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RESOLUTION NO. 23-24~038

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE By
SANGER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION
TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER,
AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS
OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the Sanger Unified School District (the "District") of Fresno County (the "County"), State of California (the "State") is committed to providing quality education to its students; and

WHEREAS, District facilities continue to need repairs, upgrades, construction, modernization and expansion in order to provide the education District students deserve in a safe, healthy and modern environment; and

WHEREAS, funding provided by the State of California is insufficient to provide the funding needed to address the District's aging facility's needs, and as such, a local funding source needs to be identified to enable the District to provide modernized facilities for its present and future students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to address the foregoing concerns, among others, to ensure that its schools are constructed, upgraded, repaired, improved and equipped; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 39 ("Proposition 39"), which amended Articles XIII A of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") to allow for the levy of *ad valorem* property taxes for the payment of bonded indebtedness of a school district, community college district or county office of education approved by at least 55 percent of the voters voting on such proposition; and

WHEREAS, upon the passage of Proposition 39, the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, being California Education Code Section 15264 and following (the "Act"), became operative; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the facilities needs of the District as described herein, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to call an election pursuant to the Act to submit to the electors of the District the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold pursuant to the authority of Article XVI Section 18 of the California Constitution and Article XIII A (together with the Act, the "Law") for the purposes authorized by the Law and as described in Appendix A hereto (the "Full Text of Bond Measure"); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the election may be ordered at a primary or general election, a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the District are entitled to vote, or a statewide special election, upon a two-thirds vote of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to call an election in the District pursuant to the Law on November 5, 2024, which is the date of the statewide general election, and pursuant to Education Code Section 15121 and Elections Code Section 10400 and following, to

request consolidation with any and all other elections held in the District on such date, and to request the County Registrar of Voters (the "County Registrar") to perform election services for the District;

WHEREAS, in connection with the calling of a bond election and in accordance with Education Code Section 15100 subparagraph (c), the Board has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County assessor, if any; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANGER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the maximum principal amount of \$175,000,000 for the purposes described in the ballot measure approved under Section 4 and attached hereto as Appendix A (Full Text of Bond Measure) and Appendix B (Abbreviated Text of Bond Measure), and paying all costs incident thereto. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the "specifications of the election order" pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

Section 3. Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 5, 2024, and such bond election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District. The boundaries of the District have not changed since the District's last election.

Section 4. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a bond measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A and marked "Appendix A – Full Text of Bond Measure" (the "Full Text of the Measure"), containing the question of whether the District shall issue general obligation bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act. The Full Text of the Measure, which commences with the heading "FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE" and includes all of the text thereafter on Appendix A, shall be printed in the voter information pamphlet provided to voters, with such measure designation as is assigned to the measure by the County elections official, and may be inserted by the County elections official in Appendix A and B, where appropriate.

As required by Education Code Section 5322 and Elections Code Section 13247, and in accordance with Elections Code Section 13119, the abbreviated statement of the measure to appear on the ballot label is attached hereto as Appendix B and is marked as "Appendix B – Abbreviated Form of Bond Measure."

The President of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby separately authorized and directed by the Board to make any changes to the text of the measure appearing on Appendix A and Appendix B hereto to conform to any requirements of the Law or of the County Registrar or upon the advice of the District's legal counsel, by written direction provided to the County Registrar. Any such changes shall be directed in writing by the Superintendent to the County Registrar.

Section 5. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 *et. seq.* of the Education Code, Article XVI Section 18(b) of the California Constitution and paragraph (b) subsection (3) of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. Proceeds for School Facilities Projects. The Board certifies that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) as further specified in Appendix A, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Further, as required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth in Appendix A.

Section 7. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate; Accountability Measures. As required by Article XIII A, Section 15278 of the Act, and Government Code Section 53410, in the event 55 percent of the voters voting in the District approve of the Bonds, the Board shall:

- (a) conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the projects listed in Appendix A;
- (b) conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Appendix A;
- (c) establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act;
- (d) apply the Bond proceeds only to the specific purposes stated in the ballot proposition;
- (e) cause the creation of accounts into which bond proceeds shall be deposited; and
- (f) cause the preparation of an annual report pursuant to Government Code Sections 53410 and 53411.

Section 8. Statement Regarding State Matching Funds. The District anticipates that matching funds from the State of California, if available, may be required to complete some of the projects identified in Appendix A. As required pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5, the following statement shall appear on the ballot: "Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

Section 9. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to (1) the County Registrar, and (2) the Fresno County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (the "Clerk of the Board") for purposes of consolidation pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403. The Resolution shall be received by the County Registrar and the Clerk of the Board no later than 88 days prior to the election date, unless otherwise permitted by law.

The County Registrar is hereby requested to print the full text of the ballot measure in the ballot materials as it appears on Appendix A hereto and to provide all required notices of the election and other notices related thereto.

Section 10. Consolidation of Election; Request to Provide Services. The County Registrar and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 5, 2024 within the District.

Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County is requested to permit the County Registrar to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Fresno County in full from District general funds upon presentation of a bill from the County, such services to include the publication of a formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code).

Section 11. Approval of Tax Rate Statement. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9401, a tax rate statement has been prepared in the form in the form attached hereto as Appendix C, which form of Tax Rate Statement is hereby approved for inclusion in the sample ballot. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, or any written designee of the foregoing, are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute the tax rate statement, and to file said Statement with the County Registrar, in accordance with Section 9 hereof.

Section 12. Ballot Arguments. As provided in Elections Code Section 9501, any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized (but not required) to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument.

Section 13. Maturity Limit of Bonds. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature not more than the legal limit at the time of such issuance thereof. The Bonds shall be issued under the Act, under the provisions of Section 53506 *et seq.* of the California Government Code, or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts.

Section 14. Estimates Included in Ballot Materials. The measure authorized by this Resolution may include certain information which is based upon reasonable assumptions and current expectations of the District, which may include information with respect to the approximate amount of money to be raised annually to repay issued bonds, the estimated rate of the approved tax levy per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, and the estimated period through which the proposed tax levy supporting bond repayment will be

levied and collected. Any such approximations and estimates have been provided to voters by the District in good faith based upon information currently available to the District, but depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan. Such estimates and approximations are not intended by the Board to be additional restrictions on the District's bond program and bond issuances, and, other than the total principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the bond measure, do not represent legal maximums or additional limitations on bond issuance.

Section 15. Official Actions. The President of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby separately authorized and directed to execute and deliver to County officials any directions, requisitions or other writings, and to make any changes to the texts of the measure as described herein and in the tax rate statement, to conform to any legal requirements or the County Registrar, in order to cause the election to be held and conducted in the District.

Section 16. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Sanger Unified School District of Fresno County, being the Board authorized by law to make the designations therein contained by the following vote, on June 11, 2024.

Adopted by the following votes: *[5 'yes' votes required of a 7-member Board for adoption]*

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Attest:

President of the Board

Clerk/Secretary of the Board