



Sheridan School District 48J Bond Re-Funding Committee

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Sheridan School District

Bond Timeline

Date	Bond Activity	Comments
April 17, 2013	Board Work Session	Discussion on steps
May 15, 2013	Board Work Session	SNW Presentation Discussion on Old Y.E.S. committee
May 29, 2013	Board Work Session	Elect. Chair to Committee Committee Name Bond Title & Mission
June ??		
June 19, 2013	Board Meeting	
July 1, 2013	New Supt.	
August	Get Advertising Materials Prepared	Yard Signs, Banners, Pamphlets
September 5, 2013	County Filing	Pamphlet Deadline – Double check date
October 18-22	Ballots Mailed	Campaigning must begin
November 5, 2013	Election Date	

Re-funded school bond would help upgrade facilities

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Re-funded school bond would help upgrade facilities

By Meredith Lawrence
Correspondent, The Sun

In the midst of its budget unknowns and a lack of funding on the state level, the Sheridan School District will seek voter approval to use additional funds it has garnered from an existing bond.

Last year, the district sold the bond it received in 2003 to build Faulconer-Chapman School at a lower interest rate than it had previously been paying. Because of the sale, the bond rate will drop.

The district plans to ask the voters to allow them to keep the rate at its existing level for the rest of the bond time period, and use the extra money to complete several outstanding projects around the district. If the voters reject the request, the rate they pay on their property taxes will go down by about \$1 per \$1000 of assessed property value.

"It would be like if you re-financed a home and captured the equity and used it to remodel the house," Grauer said.

In the house comparison, the buyer would take out a second loan on the house, in a larger amount than what is still owed, pay off the rest of the first loan and pocket the excess from the new loan. The district would like to do the same with the excess money accrued through the sale of the bond.

The change will not make the bond any longer and will not cost the voters any more. Their current property tax levy will remain the same until the original expiration date of the bond.

But the "re-funding" will be accomplished by asking voters to approve a new bond that perfectly fills the gap in rate that will be left when the current bond rate goes down as a result of last year's sale of the bond, said Carol Samuels, senior vice president of Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation. Samuels gave a presentation to the bond committee at this month's board meeting.

At the time of the sale, the district instantly saved \$500,000 but continues to save money.

"It's [the bond] already been sold, it's already generating interest," Grauer said.

During her report to the bond committee, Samuels told them that what they plan is perfectly feasible and informed them about the limitations of what they can spend the money on.

"If it's something you should be doing as regular maintenance of the building you shouldn't be putting it on the bond," she said.

She gave the example of painting a room because of the current color, which would be regarded as maintenance, versus painting the same room as part of finalizing a re-model, which would be eligible for bond funds.

Using information from staff, parent and student surveys and their own understanding of the district's needs, the committee outlined two preliminary tiers of priorities for use of the bond money. The most important priorities are:

- Replacement of Sheridan High School classroom heating systems
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Staff

In 2003 the Y.E.S. Committee worked very hard to pass the FCS bond, so the district could construct a new school. The 2003 Bond rate is \$3.24 per \$1,000 assessed value in property taxes.

Last year the District refinanced the 2003 FCS Bond at a considerable savings. The saving amounted to \$1.02 per \$1,000.00 assessed value. The current FCS Bond will continue to 2023 at the new rate of \$2.22 per \$1,000.00 assessed value.

The District is going out for a Continuation Levy during the November Special Election to ask voters to capture the savings which would amount to \$2,105,000 dollars at the rate of \$1.02 per \$1,000.00 assessed value.

The Continuation Levy would results in the purchase of new bonds to finance facility improvements. If approved, proceeds would be used to; update the heating at SHS and FCS Old Gym, Safety and Access issues in main buildings, SHS restroom remodel and plumbing upgrades, SHS window replacement, SHS Shop classroom improvements, Stadium Roof replacement, Stadium Field lighting, resurface the track and possible technology upgrades.

We need your help on the bond committee. Next meeting is May 29th @ 5:30 in the District Office.

Y.E.S. Committee

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair: Poli Vandewettering

Treasurer: Mary Leith

Secretary:

Fundraisers

Judy Breeden, Head
Jason Alexander
Rogena Haskell
Paula Branson
Al Ashcroft
Mary Leith
Donnelle Holstein
Amy Potter

Publicity

Patti George, Head
Jason Alexander
Donna Thompson
Rogena Haskell
Amy Potter
Joy Russell
Monica Weins
Cari Ashworth

Speakers

Poli Vandewettering, Head
Rosanna Miller
Bill Holstein

Campaign

Paula Branson, Head
Brenda Hampton
Mary Leith

Fact Sheet

Kathie Byers, Head
Paula Branson
Al Ashcroft

School Tours

Brenda Hampton
Roseanna Miller
Al Ashcroft

Letters to Editor

Poli Vandewettering
Brenda Hampton
Al Ashcroft
Dick Jordan

<p>Y.E.S. Committee Youth & Education in Sheridan Subcommittee Assignments</p>
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Treasurer: _____
Secretary: _____

