TEMPLETON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT San Luis Obispo County, State of California

2023-24

RESOLUTION NO. #R24-24

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Templeton Unified School District (the "District"), within the County of San Luis Obispo, California (the "County"), is authorized to order elections within the District for the purpose of considering, *inter alia*, bond measures to meet the ongoing capital improvement needs of the District, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of California (the "State") and the Education Code of the State (the "Education Code"); and

WHEREAS, this bond measure requires strict accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly; and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State and Section 15266 *et seq.* of the Education Code (collectively, "Prop 39") provide for a methodology by which the District may call for an election and, upon approval by 55% or more of the qualified voters voting on the bond measure, issue its general obligation bonds and cause the County to levy an *ad valorem* property tax to pay debt service on said bonds; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined it to be in the best interests of the District to call such an election under Prop 39, as further described herein; and

WHEREAS, November 5, 2024 (the "Election Date") meets the consolidation requirements of the Education Code and any County or local measure or election may be consolidated with the Statewide general election then pending; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to specify the manner in which the District shall call a bond election on the Election Date and to demonstrate compliance with related requirements of the Constitution, the Education Code and the Elections Code of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Templeton Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the foregoing recitals are true.

Section 2. <u>Determination to Proceed under Prop 39</u>. The provisions of Prop 39 shall control the administration of the election to consider the bond proposition of the District, such that a favorable vote of no less than 55% of the qualified voters voting at the election shall constitute approval thereof (the "Bond Election"), and the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") hereby declares its intention to meet the pertinent requirements of Prop 39.

Section 3. <u>Bond Proposition.</u> This Board does hereby order and request that the San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters (herein called the "Registrar") call an election (in the performance of their duties and in the exercise of their power, alone, or with the assistance of such other officers of the County as they may request) pursuant to Elections Code 5303 to consider the proposition attached hereto as **Exhibit A** on November 5, 2024 (the "Bond Measure"), which constitutes the election order prescribed under Education Code Section 15122 and Elections Code 13247.

The Registrar is hereby requested to reprint **Exhibit A** in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. As required under Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the Bond Measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Pursuant to Section 18, Article XVI and Section 1, Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State, the foregoing Bond Measure shall become effective upon the favorable vote of no less than 55% of those qualified voters voting on the proposition.

Section 4. <u>Consolidation of Bond Election; Services of County.</u> Pursuant to Section 1258 of the Education Code, the Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to contract with the Registrar, who is hereby requested and authorized to perform such duties as may be required by law, necessary or useful, or customary and appropriate in the conduct of said Bond Election, including the consolidation of the Bond Election with the general election within the territory of the District being conducted on the Election Date.

The precincts, polling places for said precincts in the County, and persons appointed and designated to serve as election officers for said Bond Election will be those determined, designated, and appointed pursuant to state law by the Registrar. The County is hereby requested to tally and canvass the returns of the election, in accordance with Section 10411 of the Elections Code. The District agrees to reimburse the County for all services related to the Bond Election, such services to include the publication of the Formal Notice and a Tax Rate Statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

Section 5. Approval of Project List; Accountability Safeguards. The District has developed a list of certain capital projects which are a priority in order to meet the obligations of the District to provide education to the children of its residents, as more particularly identified on **Exhibit A** hereto, which is incorporated herein by this reference. **Exhibit A** is hereby certified by this Board as the Project List (the "Project List") for funding, either in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure (the "Bonds"). This certification of the Project List shall not be interpreted by and does not constitute an official approval of any listed project for the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") or other purposes, but only as a statement of present intention of this Board. Furthermore, the listing of a capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains the province of the Board by subsequent action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only those acquisitions and other capital improvements included on the Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the Bonds. Additional moneys may be obtained for listed projects, in supplementation of the Bond proceeds, from any lawful source of moneys.

The Board hereby confirms that it has, in the development of the Project List appended hereto, evaluated and taken into consideration safety, class size reduction and information technology needs.

Section 6. <u>Citizens' Oversight Committee</u>. Pursuant to Section 15278 *et seq.* of the Education Code, within 60 days following the certification by this Board of the official results of the Bond Election by the County, this Board is required to appoint a new or empower an existing Citizens Oversight Committee (the "Committee") to insure the District's compliance with the foregoing restrictions and to perform the duties established under the Education Code for such committees. To assist the Committee in its statutory obligations, the District shall cause to be conducted an annual independent performance audit and an annual independent financial audit on the expenditure of Bond proceeds; the audits shall be performed under contract with appropriate persons or firms as shall be subsequently brought for approval before this Board. The financial audit may be consolidated with the annual audit of the District's financial statement and may be performed by the same accounting firm, without further approval by this Board.

