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Identified Priorities & Proposed Bond Budget

The Baker School District followed the process below in identifying projects and costs of a proposed \$48 million bond that will go to voters in the November 2018 general election.

The proposed projects are:

- **SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS** at all schools, including secure entries and key card systems to better control access
- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS** at all schools, such as upgrading the heating and ventilation systems, installing double pane windows and adding controls on all energy systems
- **NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** for Grades 1-6 on land the district owns north of Baker High School. This would address capacity issues, provide safe drop off and pick up areas, and create a modern learning environment with classrooms that have room for hands-on, collaborative learning.
- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT BAKER HIGH SCHOOL TO ACCOMMODATE 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS**, with separation between Gr. 7-8 and 9-12. This would address middle school enrollment levels and use existing space at the high school. 7th and 8th graders would gain access to vocational programs and advanced coursework. It would also result in cost savings by maintaining only one building instead of two.

The process included:

- In early 2016, the District appointed the “Facilities Master Planning” (FMP) Committee, which assessed all current instructional facilities.
- The FMP Committee requested cost estimates for those items scored “Critical” or “Poor.” It did not seek cost estimates for identified items which scored “Fair” or above.
- The FMP Committee also identified severe capacity issues within the District, with a lack of capacity at Grades K-8 and over capacity at the high school.
- The FMP Committee submitted the findings to the Board of Directors in November 2016.

As a result of the FMP Committee’s findings, the District created the Long Range Facilities Planning (LRFP) Committee in early 2017. The LRFP Committee reviewed the Facilities Master Planning Committee’s findings, especially noting the capacity issues as well as the facilities issues identified as Critical/Poor.

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After much discussion and review of data, the LRFP Committee prioritized the district's facilities needs as follows:

1. Capacity
2. Safety and Security
3. 21st Century Learning Environment
4. Operational Costs and Energy Efficiency
5. Deferred Maintenance and Repair Costs
6. Community Facilities
7. Technology
8. Limiting Transitions for Children and Families

The proposed \$48 million bond would address the highest priority concerns identified by the Facilities Master Committee. The committee acknowledged that its proposal was not sufficient to address all of the identified concerns, but was cognizant of what it felt the community could support and did not want to recommend a higher amount.

The proposed bond would address the identified priorities through the following projects:

New Elementary School, \$37.25 million estimated total budget

- A new elementary school serving students in Grades 1-6

Baker High School, \$11 million estimated total budget

- Safety and Security upgrades, including improvements to exterior entries, access control, fire and life safety (i.e. sprinkler and fire alarms), ADA upgrades
- Renovations to accommodate 7th and 8th Grade Students, including major modifications of the front entry, Administration/Office area, Library, Career Center Cafeteria/Commons, additional classroom space, new locker room/renovation of existing locker rooms
- Improvements to the exterior finishes and interior finishes, inclusive of flooring and paint
- Improvements to the plumbing, electrical, and HVAC/mechanical system;
- Improvements to classroom technology
- Improvements to the Theater/Auditorium

Brooklyn Primary \$2.5 million estimated total budget:

- Safety and Security upgrades, including improvements to exterior entries, access control, fire and life safety (i.e. sprinkler and fire alarms), ADA upgrades
- Expansion/Addition of student restroom
- Renovation of the existing classroom restrooms, which are not code compliant
- Improvements to the site, including improved/dedicated student drop off, off street parking, handicap parking and other exterior safety related modifications such as improved fencing
- Renovation of the existing Office/Administration area, which has no or limited line of site to the common areas/hallways or to the street, and limited capacity for staff
- Improvements to the exterior finishes and interior finishes, inclusive of flooring and paint
- Improvements to the plumbing, electrical, and HVAC/mechanical systems
- Improvements to classroom technology

Haines & Keating Elementary, \$1.0 million estimated total budget

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- Safety and Security upgrades, including improvements to exterior entries, access control, fire and life safety (i.e. sprinkler and fire alarms), ADA upgrades;
- Improvements to the sites, including paving of playground area (Haines), fencing improvements,
- Dedicated handicap/ADA parking;
- Renovation of the building entries to provide better visibility to interior and exterior common areas;
- Roof replacement and repair;
- Improvements to the exterior finishes and interior finishes, inclusive of flooring and paint
- Improvements to the plumbing, electrical, and HVAC/mechanical systems;
- Improvements to classroom technology.

North Baker, \$250,000 estimated budget

- Safety and security improvements as well as improvements in the efficiency of electrical and heating systems.

The total budget for the projects included in the proposed bond is \$52 million. The cost to taxpayers would be \$48 million. The remaining \$4 million would come from a \$4 million grant from Oregon Department of Education that the district has been awarded, contingent on approval of the bond measure in the November election.

Facility Master Planning (FMP) Committee members:

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| Will Benson | Kevin Cassidy | Doug Dalton | Josey Gaslin |
| Autumn Harrell | Kim Mosier | Mike Rudi | Tony Rudolph |
| Dan Van Winkle | Mark Witty | | |

Long Range Facilities Planning (LRFP) Committee members:

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| Rosemary Abell | Aletha Bonebrake | Kevin Cassidy | Charlene Chase |
| Richard Chaves | Tabor Clarke | Josey Gaslin | Sonny Gulick |
| Pat Heriza | Mark Johnson | Chris Knoll | Katie Lamb |
| Tammie McEnroe | Kim Mosier | Bruce Nichols | Dawn O'Grady |
| Beth Shirtcliff | Tim Smith | Dan Srack | Jeff Tomack |
| Jim Tomlinson | Craig Ward | Ma'Lena Wirth | Mark Witty |

Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) members:

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| Ed Adamson | Martin Arritola | Liz Burton | Charlene Chase |
| Tabor Clarke | Cathy Cook | Nathan Defrees | Dennis Dougherty |
| Hal Huntington | Dave Lindley | Phil Stone | |

Additional information regarding the bond can be found at BSDBond.org or contact Superintendent Mark Witty at 541-524-2260.

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