

RESOLUTION NO. 1526

A Resolution of the City of Troutdale supporting Reynolds School District's request to be submitted to the voters, Measure 26-12, contracting a general obligation bond in the amount of \$45,000,000 to finance capital construction and improvements of District facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Reynolds School District No. 7, Multnomah County, received the support of the voters in November, 1995 for a 29.5 million dollar bond that built the first new schools in Reynolds School District in 24 years; namely, Walt Morey Middle School, a 600 student capacity school near Mt. Hood Medical Center, and Woodland Elementary School, a 500 student capacity school on 216th and Glisan, in 1997 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, those schools were a response to the overcrowding that was a consequence of the population increases in East County beginning in the late 1980's; and

WHEREAS, the population growth is still underway: Fairview's population will double from 6,500 to 12,000 by 2005. Troutdale's populations will increase by 30% from the 1989 census to 18,387 people by 2005. Wood Village's populations is also expanding. Based on building permits issued, Wood Village is estimating 334 new residential and apartment complexes will be built next year; and

WHEREAS, a growing population means increasing requests for services such as water, sewers, roads and schools. School enrollment figures released by the Population Center at Portland State University predict that 1,683 new students will be in Reynolds School District by 2003 than were there in the fall of 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Reynolds School District has continued to study enrollment projections and existing school design capacity, and reviewed capital construction needs of the District; and

WHEREAS between 1998 and 2003, elementary enrollment in Reynolds School District is expected to grow by 20%, or 950 students which means the 10 elementary schools are nearing capacity. The proposed bond would allow another elementary school to be built using existing land and facilities of the Administration Building. By converting the Administration Building into a 500 student capacity elementary school, the increase in elementary school children population would be accommodated. The eleven elementary schools would be full, but not overcrowded; and

WHEREAS the growth will bring Reynolds School District 511 more middle school students. With bond monies, space will be added to and Reynolds Middle School and H.B. Lee Middle School to accommodate the growth. Twelve new classrooms will be built inside the upper gym of Reynolds Middle School and a huge multipurpose room will be built at H.B. Lee Middle School. Both middle schools will receive substantial capital repairs. Walt Morey will operate at capacity; and

WHEREAS it is expected that 415 students will attend Reynolds High School by 2004. More than 50% of these students have career interests in communication, arts, and multimedia. The proposed bond would build 28 classrooms and an Arts and Communication Building on the existing RHS campus. The Arts and Communication Building would include an auditorium. Some classrooms in RHS would be remodeled into science and math labs; and

WHEREAS Reynolds High School is overcrowded, the bond will allow expansion to three other sites:

- First, an Alternative Learning Center will be built on the corner of 201st and Halsey with 16 classrooms and space for 400 students, 80% of whom will be high school students.
- The Natural Resources Academy will be purchased, a building now owned by the US Forest Service and located 4.8 miles from RHS in Springdale, in the Gorge. As many as 250 RHS students would receive natural resources and horticulture classes weekly at this campus.
- Third, a Center for Advanced Learning, involving Reynolds in partnership with Gresham Barlow and Centennial school districts, Mt. Hood Community College, and area businesses is planned to open in September, 2001. This center would offer high school juniors and seniors in depth study in information technology, medical and health careers and pre-engineering and advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS the 1995 bond which built Walt Morey Middle School and Woodland Elementary school, also provided funds for some new roofs and building repairs. However, the average age of the 14 schools is 41 years, and three were built in 1926 or before. Many of Reynolds School District's schools are not as healthy or as safe as they need to be; roofs are leaking, eaves and down spouts are rotted, inside ceilings are weakened by the moisture. All of this results in mold and mildews that contribute to poor air quality. Pipes are old and water at some schools is brown. Settling has caused problems. Heat pumps are inefficient. Under the proposed bond, capital repairs would be made to roofs, windows, doors, walls and ceilings. Efficient heating/cooling systems would be installed. Cafeterias would be added to four schools where gyms currently are used for that purpose. Buildings would be made more handicapped accessible and safer for all students. Technology wiring improvements will be installed at all sites; and

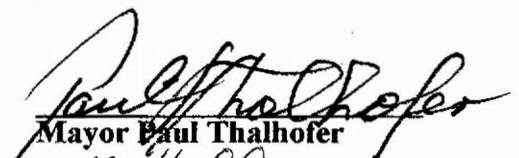
WHEREAS, taxpayers would pay an average of 98 cents per thousand on this bond, after the first year. The combined tax for the 1995 Bond and the 2000 Bond would average \$1.38. On a \$150,000 home, taxpayers would pay an average of \$207 a year or \$17.25 a month as a combined tax for the 1995 and 2000 Bonds.


WHEREAS, the bond would be structured so that new home owners who move into Reynolds School District in the future will assist in paying for the bond over twenty years; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon, we applaud the leadership of Reynolds School District to resolve their issues of overcrowded classrooms and aging buildings and we endorse and will encourage others to do likewise the passage of Ballot Measure 26-12 on the November 7, 2000 election which calls for a \$45 million dollar bond to be issued for Reynolds School District to:

- Create a new elementary school, utilizing the administration building site, with a capacity of 500 students;
- Construct 12 new classrooms at Reynolds Middle and a new Multipurpose Room at H.B. Lee Middle schools;
- Construct 28 classrooms and an Arts and Communication Center at Reynolds High School
- Expand the capacity of Reynolds High School at three sites:
 - Alternative Learning Center, 201st and Halsey, construct new building, 16 classrooms
 - Natural Resources Academy at Springdale, in the Gorge, expands capacity by 250 students
 - Center for Advanced Learning, to be built near MHCC; open to juniors and seniors, fall 2001
- Capital repairs to make all Reynolds School District schools safer and healthier

YEAS	<u>7</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSTAINED	<u>0</u>


Mayor Paul Thalhofer
10-11-00
Dated


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder
10-10-00
Adopted