

  
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION # 10-04**

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2010 TO DETERMINE IF THE ELECTORS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE LEVY BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT (0.5%) SALES SURTAX FOR TEN (10) YEARS IN ORDER TO FINANCE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO EXPAND AND MODERNIZE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES COUNTYWIDE, UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY AND RETIRE RELATED DEBT SERVICE, IF ANY; AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 212.055(6)(c), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, lack of capital funding from the state within the School District of Okaloosa County, Florida (the "District") for the costs of construction, renovation and modernization of existing public school facilities and upgrades to technology has become more and more acute; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida (the "School Board") has determined that there is a need for renovation, remodeling, expansion and modernization of existing school facilities, and upgrades to technology, including replacement of obsolete network gear, the addition of wireless connectivity, increased bandwidth, and more data drops per classroom; and


WHEREAS, fifty-nine other school districts within the state of Florida have implemented a discretionary sales surtax or an additional millage for public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS. It is hereby found and determined that:

(A) Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes, authorizes school boards, such as the School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida, to levy a discretionary sales surtax not to exceed



one-half percent (0.5%). Such levy is subject to approval by a majority vote of the electors in the county in which the school board is located.

(B) The Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the District and its students to levy the sales surtax authorized by Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes, in an amount equal to one-half percent (the "Sales Surtax").

(C) The Board has heretofore determined to acquire and construct the educational improvements and facilities including the renovation and remodeling of aging schools and District facilities, the acquisition of equipment and technology, and the retirement of related debt, if any (collectively, the "Plan").

(D) The levy of the Sales Surtax is necessary in order for the Board to be able to fund the Plan. The Sales Surtax shall be used to acquire and construct the Plan or pay bond indebtedness issued to finance the Plan, all of which is permitted by Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes. The levy of the Sales Surtax shall be for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2011.

(E) The Plan consists of fixed capital expenditures or fixed capital costs associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of school facilities and campuses which have a useful life expectancy of five (5) years or more, and any land improvement, design and engineering costs associated thereto. In addition, the Plan also has a component for costs of retrofitting and providing for technology implementation, including hardware and software, for various sites within the District.

(F) Section 212.055(6)(d), Florida Statutes, provides that if the Sales Surtax is approved by a majority vote of the electors, this Board shall implement a freeze on non capital local school property taxes, at the millage rate imposed in the year prior to the implementation of the Sales Surtax, for a period of at least three years from the date of imposition of the Sales Surtax; this provision shall not apply to existing debt service or required state taxes.

**SECTION 3. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND USE OF SURTAX REVENUES.** The Board hereby adopts a plan for the use of the Sales Surtax revenues, which plan provides for the use of such revenues to pay any portion of the costs of the Plan as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and as further described in the findings provided in Section 2 hereof. In accordance with the Plan for the use of the surtax revenues herein adopted, at the subsequent option of the Board, surtax revenues may be used for the purpose of (i) paying any portion of the costs of the Plan, (ii) servicing bond indebtedness the proceeds of which are used to finance any portion of the costs of the Plan, (iii) the making of lease payments pursuant to lease purchase agreements for the acquisition of any portion of the Plan, and (iv) funding any portion of the costs of additional capital projects meeting the requirements of Section 2(E) above, once Sales Surtax revenues have funded the Plan.

**SECTION 4. LEVY OF SALES SURTAX.** Subject to approval of the electors of the District, the Board hereby levies the Sales Surtax in an amount equal to one-half percent (0.5%).



The Sales Surtax shall end on December 31, 2020. No proceeds of the Sales Surtax nor any interest accrued thereon shall be used for operational expenses. If the Sales Surtax shall be approved by referendum, the Board shall comply with Section 212.055(6)(c), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 5. REFERENDUM ELECTION. A referendum election be and is hereby called to be held in the District on August 24, 2010, to determine whether or not the Board may levy the Sales Surtax. The Board of County Commissioners shall be asked to place such question on the ballot in accordance with Section 212.055(6)(b), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION. The Superintendent in connection with the Supervisor of Elections shall publish notice of the referendum in the manner and at the times required by Florida law.

SECTION 7. PLACES OF VOTING; INSPECTORS AND CLERKS. The polls will be open at the voting places on the date of such referendum election from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. All qualified electors residing within the District shall be entitled and permitted to vote at such referendum election on the proposition provided herein. The places of voting and the inspectors and clerks of the referendum election shall be those designated by the Supervisor of Elections of Okaloosa County in accordance with law.