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Clean-UP

Notice of District Measure Election

CAPTION (10 words) Sheridan School district General Obligation Bond Authorization (or Re-Authorization)

QUESTION (20 words) Shall Sheridan School District 48J issue bonds not exceeding \$2,105,000 to finance improvements to its facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY (175 words) If approved, proceeds would be used for Sheridan High School and Faulconer Chapman Old Gym to update heating systems,

The Sheridan School District is requesting voter approval of a 2.1 million dollar bond to upgrade and improve Sheridan High School including; heating, ventilation, window replacement, handicap access, safety and security, athletic complex improvements and upgrades at Faulconer Chapman School including; Old Gym heating system, playground improvements, handicap access, safety and security and the addition of a garbage pad.

What:

The most important priorities are:

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How Much:

- o Property would be taxed at a rate of approximately \$1.02 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- o The home owners would pay the same rate as they do currently.

NOTICE OF DISTRICT MEASURE ELECTION

36-48

Sheridan School District No. 48J

(Name of district)

Notice is hereby given that on November 5, 2002
(Date of election)

A measure election will be held in Yamhill, County, Oregon.
(Name of County or Counties)

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters on this date:

CAPTION (10 Words) Sheridan School District General Obligation Bond Authorization

QUESTION (20 Words) Shall the District issue general obligation bonds totaling \$8.5 million to finance new construction. If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY (175 Words) If approved, proceeds would be used to construct, equip and furnish a new middle/elementary school to accommodate approximately 750 students including a section for grades k-5, a section for grades 6-8, room for expansion, administrative offices, computer labs, science labs, a new gymnasium, a cafeteria with food preparation area and other facilities as required. This bond will consolidate the existing two schools into a single K-8 facility. 1.5 million will be added to the 8.5 million dollar requested bond for total construction costs of the K-8 facility. The bonds will mature over a period not exceeding 21 years from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series.

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The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

Clair R. Garrick

Signature of authorized district official (not required to be notarized)

9/5/2002

Date signed

Clair R. Garrick

Printed name of authorized district official

Superintendent

Title

36-48
YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR YAMHILL COUNTY VOTER'S PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption: Sheridan School District General Obligation Bond Authorization

Word Count (500 words Max) 438

The Sheridan School District is requesting voter approval of a 8.5 million dollar bond to build a new K-8 school to accommodate 750 students including room for expansion.

What:

The building plans are for a steel frame and brick masonry structure, which allows flexible interior design, long-term durability, low operating and maintenance costs, and a reduced risk of fire.

- o The existing Chapman gym will remain which will give the school two gyms.
- o There will be less disruption to student learning as school will proceed in the existing building while the new school is under construction.
- o The new facility will include the addition of a multi-use athletic field and additional age-appropriate covered play area after the existing Chapman School building is removed.

Why:

- o For the past decade, the Sheridan School District has postponed major facilities projects in order to preserve as much funding as possible for instruction.
- o Fire destroyed the Faulconer Grade School building on March 9, 1998 and the staff and students moved into modular classrooms as temporary facilities in March 1999. The plan was to construct a new K-8 school on the Chapman site within two years. The modular classrooms are starting to deteriorate and major upgrades are needed.
- o Chapman School's main buildings were built in 1949 using war surplus materials to keep the costs down. The Chapman building has many structural and safety issues.
 - Mold issues caused by the leaking roof;
 - The need for seismic upgrades;
 - The need of improved handicapped access;
 - Outdated heating and ventilation and wiring;
 - Two classrooms are currently held in modular classrooms;

The new school will:

- o Consolidate the K-8 grades on a single site in order to save on the costs of construction and operations.
- o Be a school designed to provide for the basic classroom requirements plus classrooms for science and computer classes.
- o Provide a safe, fire-resistant facility designed to meet the needs of those with physical disabilities.
- o Utilize an efficient design to reduce construction costs and minimize the long-term maintenance and operating costs.
- o Provide a modern, cost-efficient kitchen facility and multi-purpose cafeteria.
- o Provide a new gymnasium for physical education classes, school sports, band and stage performances, presentations, and other activities.
- o Designed to accommodate anticipated, future growth in the K-8 student population.

How Much:

- o Property would be taxed at a rate of approximately \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- o The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay a net increase in taxes of approximately \$24.83 per month, or \$297.92 per year.

Statement submitted by:

Clair R. Garrick

(Name of person responsible for the statement)

Superintendent

(Title of person responsible for the statement)

Sheridan School District 48J

(Governing Body person represents)

Clair R. Garrick

(Signature of person responsible for the statement)

9/5/2002

(Date of Signature)

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Notice of District Measure Election

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260.041, 266.146, 266.346

District and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given on May 12, 2012, that a measure election will be held in Myrtle Point School District No. 41
located in Coos County, Oregon on May 15, 2012.
Name of District
Name of County or Counties Date of Election

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters:

Caption 10 words

Myrtle Point School District No. 41
General Obligation Bond Authorization

Question 20 words

Shall Myrtle Point School District No. 41 issue bonds not exceeding \$2,000,000 to perform school building maintenance? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words

If approved, bond funds would be used for Myrtle Crest and the Myrtle Point High School to replace roofs, install energy efficient measures for heating systems, repair flooring, abate asbestos, encapsulate or remove mold, improve site drainage, repair sidewalks, replace portions of electrical wiring, upgrade plumbing, renovate bathrooms improve domestic hot water supplies, and pay eligible bond issuance costs.

- The tax rate on the \$2 million bond measure is estimated to not exceed 35 cents per \$1000 of assessed value over the life of the bond.
- The bond is structured such that the levy rate is estimated to not increase over the life of the bond.
- The Bonds would mature in twenty-five (25) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.



Signature of Authorized District Official not required to be notarized

05/12/2012

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Bruce Shull
Printed Name of Authorized District Official

Superintendent
Title

GERVAIS SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the District issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$4,000,000 to finance improvements to its facilities?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

If approved, bond proceeds would be used to:

- upgrade and improve Gervais High School including fire, safety and security improvements; heating, ventilation, electrical, lighting and locker room upgrades; window replacement; athletic complex improvements; addition to the agriculture shop; and building remodeling;
- upgrade and improve Gervais Middle School including fire and safety improvements; heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing upgrades; and building remodeling;
- upgrade and improve Brooks Elementary School including safety improvements; add modular classrooms, expand computer lab and parking lot;
- upgrade and improve Eldriedge Elementary School including fire and safety improvements; add modular classrooms; remodel building; update play structures; replace gymnasium flooring; expand and pave parking lot;
- pave District Office parking area.

The bonds will mature over a period not exceeding 21 years from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series.



Sheridan School District 48J Bond Re-Funding FAQ

Frequently asked questions about the proposed district refunding bond:

How old are SSD school buildings?

SHS – 1940's Old Gym & Shop section, 1957-58 rooms 1-3, and 1963 rest of the building was erected. Stadium 1974, with new roof, lighting and boiler upgrades in 2006 & 2010, New Gym 1997

FCS – New Building Bond in 2003

Construction in 2003-2004

Occupied in 2004

Lighting upgrades in old gym and new gym in 2009

Breezeway addition in 2011

What is the size of Sheridan School District?

SSD has 1015 students in 3 schools and 2 programs. SSD is one of the largest employers with more than 113 teachers and school support staff.

How is SSD funded and how are resources spent?

More than 75 percent of the SSD general fund comes from the state education fund. Another 15 percent comes from local taxes. The remainder comes from other sources (grants, title programs, etc).

Overall, more than 80 percent of the DDS General Fund budget pays for staff – more than 113 teachers, educational aides and other school district staff from custodians, food services workers to secretaries, principals and professional and technical employees.

According to the Chalkboard's Open Books Project, SSD spends a comparable portion of its budget on the classroom (73%) as Yamhill Carlton (63%), Willamina (63%), Dayton (65%) and Amity (68%) and more than the overall state average (70%).

- More than 70% of SSD funds are spent on teachers, curriculum and school support.
- Transportation, school maintenance and other costs account for 14% of the SSD budget.
- SSD spends 2.9% of its resources on central administration.

Why do school districts seek to Re-fund their bonds?

To take advantage of lowered interest rates and bond rates. This allows the district to save funds that otherwise would have been spend on interest. With that saving the district is asking the community to allow the district to utilize those funds to complete additional facility projects.

What would the proposed school re-fund bond pay for?

Priorities in the proposed bond were guided by a plan developed by the Facility committee and the Bond Re-funding Committee.

How much would the bond re-funding cost?

The tax payers would NOT see an increase in the bond rates they currently have. The length of the bond would NOT be changed.

How were these school facility priorities chosen?

The SSD Board and Bond Re-funding Committee reviewed community survey results, WESD Project Manager information and determined the priority of the projects from the survey results.

What has been SSD's Bond history?

New Gym Bond of 1997 – last payments was 2012

FCS Bond of 2003 – is the bond that is being re-funded.

Other Questions:

Committee Meeting for
Youth & Education in Sheridan

Tuesday, August 20, 2002
Chapman Middle School
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Those present were Poli Vandewetterling, Marguerite Alexander, Carin Ashworth, Paula Branson, Patti Shenk, Judy Breeden, Patti George and Kathie Byers, Jodi Rasar.

First order of business was to elect officers and decide on a name for the committee.

