,245

Renovation, maintenance and expansion of playgrounds at six (6) elementary sites; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement

\$750,000

Total

\$13,801,745

(~79% of \$17,450,000)

That the specific projects for which at least seventy percent (70%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid \$1,950,000 transportation equipment bonds (Proposition No. 2) shall be expended and the dollar amounts for each project shall be as follows:

Proposition No. 2

Acquire transportation equipment, including but not limited to purchase passenger buses and multiuse vehicles; or in the alternative to acquire a portion of such property pursuant to a lease purchase arrangement

\$1,365,000

Total

\$1,365,000

(70% of \$1,950,000)

SECTION 5. The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 30 of Washington County, Oklahoma, hereby declares its intent to acquire all or distinct portions of the referenced projects pursuant to one or more lease purchase arrangements.

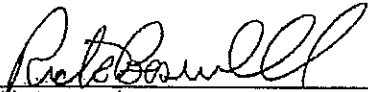
SECTION 6. That a copy of this Resolution shall be personally delivered to the office of the County Election Board of Washington County, State of Oklahoma, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of said election.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 7th day of June, 2016.



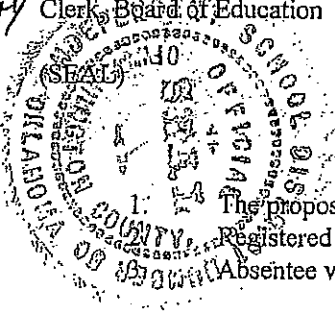
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



DEPUTY

Clerk, Board of Education



Information for the County Election Board

The proposition requires a three-fifths (60%) majority for approval.

Registered voters residing within the School District are authorized to vote.

Absentee voting permitted.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Clerk of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 30, Washington County, Oklahoma, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution authorizing the calling and holding of an election for the purpose therein set out adopted by said Board and transcript of proceedings of said Board at a special meeting thereof duly held on the date therein set out, insofar as the same relates to the introduction, reading and adoption thereof as the same appear of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 7th day of June, 2016.

(SEAL)



Deputy Rich Bowell
Clerk, Board of Education