SECTION 8. OFFICIAL BALLOT. The ballots to be used in the referendum election to be held on August 24, 2010 shall be in full compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, shall contain a statement relating to the levy of the Sales Surtax, and shall be in substantially the following form:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

School District of Okaloosa County, Florida  
 Referendum Election - August 24, 2010

REFERENDUM REGARDING LEVY OF SALES SURTAX BY  
 SCHOOL BOARD TO FINANCE TECHNOLOGY AND  
 EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

Shall the half-cent sales surtax be levied in Okaloosa County for ten (10) years to provide for the acquisition of equipment and technology creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environment; Renovation, Remodeling and Improvement of aging schools and District educational facilities; and Retirement of related debt.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes : For the 0.5 cents (1/2%) sales tax

\_\_\_\_\_ No : Against the 0.5 cents (1/2%) sales tax



SECTION 9. ABSENTEE VOTING. Adequate provision shall be made for absentee and early voters. The form of ballots to be used in such referendum election for absentee and early voters shall be the same as used at the polling places for such election.

SECTION 10. PRINTING OF BALLOTS. The Supervisor of Elections of Okaloosa County is authorized and directed to have printed on plain white paper a sufficient number of the aforesaid ballots for use of absentee electors entitled to cast such ballots in such referendum election and shall also have printed sample ballots and deliver them to the inspectors and clerks on or before the date and time for the opening of the polls for such referendum election for the voting places; and, further, is authorized and directed to make appropriate arrangements for the conduct of the election at the polling places specified.

SECTION 11. ELECTION PROCEDURE. The Supervisor of Elections shall hold, administer and conduct the referendum election in the manner prescribed by law for holding elections in the District. Returns shall show the number of qualified electors who voted at such referendum election on the proposition and the number of votes cast respectively for and against approval of the proposition. The returns shall be canvassed in accordance with law.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any word, phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph hereof shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph hereof.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All resolutions in conflict or inconsistent herewith are repealed insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. However, the surtax authorized hereunder shall only be effective upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of Okaloosa County.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting this 26th day of April, 2010.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKALOOSA  
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACTING AS THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rodney L. Walker, Chairman



ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alexis Tibbetts, Ed. D.  
Superintendent and Corporate Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY:

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C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq.  
School Board Attorney

**Exhibit "A" - OCSD Discretionary Sales Surtax Capital Projects Plan and Estimated Budget**

<i>School</i>	<i>Project(s)</i>	<i>Technology</i>	<i>3 to 1 Ratio</i>	<i>HVAC</i>	<i>Capital Proj</i>	<i>Total</i>
Antioch Elementary	Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Replace 20 Air Conditioning Systems Technology Retrofit	\$ 1,297,568		\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 1,547,568
Baker School	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 16 Gang Restrooms, 17 Single Restrooms, and Stadium Restrooms Renovate Locker Rooms and plumbing Re-rock Bus Parking Address all Drainage and Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns Replace 122 Squares of Roofing Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 142,199	\$ 1,136,791	\$ 425,000	\$ 2,872,500	\$ 4,576,490
Bluewater Elementary	Address all Paving Issues Replace Shingle Roof with Standing-Seam Metal Roof System	\$ 77,407		\$ -	\$ 2,025,000	\$ 2,102,407
Bob Sikes Elementary	Address all Paving Issues Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 82,017		\$ 250,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 832,017
Bruner Middle	Renovate 6 Gang Restrooms and 4 Single Restrooms Renovate Locker Room and Plumbing along with Technology Restroom/Plumbing Resurface N and W Parking Lots and Student Drop-off Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students Replace 37 Squares of Roofing	\$ 97,195	\$ 724,002	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,093,800	\$ 3,414,997
Choctawhatchee High	Renovate 3 Gang Restrooms and 5 Single Restrooms Renovate Locker Room and Address Plumbing Issues Renovate Field House Technology Retrofit Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 1,886,196	\$ 1,419,908	\$ -	\$ 4,573,500	\$ 7,879,604
Common Campus	Renovate 3 Gang Restrooms and 8 Single Restrooms Campus-wide Paving Replacement Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Technology Retrofit	\$ 3,723,890		\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 6,243,890

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Crestview High	Renovate 23 Gang Restrooms, 18 Single Restrooms, and Stadium Restrooms Address Plumbing Issues in the Main Building Resurface or Replace Pavement and Address All Drainage Issues Address all Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns Replace 517 Squares of Roofing Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 214,149	\$ 1,657,640		\$ 4,953,750	\$ 6,825,539
Davidson Middle	Renovate 3 Gang Restrooms and 2 Single Restrooms Address all Drainage and Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 95,889	\$ 775,871	\$ 500,000	\$ 532,500	\$ 1,904,260
Destin Elementary	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 7 Gang Restrooms and 2 Single Restrooms	\$ 96,020		\$ -	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 1,476,020
Destin Middle	Renovate 1 Gang Restroom Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Technology Retrofit Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 1,270,138	\$ 546,784	\$ 175,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,041,922
Edge Elementary	Campus-wide Parking Lot Replacement Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 57,077		\$ 550,000	\$ 1,447,200	\$ 2,054,277
Edwins Elementary	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 7 Gang Restrooms and 3 Single Restrooms Repace Pavement in the Bus Ramp, Asphalt Surfaced PE Areas, and Parking Lot Address all Drainage and Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns Replace 1109 Squares of Roofing Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Technology Retrofit	\$ 1,750,040		\$ 150,000	\$ 2,962,500	\$ 4,862,540
Eglin Elementary	Instructional Technology Allocation	\$ 43,938				\$ 43,938
Elliott Point Elementary	Kitchen Renovation Renovate 4 Gang Restrooms and 2 Single Restrooms Campus-wide Pavement Replacement Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Technology Retrofit	\$ 1,018,792			\$ 1,327,500	\$ 2,346,292
Florosa Elementary	Address all Drainage and Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns	\$ 63,176		\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 413,176

