

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417
PIERCE AND KING COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 17-20

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WHEREAS, improvements to school facilities are needed in Fife School District No. 417, Pierce and King Counties, Washington (the "District"), in order to provide the students of the District with safe, adequate and efficient educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide part of the funds to enable the District to acquire, construct, equip, modernize and make necessary capital improvements to its facilities, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$176,300,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (including RCW 28A.530.010 and RCW 84.52.056) provide that the question of whether or not such Bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes and taxes levied to pay such Bonds must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in RCW ch. 39.98 (the "Credit Enhancement Act"), the State Legislature established a credit enhancement program (the "Program") for voter-approved school district general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.98.040 of the Credit Enhancement Act authorizes the state treasurer to make a determination that a school district is eligible for participation in the Program if the state treasurer determines that the District is eligible under rules adopted by the state finance committee; and

WHEREAS, the District may elect to participate in the Program upon an administrative determination that it is cost-effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417, PIERCE AND KING COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. This Board of Directors (the “Board”) hereby finds and declares that the best interest of the students and other residents of the District require the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The District shall make the following capital improvements (the “Improvements”):

- Plan, develop, construct and equip a new Elementary school building
- Plan, develop, construct and equip a new Middle school building;
- Plan, develop, construct and equip a new High School CTE/STEAM Center of Excellence building;
- Plan, develop and construct to relocate the district Educational Service Center;
- District wide safety and security upgrades and improvements to all schools;
- Acquire land for new buildings and future expansion;

- Plan, develop and implement other needed building improvements, including, but not limited to classroom modifications, to enable District facilities to meet instructional program needs.

The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing Improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of such Improvements. Such Improvements shall be complete with all necessary furniture, and equipment and appurtenances.

The District shall determine the application of available moneys so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Improvements described or provided for in this section. The District shall determine the exact extent and specifications for construction of structures or other improvements.

If the Board determines that it has become impractical to accomplish any of such Improvements or portions thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions, incompatible development, lack of additional state funding, or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Improvements and may apply the Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Improvements, to other capital improvements, or to payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other moneys of the District legally available, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Improvements provided by this section, the District shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those Improvements for which the

Bonds were approved deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes, and state or local circumstances require, the District shall use such funds to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds.

It is anticipated that the District may receive funds from the State of Washington pursuant to Chapter 28A.525 RCW. The District intends to apply such funds to the completion of the Improvements described in Section 2. Such funds may also be applied to pay costs of the Improvements, or to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds provided for herein.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Improvements described in Section 2 hereof and/or to reimburse the District for such costs to the extent that District funds have been used for such purposes, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, the District shall issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$176,300,000. The balance of the cost of such Improvements shall be paid out of any moneys which the District now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes, including impact fees, and out of possible state or federal grants of money. None of the Bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for any other than a capital purpose. Such Bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the Bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of twenty-one (21) years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said Bonds shall be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said Bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW. The proceeds of such Bonds may be used to redeem and retire short term obligations or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made for such Improvements.

Section 5. Election. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District requires the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds at a special election to be held on February 13, 2018. The Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, Washington is hereby requested to call and conduct the special election to be held within the District and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition (Proposition 2) to said officials in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$176,300,000

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 approved a proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to construct and equip new buildings for Elementary and Middle Schools, construct and equip a new CTE/STEAM Center of Excellence at the High School, relocate the ESC, acquire land, and make District-wide improvements for safety and security; to issue \$176,300,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 21 years; and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution #17-20. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Pierce County Auditor and a courtesy copy to King County Elections.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. 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 Director of Business Services (Kari Harris), telephone: 253.517.1000 x 25116; email: kharris@fifeschools.com; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP, (Cynthia Weed) telephone: 206.370.7801; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Business Services is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Voters' Pamphlet Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 13, 2018 election and requests that the Pierce County Auditor prepare and publish a

voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

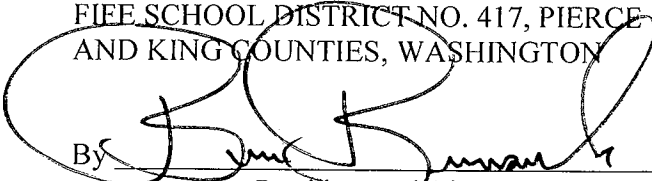
Section 8. Request for Eligibility for the Credit Enhancement Program. In preparation for the issuance and sale of the Bonds after approval by the voters, the Board of Directors hereby requests that the State Treasurer issue a certificate of eligibility in favor of the District for participation by the District in the Program with respect to the Bonds. The Superintendent and/or Director of Business Services is hereby authorized (following voter approval) to submit such applications, resolutions and certifications as shall be required by the State Treasurer in reviewing the District's request for participation.

Section 9. Severability. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but they shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

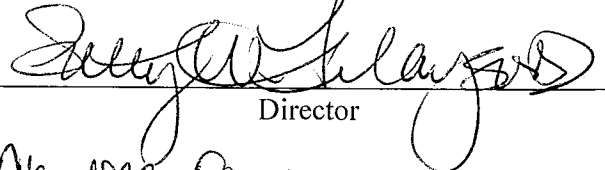
Section 10. Effective Date This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417, Pierce and King Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 27th day of November, 2017.

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417, PIERCE
AND KING COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

By 

President and Director



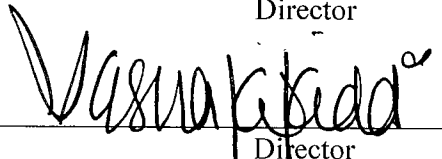
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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors