

# Sheridan School District 48J Bond Re-Funding Committee

Agenda  
February 11, 2014

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3. Video
4. Fund Raising
5. Ballot Title
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  - Rotary
  - City council
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  - Deer Meadows
  - Ballston??
  - Staff Meetings
  - Alumni Groups
  - Ministerial Association
  - Others
8. Next Steps



# 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	Lost by 57 Votes
<b>January 22, 2014</b>	<b>Board Work Session</b>	What happened in November? Lessons Learned Strategies for May
<b>February 11, 2014</b>	<b>Board Work Session</b>	FAQ, Video
<b>February 19, 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
<b><u>March 11, 2014</u></b>	<b>Board Work Session</b>	Facebook, website
<b>March 19, 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
March 20, 2014	Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement Due	Campaign Begins (Meet them where they are) Community Events
<b>April 1, 2014</b>	<b>Board Work Session</b>	
April 15, 2014	Mail Postcards	Direct Mailing to Every SSD Household
<b>April 16, 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
<b>April 22, 2014</b>	<b>Board Work Session</b>	
April 29, 2014	Last Day to Register to Vote	
April 30, 2014 to May 2, 2014	Ballots in the Mail	
May 20, 2014	Election Day	
May 21, 2014	Board Meeting	

Safe Sound Schools for Sheridan  
Subcommittee Assignments

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Larry Deibel \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Paula Branson \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraisers

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Campaign Materials

\_\_\_\_Emily Chadwick\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_Harry Cooley\_\_\_\_  
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Facebook/Website

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Publicity

\_\_\_\_Belinda Ogle\_\_\_\_  
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School Tours

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Letters to Editor/Voters Pamphlet

\_\_\_\_DeAnn O'Neil\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_Paula Branson\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_Ben Hunter\_\_\_\_  
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Video (5)

Steve Sugg  
Walter Scott  
Paula Arruda

Clean-UP

\_\_\_\_Mike Griffith\_\_\_\_  
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## Script for School Bond Info

### 5 year plan

Loan, Refinance, New Bond

### Scene 1 (the plan)

Intro of Steve Sugg -I am Steve Sugg Superintendent of the Sheridan School District. I was hired this past year when AJ Grauer retired. I am really excited to be here in Sheridan. There are many great things going on in the school district and this bond measure is one of them. Let me tell you about it.

I understand this bond is not very straightforward. Its not pass a bond

Hand gesture on pass a bond build a school

build a school, and its really a continuation of the old bond. The district is asking voters to approve a bond to update school facilities. In a nutshell taxes will remain at the same rate as they have been since 2003. If this bond is approved the life of our school buildings will be extended and it will help create a 21st century teaching and learning environment for our students. Let me tell you the details of the bond and what the money will be used for.

Let me give you some background information about how the long range facilities plan has been fiscally managed. Five years ago the district embarked on a 3 pronged approach to bring district facilities up to date.

First the district used a zero percent interest loan to pay for a new roof and boilers for SHS. Second in 2012 the district refinanced the 2003 existing FCS construction bond at a lower interest rate with the intention of freeing up money for the third step.

The third and final step is this current bond measure. This measure would pay for the final critical updates our community has identified.

Let me explain the difference between a loan and a bond. The district must repay a loan Using money from our general funds. That is money that could be used to pay a teachers' salary. Bond money can only be used for capital improvements.

The capital improvements the community has identified, in order of priority are:

- Replacement of Sheridan High School classroom heating

- Safety and access for both schools

- Replacement of water pipes and updating restrooms at SHS

- Window replacement at SHS

- Replacement of the heating system in the old gym at FCS

- Technology Upgrades

The following identified capital improvements will be addressed if there is money available:

- Ventilation and dust control and storage at SHS ag shop
- Replacement of the stadium roof at SHS
- Replacement of the field lighting
- Resurface athletic track
- Garbage/recycling pad for FCS

Now let me explain all this. This bond will not increase taxes. Basically the district took advantage of low interest rates in 2012 to refinance the FCS bond saving %. What the board would like to do is keep that savings and use it to finance these capital improvements. So what does that mean to residents of the Sheridan School District? In 2013 the tax payment on a \$100,000 residence was \$324 per year and if this 21st Century Education Bond passes the taxes will still be \$324 per year.

