



Budget Advisory Council

March 8, 2023



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AGENDA

1. Public Input (15 minutes total each speaker up to 3 minutes)
2. Review Agenda and Approve January 11, 2023 Minutes
3. Referendum Update – Mark Stotts
4. RFP Processes – Christopher Onyango-Robshaw
 - Banking
 - Audit
5. Budget Timeline – Christopher Onyango-Robshaw
6. Member Terms Expiring – Stephanie Rudie
7. Next Meeting – June 14, 2023
8. Adjournment



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

INVESTING IN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY



Bond Referendum | May 9, 2023



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Question 1 Improvements

- Safety & security improvements at all schools
- Additional elementary school on district-owned land
- New Rosemount Middle School (RMS)
- Repurpose existing RMS for district needs
- Land purchase for current and future use
- Complete the renovation of Rosemount High
- Science lab upgrades at secondary schools
- Addition to Scott Highlands Middle School
- Dakota Ridge addition and Transition Plus renovation
- Performance space improvements
- Furniture replacement where needed

Question 2 Improvements*

- An addition of activity center space at each of the four comprehensive high schools

** Passage of Question 2 is contingent on passage of Question 1*



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

What is an Activity Center?

A large, multi-court space ringed by an elevated walking track, with high ceilings to support a variety of activities:

- Physical and other curricular classes
- After-school cocurriculars and clubs (e.g. basketball, baseball, dance, marching band, robotics, etc.)
- Use by citizens/ community groups

The majority of Twin Cities school districts (30 of 53) have at least one activity center



Shakopee High School



COST & TAX IMPACT

Two Questions Under \$20/Month

✓ **QUESTION 1** improvements would cost an estimated \$374 million, at a tax impact of \$11.50 per month on the average -value home in District 196 (\$400,000).

✓ **QUESTION 2*** improvements would cost an additional \$119 million, at a tax impact of \$7 per month on the average -value home.

** Passage of Question 2 is contingent on passage of Question 1*

Use the **Property Tax Calculator**
at District196.org/Bond to calculate taxes on your property



BE INFORMED AND VOTE

A Local Choice



More Information

District196.org/about/bond

Election Day

Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Early Voting

Begins March 24, 2023; apply to vote absentee

Contact

bondinformation@district196.org or 651 -423-7776



2023 Banking and Auditing Services RFP Recap



BACKGROUND

District policies 701 and 705 instruct the request for proposals both banking and auditing services, which are to be done on a five-year cycle. The last process was concluded in 2018.



BANKING SERVICES RFP – POLICY 701

- Invitations sent to 11 banks. Each needed to have a physical branch in the district
- 3 declined, 3 did not respond, 5 submitted a proposal
- Respondents evaluated on the following criteria
 - Customer Service
 - Functionality
 - Adherence to RFP guidelines
 - Cost
- Proposals reviewed by a committee, including BAC member Andy Schornack.
 - Christopher Onyango-Robshaw, recused himself from the process as he chairs the MSDLAF board
- A Pro-Forma of total monthly fees and interest reviewed for each bank
- Bremer Bank – Incumbent
 - Zero-interest earnings
- US Bank
 - Integrated with Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF)
 - Used by other large districts in MN
 - Competitive fee structure/interest



AUDIT SERVICES RFP – POLICY 705

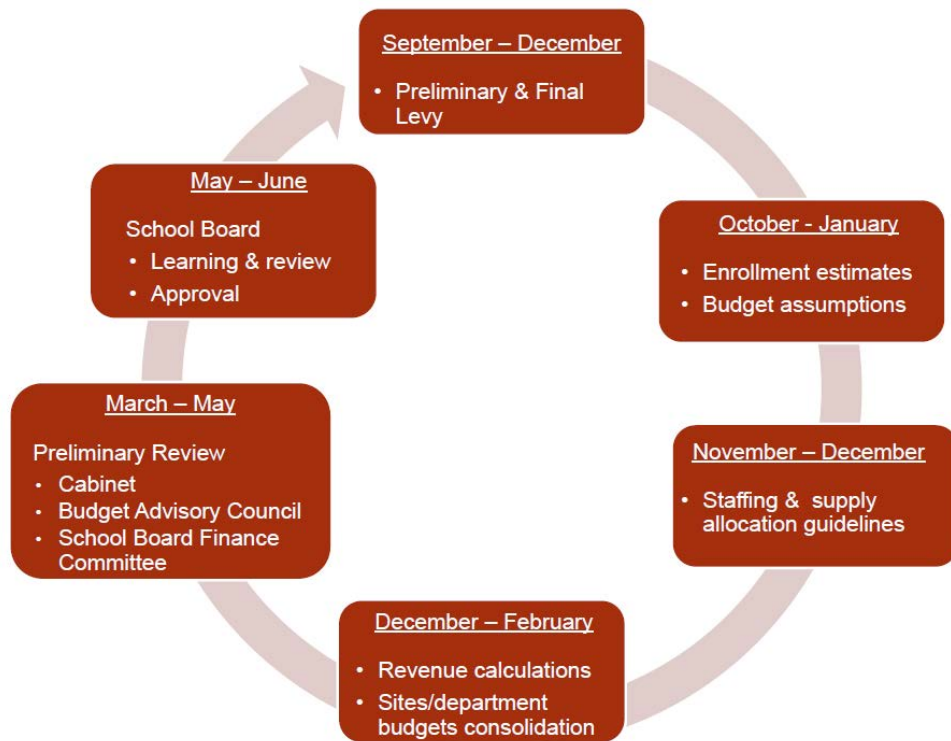
- Invitations sent to 7 firms
- 2 did not respond as they don't audit school districts in Minnesota
- Respondents evaluated using the AICPA's audit proposal evaluation matrix
 - Approach to Audit Quality
 - Team Knowledge and Experience
 - Unique Qualifications
 - Value Added Services
 - Scope and Pricing of the Engagement*
- Respondents provide pricing structure separate from core RFP to minimize the financial bias
- 2 firms did not garner the “A” grade from the evaluation
- Service model and efficiency considerations was focus on the 3 finalists
 - MMKR – historical relationship with district
 - CLA – incumbent firm
 - EideBailley – “Unknown quantity”





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MEMBER
TERMS
EXPIRING



MEMBER TERMS EXPIRING

1 principal position, 1 school-aged/resident position and 1 district staff (non-licensed) position

- Lisa Carlson
- Chas McCready
- Stephanie Rudie



NEXT MEETING

June 14, 2023

