

**REFERRED BY SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 48J
MEASURE 36-164**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
MEASURE 36-164**

SAFE SOUND SCHOOLS FOR SHERIDAN

QUESTION: Shall Sheridan School District 48J be authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$ 2,105,000 for critical updates and upgrades? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, the current tax rate for Sheridan School District bonds will not increase. This bond is a replacement bond of \$1.02 per \$1000 assessed value and would keep the school bond rate at \$3.24 cents per \$1000 assessed value. This measure provides funds to finance capital costs, and pay bond costs. Specifically, this measure is expected to fund:

- Upgrade of the heating and ventilation system at both Faulconer-Chapman School and Sheridan High School.
- Electronic hardware exterior door security upgrades at both schools.
- Replacement of single pane windows with new thermal insulated windows at Sheridan High School.
- Restroom remodeling and domestic water distribution upgrades at Sheridan High School.
- Upgrades to network server, phone system, and wireless system upgrades at both schools.

Secondary projects, if proceeds are available.

- Improvements to athletic fields including new field lighting, tract repair resurfacing, and replacement of stadium roof.
- Bond issuance costs.

The Bonds would mature in ten (10) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

**NO ARGUMENTS WERE
FILED IN OPPOSITION TO
THIS MEASURE**

The Sheridan School District requests voter approval of a \$2.105 million bond to finance critical updates and upgrades to Sheridan High School and Faulconer-Chapman School. Approval to fund these critical structural improvements will not result in a tax increase over current levels.

In 2012 the Sheridan School Board refinanced the 2003 Faulconer-Chapman bond, resulting in substantial savings to the community due to a lower interest rate on the bond. This bond would continue this portion, \$1.02 per \$1000 of assessed value, of the bond and use this renewed bond for updates and upgrades to the District's facilities.

Five years ago the district embarked on a 3 pronged approach to bring district facilities up to date.

First the district used a zero percent interest loan to pay for a new roof and boilers for SHS.

Second in 2012 the district refinanced the 2003 existing FCS construction bond.

The third and final step is this current bond measure. This measure would pay for the final critical updates our community has identified.

If approved, the bond would fund several critical, structural improvements to facilities at both school sites as identified and prioritized by the community.

The critical facility projects are:

1. Replacement of Sheridan High School classroom heating systems
2. Safety and access doors for both SHS and FCS including remote locking doors
3. Replacement of 50 + year old domestic water system and restrooms
4. Window replacement at SHS
5. Replacement of the heating system in the old gym at FCS
6. Technology infrastructure upgrades

The secondary projects, which will be addressed if there are proceeds available:

7. Ventilation, dust control and storage at SHS
8. Replacement of the stadium roof at SHS
9. Replacement of the field lighting
10. Resurface athletic track
11. New asphalt garbage and recycling pad for FCS

Why:

These critical upgrades and updates will substantially enhance the learning environments at both schools --in turn leading to an increase in overall student achievement --while at the same time helping to keep our kids safe through important upgrades to security at Faulconer-Chapman School. Built in 1964, the main Sheridan High School building is now several decades old; the improvements resulting from this bond measure would extend the life of the building, thus making it more energy efficient and saving taxpayer money. Essential technological infrastructure updates at both schools will allow students to join the growing wave of technology-oriented education in the twenty-first century.

*Information furnished by Steven L. Sugg, Superintendent
Sheridan School District 48J*

**SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE 36-164 ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

Fifty years ago our parents and grandparents financed the construction of Sheridan High School. It is now our turn to uphold their vision of quality education by extending the life of their investment.

The school district has demonstrated good financial management through the refinancing of a previous Faulconer-Chapman School bond, saving taxpayers money. This new refinancing opportunity would bring essential upgrades to Sheridan High School without increasing taxpayer burden. The cost of this bond is \$1.02 per \$1000 of assessed value, representing savings similar to those from the previous refinancing of the Faulconer-Chapman School bond.

The current high school heating system is inefficient, and during cold snaps classroom temperatures can dip down into the 40s and 50s, which makes learning extremely difficult for our kids. The district recently installed new boilers in the high school, but due to the 50 year-old pipes and radiators in the classrooms, the system is still largely ineffective. This bond would pay for the replacement of those pipes and radiators, making the entire system much more energy efficient. The replacement of single-pane windows would also make the building more energy efficient. The money saved from increased efficiency could be put to better use in our classrooms.

School safety is a topic prominently featured in the news these days. This bond would also pay for remote locking doors at both school locations, meaning that if there is a threat in the neighborhood, the main office could lock all of the building's exterior doors with the press of a button. This improvement alone would greatly increase day-to-day safety for our students and staff.

It is our responsibility as a community to provide for the education of our children and to honor our parents and grandparents by sustaining their investments. The children of our community deserve a twenty-first century education, and this bond represents the opportunity for us to help provide them with that education. **Vote YES for Safe Sound Schools for Sheridan.**

*Information furnished by Belinda Ogle
Safe Sound Schools for Sheridan Committee*

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**REFERRED BY WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT 30J
MEASURE 36-162**

**BONDS TO BUILD NEW FACILITIES AND
ADD FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM**

QUESTION: Shall Willamina School District build new facilities by issuing general obligation bonds for \$2,000,000?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure would provide new facilities and make facility improvements. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- * Add new modular classrooms to the elementary school by replacing modular purchased in 1978.
- * Add new wood/metal/agriculture shop with additional classroom space.
- * Add fire suppression sprinkler system, including pump, line and pond improvement.
- * Pay for site improvements for the above projects and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed ten (10) years. The overall tax rate for bonds is estimated to be approximately \$0.64 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
MEASURE 36-162**

- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognize and are aware of the current economic climate;
- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognize and are aware of the current conditions in our schools;

If approved, this bond would:

1. Acquire new modular classrooms for use in grades 5-6. These would replace existing modular buildings that were built in 1978.
2. Build a new wood shop/metal agriculture shop with an additional classroom for use in grades 7-12.
3. Provide funding for required and approved fire suppression plan.

*Information furnished by Gustave Forster, Superintendent
Willamina School District*

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FILED IN SUPPORT OR IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE**

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