

# Measure 30-115 Umatilla School District, 6R

## Ballot Title

# 30-115

## Bonds For Safety, Security, And Facility Repairs, Renovations And Addition

**QUESTION:** Shall Umatilla School District construct and improve schools by issuing \$10,500,000 in bonds and receive \$4,000,000 in State grant? 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:** The currently estimated tax rate is not expected to increase and is estimated to extend until 2035. Actual rates may differ based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value. Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 19 years.

\$4,000,000 in State matching funds have been awarded if voters approve this measure. If voters reject the measure, these funds will be diverted to another district.

If approved, the bond and grant proceeds are expected to fund:

- Roof replacements at McNary Heights Elementary School (MHES), Clara Brownell Middle School (CBMS), and Umatilla High School (UHS),
- Entry and office remodeling to limit visitor/intruder access at MHES, CBMS, UHS,
- Security updates including cameras and electronic alarms and lock-down assistance at MHES, CBMS, and UHS,
- Plumbing, electrical, HVAC, window, flooring, and bleacher replacement at CBMS,
- Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose and learning space addition at MHES,
- HVAC DDC controls at MHES, CBMS and UHS,
- Cooling tower replacement for UHS,
- Site improvements, furnishing and equipping of projects and bond issuance costs.

**What Would the Bond Do?** If approved by voters, the \$10.5 million bond would provide additional space, remodel existing entrances for greater school security and provide for major maintenance projects.

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- HVAC DDC controls at MHES, CBMS and UHS,
- and a cooling tower replacement for UHS.

**What Are the Detailed Costs?** The Umatilla School District projects will total \$14.5 million. The District has been awarded \$4,000,000 in Oregon School Facility Matching dollars to off-set costs; however, the voters must approve the \$10.5 million bond to receive the \$4 million from the state.

**How Was This Plan Developed?** A full facility review was conducted by an outside agency to assess the facility needs and create a long-term facility plan for the District.

**What Will the Bond Cost?** The current bonds (used to construct Umatilla High School) are fully paid in 2023. The new bonds are estimated to continue at the same tax rate of the current bonds (an estimated \$3.133/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2023) until 2035. It is estimated that the average home-owner would not see any increase of taxes for this measure in the coming year should the bond measure pass.

**How Will the Public Be Informed of Progress?** Should the bond pass, the Umatilla School District would report progress on bond projects monthly to citizens as part of the regular school board meetings and would also provide periodic mailings with construction and renovation updates.

*(This information furnished by Heidi Sipe, Superintendent, Umatilla School District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

**Summary of the Situation:** While the District has worked to maintain facilities, major systems updates are necessary and cannot be done without significant funding. McNary Heights (MHES) is in need of a new roof, updated HVAC systems and controls and additional cafeteria/gym space. MHES currently runs just under 700 students through a single cafeteria two times per day to provide breakfast and lunch services. A recently facility study showed that Clara Brownell Middle School (CBMS), built in 1947, is structurally sound but in need of a full remodel. The boiler from 1947 is still in operation but has frequent failures and has resulted in the cancelation of school due to lack of heat or plumbing on numerous occasions. Umatilla High School (UHS) continues to be the flagship building for the district and replacing the roof and updating the HVAC systems and controls allows it to remain in top order for the years to come. All three schools present significant safety concerns due to the entrances and offices which allow full access to the entire building which could prove especially worrisome if an intruder were to enter the school with intent to harm.