

## BOND ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

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### APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (BOND & INTEREST) STATE AID

Questions to be completed by USDs applying for approval under 2016 House Substitute for Senate Bill 323 requesting capital improvement (bond & interest) state aid.

1. What is the specific purpose and the amount of the bonds proposed to be issued? (By project and cost)

Shall Unified School District No. 329, Wabaunsee County, Kansas (Wabaunsee), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,650,000, to pay the costs to: (a) provide for a Wabaunsee Elementary School at the site of the existing Wabaunsee Junior High School and making improvements, additions and renovations thereto, and moving the existing Elementary Schools to the new Wabaunsee Elementary School location; (b) provide for partial renovations to remaining portions of the existing Wabaunsee High School; (c) construct, furnish, renovate and equip a new High School at the site of the existing Wabaunsee High School; (d) provide for a Wabaunsee Junior High School at the existing Alma Schools sites and making improvements and renovations thereto; (e) provide for the closing and demolition, as necessary, of the portion of the District's existing educational facilities necessary to enact the projects set forth herein; and (f) make other necessary improvements to District facilities and improvements related to the projects described above;

2. Why does your board of education believe that this project meets the criteria for capital improvement state aid (bond & interest)?

The project will allow for safety & security improvements for our students and staff, ensuring our students are college and career ready while providing the necessary infrastructure to support teachers and students in their learning environments. By doing so, the BOE believes and supports this project that meets the criteria for capital improvement state aid (bond & interest). Further, to provide finances and support for other important programs such as mental health/social/emotional support the district facility finances need to come from a bond-freeing up more operating expenses.

3. Explain how the proposed building project will facilitate, and be coordinated with, the school improvement plan of the district.

The proposed building project addresses and coordinates with all aspects of our district's school improvement plan: Safety & security, College & Career preparation-vocational, academically and social/emotionally learning.

4. Explain why the Board of Education believes the proposed construction project which is presented in this application is the most effective and efficient way in which education can be provided for the students in this district?

Our district has made great strides that upon graduation our students are prepared. We have the data proving that our students per KSDE standards are successfully/effectively prepared. To continue meeting our moral & legal responsibilities to ensure that our graduates are prepared for their futures, whether in the workforce, military service, post-secondary education or vocational/technical school the district needs to continue improving. Facilities are a major part of improving our student's learning environments while providing them safe & secure places.

5. Did you use an advisory committee(s) to determine the need for new facilities? Yes XX No     If yes, please submit the committee's report or any relevant documents.

Facilities Committee Notes are included

6. Briefly explain the amount and type of information that has been provided to the school district electors concerning the proposed bond issue.
  - A. What is the need? Safety & security, vocational/technical education, improving energy and efficiency throughout the district. Reduction in total building square footages-having 100,000 more square foot in buildings vs school enrollments our size. Removing inefficient, deteriorating buildings and improving student learning environments.
  - B. How will the bonds meet this need? The bond will allow the district to fund these major capital expenditure projects recommended by our community representative facilities committee and approved by our Board of Education.

7. a. What is the estimated average mill levy required for the retirement of the proposed bond issue? 28.00 mills  
(Submit a schedule of the principal and interest payments)
- b. What is the number of years the bond issue will run? 25 years
- c. What was the total mill levy for the last five years?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Bond &amp; Interest Levy</u>
2019-20	<u>58.975</u>	<u>12.369</u>
2018-19	<u>59.267</u>	<u>8.146</u>

2017-18	<u>60.612</u>	<u>11.646</u>
2016-17	<u>58.372</u>	<u>9.684</u>
2015-16	<u>58.449</u>	<u>10.380</u>
2014-15	<u>58.102</u>	<u>11.315</u>

d. What year will the present bond indebtedness be retired? 2021

8. a. What is the estimated enrollment K-12 (FTE) for the next five years?

September, 2020	<u>444</u>
September, 2021	<u>434</u>
September, 2022	<u>435</u>
September, 2023	<u>430</u>
September, 2024	<u>430</u>

b. Please explain why, in your estimation, your enrollment will increase or decrease?

Small decrease due to less birth rates, housing hard to find and 65% of one of our school communities' enrollment (Maple Hill) attending another school district.

9. a. What has your enrollment been for the last five years (FTE) by grade?

	Sept., 2015	Sept., 2016	Sept., 2017	Sept., 2018	Sept., 2019
K	<u>13.5</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>
1	<u>32.1</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>36.1</u>	<u>32.1</u>
2	<u>29.1</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>34.1</u>
3	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>
4	<u>34</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>23</u>
5	<u>29.1</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>25</u>
6	<u>30.1</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>36</u>
7	<u>39</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>37.1</u>
8	<u>36</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>36</u>
9	<u>35</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>
10	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>35</u>
11	<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>39</u>
12	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>
Spec Ed.	<u>5.5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5.5</u>
Total	<u>422.4</u>	<u>428.5</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>447.1</u>	<u>425.8</u>

b. Explain why, in your estimation, your enrollment has increased or decreased?

Small decrease due to less birth rates, housing hard to find and 65% of one of our school communities' enrollment (Maple Hill) attending another school district.

10. Do you anticipate any new school building construction in the near future other than what is being proposed in the application?

Yes \_\_\_ No XX If yes, please explain.

11. a. What is the student capacity of the current facility(ies)? See Attached
- b. What is the student capacity of the proposed facility(ies)? See Attached
- c. How many square feet are in the proposed facility(ies)? See Attached
- d. Have you obtained a professional opinion on your current facility(ies)? Yes \_\_\_ No X

If so, please submit a copy.

12. If the proposed new facility(ies) is a replacement, what are your plans for disposition or use of the old building(s)?

Provide an open bid process to sell them and if after a specific amount of time they didn't sell our architectural firm has provided demolish costs in the proposal.

13. Has this proposition been previously submitted? Yes \_\_\_ No XX  
When? \_\_\_\_\_ In what amount? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why did it fail, in your opinion?

14. When was the last bond election held? Month November Year 2000  
Vote: For 1089 Against 662

15. What was the district's assessed valuation during the last five years?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
2015	\$40,458,843
2016	\$41,370,431
2017	\$42,206,172
2018	\$41,556,479
2019	\$44,541,658

16. Does this bond issue include any facilities that are non-instructional-related such as a separate building for administration, a bus barn, athletic facilities, etc.? If yes, what is the facility and cost?

Yes \_\_\_ No X