Let me explain it to you on this chart. The original bond rate was x% and the refinanced bond rate is y% this is a z% difference in the rate. The new rate amounts to \$102 savings per \$100,000 of assessed value. What the school board is asking of residents is to allow the district to keep the \$102 or the 28 cents per day savings the refinance created.

Why don't we take a walk over to the high school and meet some students and staff to get their input.

Ask 10 students to describe a 21st century learning environment

High School Classroom Heaters -

Mr. Hunters Classroom - Provide data for daily classroom temperatures. (get thermometer)

Hey I'm Mr. Hunter an English Teacher here at SHS and welcome to my icebox. When I walk into my classroom in the mornings it is just plain cold. This past week the morning temperatures were ..... Its a lousy way to start the day and I don't know how we can expect our students to start their day well if they are shivering and teeth are chattering. Often my students are sitting at their desks writing or reading. When the classroom is cold it can be hard for my students to concentrate. The single pane windows in my classroom cause the temperature in the classroom to be uneven. These windows let the heat out of the classroom in the winter and allow too much heat into the classroom on warm days. These windows are framed in metal which also conducts heat out of the classroom. It is also difficult for me to

concentrate on the lesson for the day. Let me show you the heating system for my classroom. The classroom radiators are only part of the issue. Why don't you go talk with Mr. Rasar about the boilers and how the heated water gets from the boiler to the radiator.

### The Boiler Room

Hi, I am Bill Rasar and I have been in the Sheridan School District for X years and the maintenance supervisor for X years.

These are the new boilers that were installed in ??? they are energy efficient and modern. When the school was built in 1963 galvanized hot water distribution pipes were installed. Over the past fifty years those galvanized pipes have become plugged with corrosion and need to be replaced. This is as if we have replaced the fuel pump in your old car but the lines still clogged. (Show pipe or show what is coming out of the pipes when flushed). These pipes have outlasted their useful life span and need to be replaced to allow our new boilers to heat our building efficiently.

I am sure we have all been to someones house and turned on the water and you get rust colored water coming out of the tap. The same thing is happening to our fifty year old pipes that are used to distribute heat as well as the pipes used for drinking water.

### The Bathrooms and Domestic Water

Speaking of drinking water lets take a look at the water that comes out of the drinking fountains. (Show video of water coming from fountain and hold up in clear glass). Do you want to drink that (pointing to glass). This is the way it is throughout the school. These water pipes are just worn out.

Now lets talk about a couple of critical facilities upgrades that will be less visible.

### Safety and Access

We continually strive to keep our schools as safe as possible. One of the last safety projects was the installation of the chain-link fence between the old gym and main building at Faulconer-Chapman. To continue updating our school safety we will retrofit the doors so they can be locked remotely. While at the same time adding an automatic opener to increase handicap accessibility to school buildings.

### Technology

Funds from this bond will allow us to update our wireless network and technology infrastructure.

Currently our system is able to handle x amount of devices we project the need for a system that can handle 5 times as many devices. This will allow us to build a 21st century system that we can use into the future.

These are the major projects the bond will pay for. There are a few other projects that may get done if there is money to pay for them. Those projects are; Ventilation, dust control and storage at SHS ag shop, Replacement of the 40 year old stadium roof at SHS (1975), Replacement of the 40 year old field lighting (1975), Resurface athletic track (Last done in 1990), Garbage/recycling pad for FCS (Sanitation).

I hope this helps you understand the bond measure. Please remember to vote on the bond measure in May. If you have any further questions about this 21st Education Bond contact the district office at 971-261-6959. Thank you for your spending this time with me.