OFFICERS

The following people were elected and have agreed to serve in the following capacities:

Chairman: Poli Vandewetterling
Treasurer: Mary Leith
Secretary: Kathie Byers

BANK ACCOUNT

A bank account for the committee will be opened at First Federal Savings and Loan, Sheridan Branch. The authorized signers will be Poli Vandewetterling, Mary Leith and Judy Breeden. Two signatures will be required on checks.

COMMITTEE NAME

The committee brainstormed names and came up with Youth & Education in Sheridan (Y.E.S.). It was a unanimous decision to officially adopt the name Youth & Education in Sheridan (Y.E.S.) for our committee.

SUBCOMMITTEES

The following subcommittees were formed:

Finance Committee: Mary Leith, Judy Breeden

Fact Sheet: Kathie Byers, Paula Branson and Marguerite Alexander

Fundraiser Committee: No members at this time.

Speaking Engagements: Poli Vandewetterling

Public Relations:

Behind-the-Scenes: Patti George, Patti Shenk, Kathie Byers
(Behind the scenes P.R. will include signs, brochures, mailings, flyers, displays, cable and newspaper advertising.)

Face-To-Face: Paula Branson
(Face-To-Face P.R. will include door-to-door contact and phone calls.)

The committee discussed P.R. and fundraising strategies. We will leave it to the subcommittees to come up with ideas and strategies and bring a viable plan back to the whole committee.

Jodi recommended we check out the temporary status for Faulconer modulars and whether or not that temporary permit has expired.

Poli is going to check into the following things and report back to the committee at our next meeting:

1. Will check with Claire Garrick about school tours.
2. Will ask Mary if she is willing to serve on the Fundraiser committee as well as the finance committee.
3. Will check on cost to submit "Supporting Letter" in voter's pamphlet and whether that same letter can be used as endorsement letter to the editor.
4. Will check with the bank about a tax id #.

Patti George will check into bulk mailing permit and what is required.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Chapman Middle School.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting for Youth & Education in Sheridan

Tuesday, August 27, 2002
Chapman Middle School
6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Attendance: Poli Vandewettering, Marguerite Alexander, Mary Leith, Paula Branson, Donnelle Holstein, Judy Breeden, Patti George, Kathie Byers, Al Ashcroft, Amy Potter, Roseanna Miller, Carol Grauer, Brenda Hampton, Donna Thompson, Sonny and Regina Haskell.

OLD BUSINESS:

Faulconer was constructed on a regular permit, so there is no time limit to replace it with a new structure.

School Tours: Poli provided an evaluation from Canby School District regarding their school tours in which the pros and cons of doing school tours were discussed. Poli will have a list of volunteers who have agreed to serve on the School Tour sub-committee at our next meeting.

Supporting Letter In Voter's Pamphlet: The cost will be \$200 to submit a letter supporting our measure in the Voter's Pamphlet. This letter must be submitted by September 9, 2002. Poli asked for volunteers to help compose the letter and get it submitted by the deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

Starting on September 10th we will meet in the classroom next to the gymnasium. This section is not alarmed and will be easier to get in and out of.

Poli discussed getting official ballot boxes placed on school grounds. Poli will speak with Charles Stern about this matter.

We discussed the responsibilities of campaign subcommittees. Poli handed out a form describing the responsibilities of each subcommittee and asked committee members to sign up for their areas of interest. A list of volunteers will be available at the next meeting.

Can we send information home with students requesting monetary support from parents for campaign expenses? Poli will find out and report back to committee at a later date.

Letters to the Editor: Letters should be well written, and passionate. If you are going to associate your letter with this committee, please do not be negative. It was suggested that a form letter be created to see if citizens would be willing to sign their names and submit to the newspaper.

We discussed strategies for getting more people on board to help with campaign. It was suggested that we each talk to five people about joining the committee.

Poli created a form for each committee member to take and begin surveying community members as to their opinion of a new school and whether or not they support it. This will help us get a feel for public opinion and to identify potential voters who are not registered.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2002

THANK YOU SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU AND SPEAK TONIGHT.

MY NAME IS POLI VANDEWETTERING AND I AM THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE COMMITTEE "YOUTH AND EDUCATION IN SHERIDAN" OTHERWISE KNOWN AS Y.E.S. THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED AFTER THE LONG-RANGE DISTRICT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MADE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD TO INITIATE A BOND MEASURE FOR THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING OF A NEW K-8 SCHOOL.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE FAULCONER MODULARS AND CHAPMAN SCHOOL ARE IN DIRE NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY CONDITIONS OF BOTH BUILDINGS ARE BEYOND THE STAGES OF IMPROVEMENT BY REMODELING AND THE TIME HAS COME FOR THIS COMMUNITY TO PLACE THE WELFARE OF ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR EDUCATION AS THEIR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

WHEN THE MODULARS WERE BROUGHT TO SHERIDAN, IT WAS NOTED AS A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE FOR THE K-3 STUDENTS, NO LONGER THAN 2-3 YEARS, UNTIL A NEW SCHOOL WAS BUILT TO REPLACE THEM. THAT WAS 1999 AND WE ARE ENTERING THE 4TH YEAR OF OCCUPANCY FOR THE FAULCONER FACILITY. THE MODULARS HAVE BEEN USED AND ABUSED LONG PAST THEIR LIFE EXPECTANCY.