The results of the annual audits performed hereunder shall be reported to the Board and to the Committee at least annually, and more often, if the Board shall so direct.

- Section 7. <u>No Administrators' or Teachers' Salaries to Be Paid from Bond Proceeds.</u> In accordance with Prop 39, the Board hereby confirms that no administrators' or teachers' salaries shall be paid or reimbursed, in whole or in part, from Bond proceeds, nor shall such proceeds be used to pay any other operating expenses of the District.
- Section 8. Other Terms of the Bonds. The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 of the Education Code (commencing with Section 15264), as amended, and Article XIIIA of the California Constitution ("Article XIIIA") shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years as to maturity and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate per annum. The maturity of any bonds issued pursuant to the Bond Measure and under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, as amended, applicable provisions of the Education Code and Article XIIIA shall not exceed the applicable legal limits as to maturity, or, in the case of bonds the interest on which is compounded, the maturity shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years, and shall bear or accrete interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum legal interest rate.
- Section 9. <u>Approval of Election Consolidation; Delivery of Order of Election.</u> The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver, no later than June 18, 2024, one certified copy of this Resolution to the Registrar, together with the Tax Rate Statement attached hereto as Exhibit C and executed by the Superintendent of the District.
- Section 10. <u>Ballot Arguments.</u> The members of the Board, or any one member or group thereof, are hereby authorized, but not directed, to file a formal Argument in Favor of the Bond Measure given above, with the Registrar within the time limits established for such arguments by the Registrar.
- Section 11. Retention of Consultants. The District hereby confirms the hiring of consultants to provide for special services in connection with the proposed issue(s) of Bonds which may be authorized at the Election, to wit, (i) the law firm of Dannis Woliver Kelley as Bond Counsel to the District ("Bond Counsel") and (ii) the financial advisory firm of Isom Advisors Inc., a division of Urban Futures Inc., as Financial Advisor to the District (the "Financial Advisor"), upon conditions as may be set forth in the respective fee agreements heretofore negotiated and executed on behalf of the District by the Superintendent.
- Section 12. Reimbursement of Qualified Project Expenditures. The Board presently intends and reasonably expects to have tax-exempt obligations (the "Obligations") issued on its behalf within 18 months of the date of the expenditure of moneys on the Projects

outlined in the foregoing Project List or the date upon which a Project is placed in service or abandoned, whichever is later (but in no event more than 3 years after the date the original expenditure of such moneys is paid), and to allocate an amount not to exceed 10% of the proceeds thereof to the reimbursable expenditures in connection with the Project, as may be qualified under the provisions of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (the "Reimbursable Expenditures"). All of the Reimbursable Expenditures covered by this Resolution were paid not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution. The Board intends to allocate within 30 days after the date of issue of the Obligations the proceeds there from to reimburse the District for the Reimbursable Expenditures. With respect to the proceeds of the Obligations allocated to reimburse the District for prior expenditures, the Board hereby covenants not to employ an abusive device under Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10, including using within one year of the reimbursement allocation, the funds corresponding to the proceeds of the Obligations in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds, as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1, of the Obligations or another issuer of tax-exempt obligations.

The above provision is made solely for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of said Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This provision does not bind the District or the Board to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the financing, acquisition or construction of the Project.

Section 13. <u>Ratification</u>. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, or their respective designees, employees and agents of the Board and the District in connection with the financing of the facilities on the Project List are hereby ratified and confirmed. The officers and their designees, the employees and agents of the Board and the District are hereby authorized to take any and all actions in connection with the financing of said facilities and as may be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 14. <u>Authorization of Further Acts.</u> The members of this Board, the Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services of the District (each, a "District Representative") 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. This Resolution and all of its Exhibits that are filed with the County Registrar by a District Representative shall constitute the final, binding ballot measure of the District and such submitted measure shall be deemed ratified and approved by the Board.

