HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE H

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters of the Hartnell College District:

Hartnell College Repair and Safety Measure: To prepare students for skilled jobs, four-year colleges, train nurses and public safety officers by:

- Repairing leaking, decaying walls;
- Upgrading fire safety;
- Removing hazardous materials;
- Upgrading wiring for computer technology;
- Repairing, acquiring, constructing, equipping buildings, classrooms, libraries, sites, science/computer labs;

Shall Hartnell Community College District issue $131,000,000 in bonds at legal rates with a Citizens Oversight Committee, annual performance and financial audits, with no money for administrators’ salaries?

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, energy reduction and information and computer technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the District’s 2001 Hartnell College Facilities Master Plan, as amended from time to time. The Board conducted independent facility evaluations and received public input and review in developing the scope of college facility projects to be funded, as listed in the facilities construction, renovation and repair master plan, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees. In preparing the Facility Master Plan the Board of Trustees was advised that it would be less expensive to upgrade and repair aging community college buildings and classrooms now, than in the future. The Master Facilities Plan is on file at the District’s Office of the Superintendent/President, and include the following projects:

Health and Safety Upgrades, such as installation and repair of fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, fire safety doors ........................................ $20,900,000

- Renovate Science Building (Merrill Hall) built in 1964.
- Repair floors, ceilings and lighting.
- Remove asbestos and lead paint.
- Renovate and provide access to restrooms, classrooms and laboratories in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Additional Classrooms and Modernization ............................. $80,130,000

- Renovate and remodel Classroom Administration Building built in 1977.
- Replace library built in 1939.
- Repair and reconstruct Technical Center built in 1969.
- Upgrade for efficiency Campus Center built in 1996.
- Construct Center for Assessment and Lifelong Learning.
- Remodel physical education classrooms and laboratories.
- Complete the King Center Education Center.
- Complete the South County Education Center.
- Complete the Technical Training Centers for East Campus.
- Construct health wellness center.

Energy Efficiency Improvements ........................................ $6,200,000

- Replace energy systems, heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and related utility system.

Sites; Site Accessibility, Safety and Security ..................... $13,970,000

- Improve pedestrian access routes across campus for safety.
- Improve campus safety and security by adding exterior lighting.
- Implement safety upgrades to relieve traffic flow and parking congestion.
- Repair or replace outdated natural gas, water, sewer, storm drain systems.
- Acquire property to expand student capacity and alleviate traffic congestion in neighborhoods adjacent to campus.

Information Technology and Equipment ............................ $10,200,000

- Upgrade electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and Internet access.
- Upgrade and replace outdated technology equipment including computers, laboratory equipment and classroom furnishings.

TOTAL ................................................................. $131,000,000

Listed repairs, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District’s receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District’s control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed.

Fiscal Accountability. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements. Performance and financial audits will be performed annually, and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens Oversight Committee to ensure that funds are spent as promised and specified. The Citizens Oversight Committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No District employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the Citizens Oversight Committee.

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of college facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of college facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other operating expenses. By law, all funds can only be spent on repair and improvement projects.

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