



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

USD 393 Bond Proposal

"Respect the PAST, Improve the PRESENT, Secure the FUTURE"



- 1. Can we attend the Aug 25, 2021 Bond/Informational meeting?**
 - a. Yes, you can, it will be less informational and more organizational for the YES vote. We will have two community meetings later in September and October with tours, presentations, and questions.

- 2. If approved, when will construction begin and how long will it take to get done?**
 - a. GREAT question...Construction would begin in the Spring/Summer of 2022 and finish, we hope by the start of the 2023-24 school year. Some items would be started immediately, such as the track.

- 3. How many Classrooms are we adding?**
 - a. 12 classrooms with bathrooms as well as cafeteria, shop improvements, and kitchen.

- 4. Is the Playground expanded?**
 - a. Yes, it will be a new playground with a green space added to the playground for room to roam.

- 5. Will there be new equipment in the Shop and is that included I the bond amount?**
 - a. Yes and No...I know not the answer you wished. But some new items will be purchased

- 6. Will there be new equipment in the kitchen and is that included I the bond amount?**
 - a. Yes the bond does include all new kitchen equipment

- 7. Does the work at the track change anything at the football field?**
 - a. It does include a new visitor bleacher area and storage under the current home press box for track supplies: hurdles, mats, standards, football cones, etc..
 - b. The track will be 6 lanes and include new jumping pits, two high jump areas, and pole vault so we can host track meets.

- 8. How big is the FEMA shelter?**
 - a. Big enough to fit all the elementary (PK-4) in case of a tornado. It will hold around 400 students/staff/patrons for school day functions as well as evening activities/events in our community.

- 9. Will FACS still have daylight?**
 - a. Good question, yes they will it is still in the plans, but may change depending upon the structural engineers and the building needs.

10. Can you post the actual bond question on your website? The one that was in the newspaper. Not everyone subscribes to the paper.

TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ANY QUESTION SUBMITTED ON THIS BALLOT, PRESS THE WORD "YES" ON THE VOTING MACHINE OR COMPLETELY DARKEN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF THE WORD "YES" ON THE PAPER BALLOT. TO VOTE AGAINST IT, PRESS THE WORD "NO" ON THE VOTING MACHINE OR COMPLETELY DARKEN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF THE WORD "NO" ON THE PAPER BALLOT.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED?

SHALL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 393, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS (SOLOMON), ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,820,000, TO PAY THE COSTS TO CONSTRUCT: (A) A NEW PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4TH GRADE ADDITION AND DEMOLISH A PORTION OF THE EXISTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; (B) AN ADDITION AND RENOVATION TO THE EXISTING SHOP DEPARTMENT; (C) A NEW KITCHEN AND ADD ONTO THE EXISTING COMMONS AREA TO CREATE A NEW CAFETERIA; (D) IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY; (E) A NEW TRACK FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION PURPOSES AND COMMUNITY USE; AND (F) ALL OTHER NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO (COLLECTIVELY "PROJECT"); AND TO PAY COSTS OF ISSUANCE AND INTEREST ON SAID GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT; ALL PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 10-101 *ET SEQ.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(F), K.S.A. 72-5457, AND K.S.A. 72-5458 *ET SEQ.*?

YES

NO

11. Why the need for the shop?

- a. The shop currently has inadequate room due to the fact we use it for building trades, construction geometry class, and regular shop class. 15-20 years ago we had two separate spaces for this area. As well the floor and windows have asbestos in the floor and window chalking that needs to be abated. Finally, the industry is looking for many skills, one being welding, fabrication, machining, etc.. This will allow us to work with CNC equipment, paint booth applications, and small engine repairs.

12. What type of track is being built?

- a. We have been in contact with three different companies discussing types of tracks. We will be installing a rubber surface with at least two jumping pits, enough room for two high jump areas, a pole vault pit, and a 6 lane track. This will allow us to host every track meet within our league.

13. How many students do we have? Has there been an increase over the years?

- a. GREAT question. GREAT news Solomon is growing and housing is moving. Over the past 8 years, enrollment has increased! Eight years ago at one point during the year we were at 299 student K-12. Now with PK-12, we are at 387 as of Sep 9, 2021 . This is GREAT! The last time we saw these numbers were in the late 1990s at around 420 students.

14. How will you honor our history? If you plan on tearing down the old how do you propose to honor the history of it? Solomon means a lot to many people so how are you going to add memorabilia for future students to appreciate the new?

- a. Absolutely preserving the past and recognizing all who came before is important. The BOE approved in September starting a HALL OF FAME to recognize the past alumni. Candidates are eligible for membership in the following four categories: staff member, service (support for Solomon Schools), student (student, student/athlete, individual success post-graduation), and team. In addition pictures of the previous building along with any ideas from the community on preserving the past. READ more about the HOF by clicking- [HALL OF FAME.](#)

15. What is the school district's outstanding debt? List when the debt, if any, will be retired.

- a. We currently have no outstanding debt on bonds. We have a lease purchase on lighting upgrades and a bus barn which will be paid off in 2 years, but no special mill levy is collected on this debt. This payment comes out of the capital outlay fund, which by state statute can be utilized up to 8 mills per distinct, we currently collect 8 and have since I have been in the district for the past 8 years.

16. Will the new Elementary Building have rooms for Extra pull out (speech/Title services/etc) Nurse, and teacher workroom?

- a. The exact location of every grade level is not set. We currently have other areas we will repurpose for those other areas you are talking about. With the additional space being added we can repurpose some other areas. Everyone will have a space, but to reduce the cost we will repurpose some areas just as we are with the commons area outside the gym.

17. With this bond money, will there be new textbooks, computer equipment, or other academically enriching things such as STEM and/or other academic clubs that will improve our students' learning experience? Will there be improvements made to all of the different art departments (e.i. art, choir, band, etc.)?

- a. The great news is we are always adapting and improving the curriculum even without the bond. What the bond will provide is the ability to free up between \$75,000-90,000 each year of funds used to maintain an aging facility. As for improvements to other departments: we have a brand new band room with new storage. Always looking to update our instruments. As for choir and art we have two amazing teachers who are very passionate about their departments and come to us with items each year to improve the overall experience. STEM is a strength of ours at USD 393 as we have Junior High STEM Club after school as well as an HS STEM Club after school. HS STEM focuses on environmental thon which is academic and enriched science as well as a focus on engineering and computer programming with robotics. We have started the Clubs the year before COVID hit.