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Ft. Walton Beach High	Renovate 17 Gang Restrooms, 15 Single Restrooms, and Locker Room Restrooms Complete Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Replacement Renovate Field House Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 207,627	\$ 1,504,195	\$ 5,950,000	\$ 3,277,500	\$ 10,939,322
Kenwood Elementary	Renovate 4 Single Restrooms and address Classroom Restroom Plumbing Issues Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 66,225		\$ 1,800,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 1,948,725
Lance C. Richbourg	Replace 422 Squares of Roofing	\$ 2,500			\$ 936,125	\$ 938,625
Laurel Hill	Renovate Old Cafeteria Building Renovate Kitchen Renovate 9 Gang Restrooms, 9 Single Restrooms, and Locker Room Restrooms Address all Plumbing Issues Resurface or Replace Parent Drop-off, Front Parking Area, and Gym/Bus Parking Pavement Address all Drainage and Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns Replace 152 Squares of Roofing Technology Retrofit Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 1,748,586	\$ 257,183	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 5,031,150	\$ 8,286,919
Lewis Middle	Resurface or Replace Parking Lots Replace 736 Squares of Roofing Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 52,953	\$ 443,046	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 2,795,999
Liza Jackson	Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students		\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
Longwood Elementary	Renovate Classroom Areas (Enclose) Renovate Kitchen Renovate 1 Gang Restroom and 12 Single Restrooms Replace 598 Squares of Roofing	\$ 64,408		\$ -	\$ 4,692,900	\$ 4,757,308
Mary Esther Elementary	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 4 Gang Restrooms and 1 Single Restroom Address Classroom Restrooms/ADA Requirements Replace Front Parking and Student Drop-off Pavement Replace 470 Squares of Roofing Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 60,462		\$ 2,325,000	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 6,035,462

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Meigs Middle	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 18 Gang Restrooms and 4 Single Restrooms Resurface or Replace Bus Ramp, Student Drop-off/ ADA Requirements and, Tennis Courts Address all Drainage and Sidewalk Issues that Create Safety Concerns Replace 685 Squares of Roofing Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 70,287	\$ 574,879	\$ 950,000	\$ 5,836,500	\$ 7,431,666
Niceville High	Renovate 9 Gang Restrooms, 4 Single Restrooms, and Locker Room Restrooms/ADA Replace Paving Campus-wide Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 217,525	\$ 1,871,599		\$ 4,075,000	\$ 6,164,124
Northwood Elementary	Replace 436 Squares of Roofing Technology Retrofit	\$ 1,270,956		\$ 800,000	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 3,130,956
Plew Elementary	Renovate 13 Single Restrooms and 2 Single Restrooms Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 68,327		\$ 2,650,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,918,327
Pryor Middle School	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 13 Gang Restrooms and 2 Single Restrooms Replace 359 Squares of Roofing Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 66,660	\$ 527,333	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 4,468,993
Riverside Elementary	Instructional Technology Allocation	\$ 71,072				\$ 71,072
Ruckel Middle	Renovate 4 Gang Restrooms Address Paving and Drainage Issues Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Technology Retrofit Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 2,297,863	\$ 795,322	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,894,200	\$ 5,137,385
Shalimar Elementary	Renovate Kitchen Renovate 1 Gang Restroom and 1 Single Restroom Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 63,762		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,628,550	\$ 2,692,312
Shoal River Middle	Increase the number of computers to reach a ratio of 1 Computer for every 3 Students	\$ 93,781	\$ 527,333			\$ 621,114

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Silver Sands	Renovate 3 Gang Restrooms and 1 Single Restroom Replace NW and Front Parking Lot pavement Address Paving and Drainage Issues Replace 281 Squares of Roofing Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 15,555		\$ 1,675,000	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 4,290,555
Valparaiso Elementary	Replace 340 Squares of Roofing	\$ 44,844			\$ 747,150	\$ 791,994
Walker Elementary	Renovate 4 Gang Restrooms and 2 Single Restrooms Replace Shingle Roof with Standing-Seam Metal Roof System Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls	\$ 82,591		\$ 3,075,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 4,477,591
Wright Elementary	Kitchen Renovation Renovate 4 Gang Restrooms and 14 Single Restrooms Install Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Controls Technology Retrofit	\$ 1,768,321		\$ 600,000	\$ 2,755,200	\$ 5,123,521
		<b>\$ 20,249,996</b>	<b>\$ 12,861,886</b>	<b>\$ 28,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 69,675,025</b>	<b>\$ 131,686,907</b>