CHAPMAN GRADE SCHOOL'S MAIN BUILDINGS WERE BUILT IN 1949 FROM WAR SURPLUS MATERIALS TO KEEP COSTS DOWN. AT THE TIME IT WAS BUILT, THERE WERE VERY FEW HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FROM THE STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCIES OVERSEEING PUBLIC STRUCTURES. AS WE ARE AWARE TODAY, MANY OF THE MATERIALS USED IN 1949 CAN NOT BE USED TODAY, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH FACTORS WE ARE CURRENTLY DEALING WITH AT CHAPMAN MAY NEVER BE RESOLVED. THE BUILDING IS OVER 50 YEARS OLD AND TO TRY TO REMODEL AND BRING IT UP TO STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS WOULD BE AN ENDLESS BATTLE.

THE KEY QUESTIONS ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL MUST ASK THEMSELVES IS:

- 1. ARE WE PROVIDING OUR CHILDREN WITH THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE CONDUCIVE TO HELP PROMOTE ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR EDUCATION?**
- 2. HAVE WE MET THE NEEDS FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH EVERY STUDENT IN OUR DISTRICT HAS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE?**
- 3. ARE WE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE FOR ALL THE DESCENDANTS THAT WILL EVER ATTEND THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FEEL WE HAVE ABETTED THEM IN MAJOR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?**

4. CAN WE MAKE EDUCATION FOR ALL SHERIDAN STUDENTS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SCHOOLS THEY DESERVE?
5. CAN WE AS A COMMUNITY, COME TOGETHER TO PASS THIS SCHOOL BOND FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE REASONS?

WE ARE AWARE THE SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL HAS SUBMITTED A BOND FOR A NEW CITY LIBRARY AND AS COMMUNITY, PARENTS AND EDUCATORS, WE WILL SUPPORT ALL PUBLIC LITERARY RESOURCES FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. WE KNOW THERE IS A NEED FOR A NEW LIBRARY, BUT WE WANT THE SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SOME MAJOR NEEDS TOO. WHEN YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, STAFF, SCHOOLS, VISITORS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USAGE OF THE SCHOOL FACILITIES, IT BECOMES EVIDENT HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED BY INADEQUATE STRUCTURES. NOW ADD POSSIBLE HEALTH RISKS TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERS THE BUILDINGS AND WE SHOULD REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY AS BOTH A COMMUNITY AND A CITY COUNCIL TO RECTIFY THESE SITUATIONS. WE CAN NO LONGER IGNORE THE WRITING ON THE WALL, BUT READ IT AND TAKE SOME DECISIVE ACTIONS.

Y.E.S. HAS SET THE GOAL TO GET THE PEOPLE OF SHERIDAN TO VOTE "YES" FOR THIS SCHOOL BOND AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL TO PUBLICLY STATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS BY ENDORSING THIS BOND.

THE MESSAGE WE SEND TODAY WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I HOPE AND PRAY YOU WILL TAKE ALL THAT I HAVE SAID TO HEART AND DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CHILDREN.

YOUTH & EDUCATION IN SHERIDAN (Y.E.S.)

POLI VANDEWETTERING
CHAIRPERSON



Y E S

FOR KIDS

FOR SCHOOLS

FOR THE FUTURE

Want to help? Have questions?

Please contact Poli Vandewettering

503-843-2739

This brochure authorized by the committee

"Youth & Education in Sheridan"

With the cooperation of Engineered Structures, Inc.

Youth & Education in Sheridan
610 NE Boekes Loop
Sheridan, OR 97378

*Our future:
Sheridan
Schools*



Vote YES on School Bond Measure 36-48

"The Sheridan School Board, Long-Range Facilities Committee and Engineered Structures, Inc. have worked hard to provide our community with a structurally and fiscally sound school design."

Y.E.S. Committee

Why build now?

- *Replace run-down buildings*
- *Consolidate site locations*
- *Save money on maintenance*
- *Reduce operating costs*
- *Modernize design & function*
- *Design for growth*
- *Fire-resistant construction*
- *Save on future construction inflation*
- *Safe & Healthy environment for our kids*

Features...

- ⇒ 83,700 square-foot
 - ⇒ Two-stories
- ⇒ 2 libraries (age appropriate)
 - ⇒ 31 classrooms
- ⇒ Administrative offices
 - ⇒ Gymnasium
- ⇒ science labs
 - ⇒ kitchen & cafeteria
- ⇒ Room for growth
 - ⇒ Fully sprinkled fire system
- ⇒ Adequate parking facilities

Now is the time!



Two schools for the price of one!

"The Sheridan School District will provide a safe and supportive educational environment..."

