

Poway Unified School District

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2015

SUPPORT OF A STATE BOND FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

ON MOTION of Member T.J. Zane, seconded by Member Andy Patapow the following resolution is adopted:

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 previously met its constitutional responsibilities through the State funding match of the School Facility Program contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

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

WHEREAS, the School Facility Program, if funded with State school bonds, provides for career technical education facilities to provide career technical job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

WHEREAS, the School Facility Program is out of funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law. Included in these projects filed is the Design 39 Campus funds due to Poway Unified School District; and

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

WHEREAS, these jobs include almost all building trades and the jobs will be in all parts of California; and

WHEREAS, these construction jobs would be immediately available since many school districts have construction-ready projects that depend on availability of State matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a State bond encourages local communities to place local bonds on the ballot, further enhancing the stimulus effect; and

WHEREAS, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plans are intended to improve academic achievement for all students but does not include facilities proven to help ensure academic success; and

WHEREAS, academic goals cannot be achieved without 21st century school facilities designed for instruction to meet today's and tomorrow's students' academic needs; and

WHEREAS, State school bonds do not raise State taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Poway Unified School District finds and declares that it supports placing a new State school bond on the 2016 ballot to allow the citizens the opportunity to decide if the State partnership should be funded through a new State school bond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on May 18, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:	5
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTAIN:	0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

This is to certify that the foregoing document is a true copy of the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Poway Unified School District of San Diego County.



Andy Patapow, Clerk of the Board of Education