

FINANCING FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education, in its discretion, may issue bonds for the addition, alteration, repair, and improvement of sites or buildings belonging to the District. Such issuance shall be subject to the approval by the majority of voters in the District present and voting at any Annual or Special District meeting.

A capital reserve fund may, with the approval of the voters and in accordance with the Education Law, be established as the fund through which monies used for capital construction or renovation projects will be controlled.

Propositions for the construction of new or existing schoolhouses at the same site shall not be submitted for a vote more than twice in any twelve (12) month period. In no event shall a proposition be submitted for a vote less than ninety (90) days after a vote on the same or similar proposition. Pursuant to the Education Law, this policy shall not apply to a proposition to approve an additional amount necessary to carry out a construction project, where the voters have approved an initial building project and it is determined that the bids for such project are in excess of the approved amount.

This policy shall not be limited to projects relating to the addition, alteration, repair, and improvement of sites or buildings belonging to the District.

Selling Bonds

The sale of bonds for capital projects shall be accomplished through competitive bids which are pursued in accordance with Policy 6700, Purchasing/Bidding Requirements and Procedures. Bonds shall be sold within the parameters set by the Board to the bidder bidding the lowest interest rate. The services of a bond attorney or consultant may be used whenever such services are deemed necessary by the Board of Education. Such determination shall be within the discretion of the Board of Education.

Payment of Bonds

The payment of bonds shall be based upon a fixed schedule adopted by the Board of Education. Every effort shall be made to secure an interest rate which is the lowest possible rate available. The term of each bond issue shall be determined by the Board in consideration of interest rates and financial conditions at the time of the bond sale, as well as applicable provisions of federal and state law.

Reference: Education Law §416

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