Section 15. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this $23^{\rm rd}$ day of May, 2024, by the Board of Trustees of Templeton Unified School District, at Templeton, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Members: Armet, Dubost, Grinager, Parks, Yamagata

NOES: Members: None

ABSENT: Members: None

ABSTAIN: Members: None

By:_____

President, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT "A"

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE TEMPLETON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Templeton Unified School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$52.3 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are 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 specific facilities needs of the District, all 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 evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish or empower an existing independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. An existing Citizens' Oversight Committee may be empowered by the Board to oversee the expenditure of bond proceeds from this measure. The committee shall be so empowered, or a new committee established, within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this measure, describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Bond Project List" comprises the Bond Project List and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint-use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (if available). The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available and, if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or other high-priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted by law. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, all as listed on the Bond Project List. All projects to be financed with bonds authorized by this measure listed on the Bond Project List have been determined by the District to be "school facilities" as that term is used in the California Constitution. "School facilities" include projects at school sites as well as administrative and teacher/staff support facilities which are necessary for, and related to, the delivery of high-quality education services. Projects listed below may be completed at any and all properties, school sites and facilities where such project is determined necessary, and projects are authorized to be performed at each and all of the District's schools, sites and facilities, including administrative and ancillary support facilities, whether owned, leased or yet to be acquired.

Examples included in this list are not intended to limit the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The types of projects authorized are the following:

- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms, science labs and school facilities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math ("STEAM") instruction
- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms and school facilities for vocational, technical education and career training programs
- Replace, repair and modernize deteriorating roofs, leaking pipes, outdated plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, storm drains and valves, heating, cooling, ventilation systems and electrical systems
- Make health and safety improvements, such as installing necessary seismic reinforcements, repairing termite damage and repairing and/or replacing aging building materials including removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction
- Improve student access to updated and modern technology, including acquiring and installing all necessary network infrastructure, computer labs, wiring, hardware, software, computers, devices, classroom technology tools, data backup systems, remote learning software, internet, wi-fi, and other equipment conducive to a modern learning environment

- Repair and modernize outdated portable classrooms or replace with permanent modern facilities
- Modernize, upgrade, expand and construct classrooms for Art, Music and Ceramics programs
- Renovate and repair restrooms
- Renovate and modernize classrooms and school facilities including flooring, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, and paint
- Construct and equip new transitional kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classrooms, learning spaces, and play areas
- Provide adequate furniture and equipment for all classrooms
- Renovate, repair, replace, construct and/or install playfields, playgrounds, play surfaces, all-weather track, turf on outdoor athletic fields, lighting for tennis courts, gyms, courts, other indoor and outdoor physical education and athletic facilities, locker rooms and all related improvements and equipment
- Acquire, install and/or upgrade campus safety and security systems, including intercom and emergency communications systems, video surveillance systems, lighting systems, bell systems, fire and life safety systems, installing additional fencing and gates, pedestrian access, walkways, reconfiguring entrances and dropoff/pickup locations, point of entry access and upgrading door locks
- Develop, construct, install and improve outdoor areas including playgrounds, outdoor learning and meeting areas, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation improvements, and building/installing shade structures and seating
- Repair, repave or replace deteriorating asphalt, concrete, sidewalks, parking lots, driveways and walkways
- Modernize, upgrade, renovate existing classrooms and construct new classrooms
- Federal and State mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades district-wide including site access, walkways, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment and classrooms

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Education priorities and available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary. Bond projects are anticipated to provide benefit to all users of school facilities, sites and buildings, including charter schools that occupy school campuses, community members and other organizations.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Board of Education by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," "improve" and "repair" are used in the Bond Project List, the Board of Education has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and

new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. Where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal, accounting and similar planning costs and professional services; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing, storage and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures. Land may be acquired for any project, and all projects may be furnished and equipped using bond proceeds to ensure the functionality and usability of facilities and sites constructed or reconstructed with bond proceeds. Bond proceeds may be used to retire any interim funding incurred to advance fund projects described on the Bond Project List. The upgrading of technology infrastructure listed above includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized 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. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

The Board of Education hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the Board of Education and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

EXHIBIT B

BOND MEASURE

(Abbreviated Form)

"With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall Templeton Unified School District's measure to expand Vocational/Technical Education facilities; repair leaky roofs/plumbing; and update Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics classrooms be adopted, authorizing \$52.3 million of bonds with average levies below \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$3.1 million annually) while outstanding, legal rates, audits, citizen oversight, State matching funds eligibility, and full public disclosure of all spending?"

Bonds—YES	Bonds – NO

EXHIBIT C

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Templeton Unified School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$52.3 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of ad valorem 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. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

- 1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$59.06 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053-54.
- 2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$60.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal year 2025-26 through 2049-50.
- 3. The best estimate 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 approximately \$90.3 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Aaron Asplund, Superintendent Templeton Unified School District