~District Mission Statement

So what will it cost?

The Sheridan School Board has requested an \$8.5 million bond for a \$10 million facility. The bond will be issued for a 20 year period. The tax impact will be \$2.98 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Assessed Property Value	Gross Tax Increase	Monthly Increase
\$100,000	\$297.92	\$24.83
130,000	387.30	32.27
150,000	446.88	37.24
200,000	596.00	49.66

Preliminary pictures, a model of the new design and floor plans are available in the District Office.

VOTE YES FOR OUR KIDS!

Stop throwing money down
the drain~ it's time to step
up and make the choice to
build a new school.

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VOTE ☒ YES FOR SHERIDAN SCHOOLS



~ Sheridan Schools need your help! ~

On March 11th, voters in the Sheridan School District will be asked again whether our children and our town deserve a new K-8 school. In spite of our efforts to provide the public with as much information as possible, many people said they just didn't have enough. The YES committee believes that an informed voter is a wise voter- so, we'll do more!

During the previous campaign, many residents wanted to know more about repairing the existing buildings. In order to provide accurate and detailed information, the Sheridan School Board contracted with RSS Architect from Sherwood to evaluate the Chapman building.

In order to provide that important and useful information, the YES committee will be sponsoring two public informational presentations.

Please plan to attend one of these presentations!



February 12:

Chapman Cafeteria

6:30 PM

February 24:

Faulconer Multi-purpose Room

6:30 PM

~ What else do you need to know? ~

⇒ EVERY VOTE DOES COUNT!

Please take the time to fill out your ballot and return to an official drop box.



⇒ The deadline to become a registered voter is **February 18th**. If someone in your household is eligible to vote, please encourage them to do so.

⇒ If you are registered to vote in another county in Oregon, you are able to transfer your registration up to the day of election. Please take the time to fill out a new registration card.

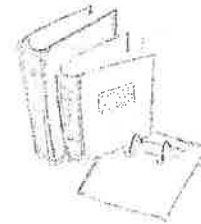
⇒ You should receive your ballot in the mail around February 18th. Please contact the county elections office if you do not receive your ballot shortly after that date.

Make a Difference

The condition of Chapman School has deteriorated greatly just in the few months since we voted in November. Several new leaks have developed, the ceiling tiles in the cafeteria are water-damage and falling down, water lines are leaking, the kitchen has to be re-modeled to meet fire codes, and the list goes on. A detailed report will be available at the District Office or the public meetings. Please take the time to find out more.

Features...

- ⇒ 83,700 square-foot
 - ⇒ Two-stories
- ⇒ 2 libraries (age appropriate)
 - ⇒ 31 classrooms
- ⇒ Administrative offices
 - ⇒ Gymnasium
- ⇒ science rooms/lab
 - ⇒ kitchen & cafeteria
- ⇒ Room for growth
 - ⇒ Fully sprinkled fire system
- ⇒ Adequate parking facilities



Preliminary color renditions and floor plans are available in the District Office.

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Dear Community Member,

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to make a difference in the lives of our children, and the vitality of this community. **Please make sure that you vote March 11, 2003.**

The Y.E.S. committee and the Sheridan School Board have done their best to provide you with honest and accurate information regarding the situation of our schools and the plan to fix it. We hope this information allows you to make a well-informed choice.

In order to provide unbiased information, the Sheridan School Board hired architect Randy Saunders from Woodburn, OR to evaluate and prescribe repairs necessary to make Chapman a safe, healthy and functional environment. What you should know:

- Recommendations include legal requirements of ADA, fire and building codes.
- The repairs for Chapman alone would be \$5-\$7 Million. Some of you might think that sounds outrageous! Well, it is! It is not financially sound to put more money into a building than it's worth.
- Realize the ripple affect. E.g. once you open the wall to fix one problem, you must fix them all!
- Chapman's insured value is just over \$4 million. Does it make sense to spend \$5-\$7 million to repair a building whose insured value is less than what you put into it?
- All maintenance and repairs that are currently done are only temporary cover-ups, not solutions.
- It's Oregon... how many of you believe that a roof that continuously finds new places to leak has not re-introduced mold into the classrooms? Do some research and find the health risks involved with molds. You might be surprised at what you find!

Faulconer: Need we say more? Designed to be temporary, it's time build a fully-functional school.