### (ON A BOARD)

Due to the reduced interest rates **the new bond would NOT add any additional cost to taxpayers.**

Old FCS Bond rate was	<u>\$3.24</u> per	\$1,000 assessed value	Expires in 2023
New FCS Bond rate is	\$2.22 per	\$1,000 assessed value	Expires in 2023
Asking for a new bond for the difference of	\$1.02 per	\$1,000 assessed value	Expires in 2023
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The cost to the owner of a home with \$100,000 will continue to be \$324 per year





# Safe Sound Schools for Sheridan

## Frequently Asked Questions

Sheridan School District Bond Election on May 20, 2014

### ***What is a school bond?***

A school bond is a method used by school districts to pay for capital improvements such as facility updates, new construction, technology and safety upgrades. Bonds are authorized by the voters following an election and allow the school district to spread the cost over an extended period of time.

### ***Why is there a school bond on the May 20, 2014 ballot?***

In 2012 the Sheridan School Board made a sound fiscal decision to refinance the 2003 FCS Bond at a considerable savings to taxpayers. The Board is asking the community to approve new bonds that will **not increase taxes over the original rate for school bonds nor extend the length of bond payments.**

### ***What will the bond proceeds be used for?***

If approved, proceeds would be used to increase **energy efficiency** and **improve the teaching and learning environment** by;

The critical facility projects are:

- Replacement of Sheridan High School classroom heating systems
  - Increased energy efficiency and improved learning environment
- Safety and access (handicap) doors for both SHS and FCS
- Replacement of 50 + year old domestic water system and restrooms
- Window replacement at SHS
  - Improvements to the learning environment
  - More comfortable classrooms through stabilizing temperature
  - LowE windows reducing high solar gain
- Replacement of the heating system in the old gym at FCS
- Technology Upgrades
  - Infrastructure in place to accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> century learning trends

The secondary projects, which will be addressed if there are proceeds available:

- Ventilation, dust control and storage at SHS
- Replacement of the stadium roof at SHS
- Replacement of the field lighting
- Resurface athletic track, which would include a jump pad, pole vault and javelin pit
- New asphalt and garbage/recycling pad for FCS

### ***If the bond is approved, what will it cost the owner of a home with \$100,000 assessed value?***

Due to the reduced interest rates **the new bond would NOT add any additional cost to tax payers.**

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## School bond Election – Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

### *Will property taxes go up if the bond is approved?*

**No** -The re-financing of the 2002 FCS bond created a saving of \$1.02 per \$1,000 assessed value. This enables the district to issue the new bond **without increasing the total bond levy rate of \$3.24** for the same period of time.

### *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

Old Gym 1981

Lighting upgrades in old gym and new gym in 2009

Breezeway addition in 2011

### *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 SSD General Fund budget pays for staff – more than 113 teachers, educational aides and other school district staff custodians, food services workers, 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 compared to; Yamhill Carlton (63%), Willamina (63%), Dayton (65%) and Amity (68%) and more than the overall state average (70%).

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

### *How were these school facility priorities chosen?*

The SSD Board and Bond Refinancing Committee reviewed community survey results, WESD Project Manager Information and determined the priority of the projects from the survey results.

### *What has been Sheridan School District's Bond history?*

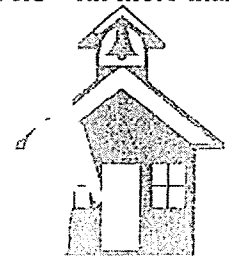
New Gym Bond of 1997 – paid off in 2012

FCS Bond of 2003 – current bond that has been refinanced

### *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.

Additional information about the bond and facility planning can be obtained by visiting the Sheridan School District website at [www.sheridan.k12.or.us](http://www.sheridan.k12.or.us), or by calling Steve Sugg, Superintendent at the district office at 971-261-6960.



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