

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY

RESOLUTION NO. 687

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ADOPTED June 26, 2024

PREPARED BY:

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WHEREAS, the facilities of South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island County, Washington (the "District"), are in need of renovation, construction, safety improvements and technology improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District will be insufficient to enable the District to implement such Improvements; and

WHEREAS, in order to support the cost of the Improvements as found necessary by the Board of Directors, it is deemed advisable that the District levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the District in excess of the annual tax the District is permitted by law to levy without a vote of the people, such levy to be made for six years commencing in 2025 for collection in the years from 2026 through 2031, inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether or not such excess tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth which requires the holding of a special election in the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206, ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section 1. Finding. It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the students and other residents of the District requires the District to carry out the Improvements hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Authorization of Improvements. The District shall modernize its educational facilities through the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of computer technology and technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing as an integral part of the District's technology systems, facilities, or projects; and the application and modernization of technology systems for operations and instruction including, but not limited to, the ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training related to the installation and integration of these products or services, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors. In addition, the District shall make other necessary capital equipment purchases and facility improvements to modernize District facilities and safety systems.

The District also shall improve its facilities through construction, renovation and improvement projects, including but not limited to safety and security upgrades, roofing and building exterior renovations, upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, upgrades to electrical and lighting systems, and upgrades to operation systems within the District.

The District may repay any obligations hereafter incurred for the foregoing purposes.

If available funds are sufficient, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors finds necessary; provided that such funds may be used only to support the construction and remodeling of school facilities.

If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish any of such Improvements or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvement and may apply levy proceeds as set forth in this section. If any or all of the Improvements have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the levy proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Improvements or to other capital purposes of the District, as the District in its discretion shall determine. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution to the contrary, levy proceeds may only be used to support the construction and remodeling of school facilities.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. It is hereby found and declared that best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall make the Capital Improvements Fund levies for their ratification or rejection at a general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the Island County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Island County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for tax levies for the Capital Improvements Fund for six years, commencing in 2026, producing dollar amounts at estimated tax rates per thousand dollars of assessed value to produce

such amounts, in excess of the maximum amount tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, all as follows:

- A. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- C. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028;
- D. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2028 for collection in 2029;
- E. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2029 for collection in 2030; and
- F. \$2,500,000, said levy to be made in 2030 for collection in 2031.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$.28 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is \$.26 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2028 levy is \$.24 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2029 levy is \$.22 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2030 levy is \$.21 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2031 levy is \$.19 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Approval of Form of Ballot. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Island County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Island County, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY

The Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District No. 206 adopted Resolution No. 687 for capital improvements levies. This levy funds the renovation, upgrading and modernization of educational facilities of the District, including safety, security and technology improvements, and authorizes the following excess levies on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	<u>\$.28</u>	\$ 2,500,000
2027	<u>\$.26</u>	\$ 2,500,000
2028	<u>\$.24</u>	\$ 2,500,000
2029	<u>\$.22</u>	\$ 2,500,000
2030	<u>\$.21</u>	\$ 2,500,000
2031	<u>\$.19</u>	\$ 2,500,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby authorized and directed to deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Island County Auditor.

Section 5. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Superintendent, (Dr. Jo Moccia), telephone: 360.221.6808 ext. 2245; email: jmoccia@sw.wednet.edu; and (b) special counsel, _____, telephone: _____, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Finance is authorized to approve changes

to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Island County Prosecuting Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 26th day of June, 2024.

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

E-SIGNED by Brook Willeford
on 2024-06-26 20:50:24 PDT

Brook Willeford, Chair and Director

E-SIGNED by Ann Johnson
on 2024-06-26 20:48:36 PDT

Ann Johnson, Director

E-SIGNED by Andrea Downs
on 2024-06-26 21:21:45 PDT

Andrea Downs, Director

E-SIGNED by Marnie Jackson
on 2024-06-26 20:39:49 PDT

Marnie Jackson, Director

E-SIGNED by Joseph Greenheron
on 2024-06-27 06:54:10 PDT

Joseph Greenheron, Director

ATTEST:

E-SIGNED by Josephine Moccia
on 2024-06-26 20:44:05 PDT

Josephine Moccia, Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, Josephine Moccia, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island County, Washington (the “District”), and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the “Board”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 687 of the Board (the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of June, 2024.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June, 2024.

E-SIGNED by Josephine Moccia
on 2024-06-26 20:44:09 PDT

Josephine, Moccia, Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON
November 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (x) in the square opposite the words "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "NO."

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YES ☐

NO ☐

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 5, 2024, a special election will be held in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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Island County Auditor