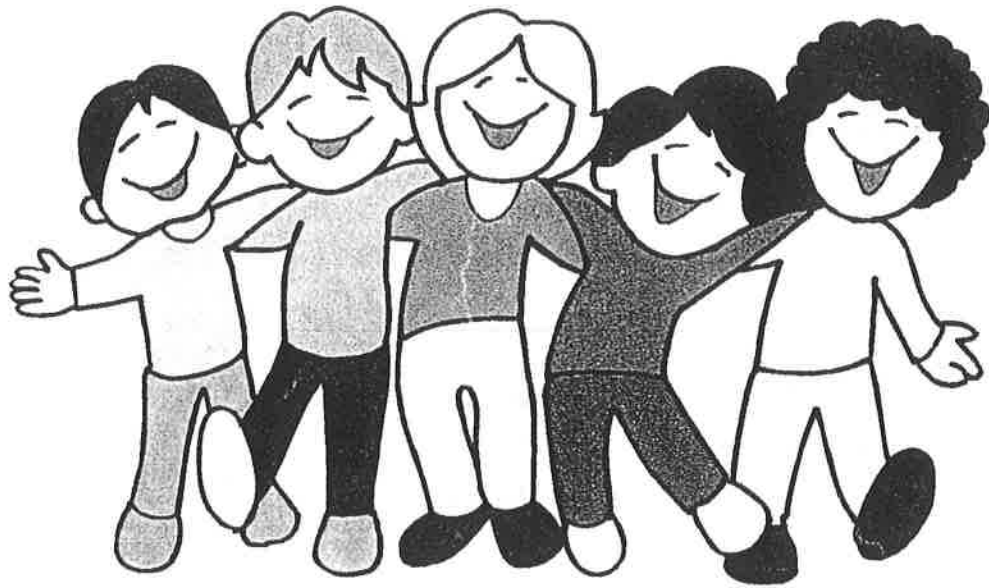
- Already old and discarded by the Navy, Sheridan acquired the modulares in order that our children could have a place until a new school could be built.
- Most demanding issues are the lack of a permanent foundation and a deficient roof system.
- Movement from lack of foundation has damaged the roof, walls, and floors.
- Jacks and cinder blocks create an unstable "foundation".
- Current foundation would not adequately withstand seismic activity without damage.
- Staff & students are separated in two buildings

Another key feature that must be considered is the impact a new school will have on the city of Sheridan. Face it folks- people aren't moving here because of our schools. There are many workers nearby who choose to live elsewhere because of the condition of our school buildings. Prospective residents don't like what they see. In order for Sheridan to regain a higher degree of livability we must replace our schools!

Your options are simple:

- 1) Build a new K-8 facility;
- 2) Pass an exorbitant repair bond that may exceed the current bond amount; or
- 3) Chapman could be shutdown and our children bussed-out to area schools

Choose our children, our schools, and our community... **VOTE YES ON THE SCHOOL BOND!**



VOTE YES!

FOR THE FUTURE OF

OUR CHILDREN

LET'S BUILD A NEW

SCHOOL

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CALL POLI VANDERWETTERING

@ 503-843-2739 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Don't Forget!!!

Parade after school on Friday, March 7th from 12:30-1:30. Show the community how you feel about a new school! We will be leaving from Chapman and Falconer at 12:30 and will be meeting across from IGA. The parade will then move up and down Main St. and Bridge St. and return to schools. Channel 6 (KOIN TV) News will be covering our story. Dress warm and don't forget to bring an adult or chaperone!

See you there!

Questions: Patti George at (503) 843-3672 or
Brenda Hampton (503) 843-4838

600 kids need your help!

Vote ☒ **Yes**

Sheridan K-8 School Bond

March 11th

Faulconer, Chapman students march in support of bond measure

By PAUL DAQUILANTE
Of the News-Register

SHERIDAN - A group of Chapman Elementary School students Friday afternoon marched north on Bridge Street chanting, "Vote yes, vote yes, vote yes."

They crowded into Hebert Memorial Plaza. Seventh-grader Josh Maier stood on top of a wooden bench and started yelling into a megaphone.

"Give me a V, give me an O, give me a T, give me an E, give me a Y, give me an E, give me an S. What's that spell?" he asked the students who surrounded him. "Vote yes," they responded.

Joined by students from Faulconer Elementary School, which the new school would replace in the bargain, they paraded through the downtown area in an effort to encourage people to cast yes votes.

The district is floating a 20-year, \$8.5 million general obligation bond measure in a mail-ballot election slated to wrap up at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The money would be used to build a two-story, 83,700-square-foot school for 750 students. It would replace the current K-3 Faulconer building and 4-8 Chapman building on the Chapman site.

The cost to taxpayers would be about \$3 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. That would cost the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 for tax purposes - homes are typically on the tax roles at values well under their true market values - \$300 a year.

Chapman was built on the cheap in 1949. War surplus materials were used to reduce construction costs.

There have been several additions over the years. The old part of the building has a host of fire, health and safety issues that will have to be addressed, at a potentially multimillion-dollar cost, if it is not replaced.

A boiler room fire destroyed Faulconer's plant in March 1998. It had seen 63 years of service at the time.



Misty Cloudy and Kourtney Vandewettering get vocal during a rally and parade Friday in downtown Sheridan.

Tom Ballard/News-Register

The district received an insurance settlement, but it barely amounted to a good downpayment on a replacement facility.

