

Agenda Item: **5.B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. (15-16)08 Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 (V)**

Speaker: Jerrold Parsons, Board President & Rob Stockberger, Superintendent

Rationale: The Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) is encouraging school districts in the state to support the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

Comments: The Superintendent recommends Board adoption of Resolution No. (15-16)08 as presented.

Attachments:
Resolution No. (15-16)08 K-Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016

APPROVED
11/19/15



JOHN SWETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION NO. (15-16)08

Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016

WHEREAS, the California Constitution finds public education is a State responsibility in Article IX Section 5; and

WHEREAS, Article 1 Section 28 states that public schools shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

WHEREAS, the State has met its constitutional responsibilities since 1982 by providing consistent State bond resources through programs contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12 and Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the State is out of school facility funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and

WHEREAS, the John Swett Unified School District has \$52 million in facility need which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 provides for renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to provide job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

WHEREAS, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and

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Norma Clerici

Brian Colombo

Deborah Brandon

James Delgadillo

Jerrold Parsons

WHEREAS, these jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades; and

WHEREAS, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan are intended to improve educational achievement for all students but do not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, quality 21st Century school facilities designed for student needs of today and tomorrow enhance academic achievement and further the State's academic goals; and

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 will not raise State taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 State matching funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the John Swett Unified School District supports the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this eighteenth day of November 2015, by the Governing Board of the John Swett Unified School District by the following vote:

Ayes: Brandon, Clerici, Colombo, Delgadillo, Parsons

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. (15-16)04 was duly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Governing Board at regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.



Brian Colombo, Clerk of the Board