The staff and students spent one school year in makeshift quarters, then moved into two military surplus modulars that had outlived their usefulness at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

The modulars were designed for no more than five years of use. By then, the district expected to have a new school in place.

Both buildings are in deteriorating condition. Both need extensive renovations, according to a recent study conducted by an architectural firm on the district's behalf.

Chapman needs a \$7.1 million overhaul to fully meet current building standards, according to the study - most, but not all, for basic health and safety work that really can't be ducked. Faulconer's quarters were never designed for school use, and have many limitations, but the firm determined them to be much sounder structurally.

A 50 percent turnout of the 2,100 district voters registered in Yamhill County and 200 registered in Polk County would be required to validate majority support under Oregon's double-majority rule for money measures.

The Yamhill County turnout was at 42 percent and the Polk County turnout at 49 percent as of 5 p.m. Thursday, according to Brenda Hampton, who helped organize the student rally.

"It's getting there," Hampton said. "I feel better than I was feeling Monday.

There were 1,500 people in Yamhill County who had not voted. I was definitely discouraged about that. I don't know if people are voting yes or no, but we need that 50 percent turnout."

Voters have until 8 p.m. Tuesday to cast their ballots. Ballots can be dropped off at the Polk County Courthouse, Yamhill County Courthouse or Sheridan City Hall - or mailed as long as they arrive by poll-closing time Tuesday.

In November, an identical measure passed by five votes in Yamhill County but failed by 21 votes in Polk County. A 50 percent turnout was not required then, because the measure was up at a general election, when turnout is normally high.

Hampton and Donna Thompson, who have two children each at Chapman, and Patti George, who has a child at Faulconer, organized the parade.

It involved more than 50 students from the two schools. Some high school students participated as well.

"We knew this was going to be our grand finale before Tuesday," Hampton said. "I'm a substitute teacher, and I could see how desperately the kids want to be involved in the process."

"They want to show people they want a new school. This was something they could get excited about."

Fourth-grader Kourtney Vandewettering was one of many Chapman students who carried yellow signs supporting the measure. She said she doesn't like her school because it's too old.

How old? "Old enough that my mom went there, and she's 32," Kourtney said. "She's almost 33."

Poli Vandewettering is chairing the Youth and Education in Sheridan Committee, which goes by YES. She has worked diligently to generate support.

Jared Sturzenegger, a Faulconer third-grader, marched in the parade wearing a sandwich board that read, "Vote yes for a new school," on each side.

He said Faulconer is too small and needs a new gym. If the new school is built, it would have a new gym. In addition, the current Chapman gym would be retained when the rest of the building was demolished, giving students two gyms to use.

His mother, Janelle Barley, accompanied her son to the parade to show support for the measure. She said the thought of her property taxes rising does not dull her enthusiasm.

"They are our future," she said of the Faulconer and Chapman students. "If they don't have a good school to attend, I don't think they are going to enjoy school."

Michelle Godkin, a Chapman seventh-grader, composed a one-page letter in support of the measure. She said she doesn't like going to school in the building because so many things are in need of repair.

Sheridan School Board Chair Michelle Bleth attended the parade and passed out balloons to students.

She said if the measure fails, the board will have to prioritize the most pressing needs at Chapman and Faulconer and figure out a way to finance them.

It will probably have to fall back on the Faulconer fire insurance settlement, which stands at \$2.4 million after purchase and renovation of the modulars as a temporary solution.

Sheridan earned opportunity to 'bask'

Among all the stormy squabbles, present and past, in this county's small towns, passage of the Sheridan school bond comes as a ray of sunshine.

The approval is prime evidence of what citizens can achieve by recognizing a critical problem, devising a sound solution and providing widespread, accurate and complete information about both. Then getting ballots returned.

Voters in Yamhill County who live in the school district gave thumbs up to building a desperately needed new school. And they beat the odds by recording not only a Yes vote, but also a double majority.

They readily overcame the 19-vote No margin from the sliver of the district that lies in Polk County. That margin was three votes lower than the number that sank the measure on the November ballot.

But Polk County voters also exceeded the 50 percent criterion, with almost 63 percent of the 219 registered voters casting a ballot. We may disagree with the majority of Polk County voters, but nonetheless their high level of participation can be applauded.

If ever a community needed a new school, it is Sheridan. Its two elementary buildings are almost criminally inadequate. Approval of the bonding vote will build one safe and functional school to replace two inefficient structures contaminated with mold and suffering from other afflictions of old age. Optimism runs high in Sheridan. Maybe, even before the 2004 school year ends, students will move into their new building.

Sheridan residents regrouped after recalls, infighting and acrimony to rally to the cause. Good for them. Their school election pattern provides a model toward getting other necessary public projects undertaken, in other cities, too.

Accentuating the positives, eliminating the negatives and latching on to the affirmatives: That advice, first recorded by Bing Crosby in 1944, remains sound and most often successful. It worked for Sheridan, whose citizens have a right to bask in the glow of community pride.