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BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403,
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 11 (15-16)

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 17, 2015

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WHEREAS, improvements to school facilities are needed in Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington (the "District") in order to provide the students of the District with adequate, proper and safe educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide part of the funds to enable the District to construct, equip, renovate and make such necessary capital improvements to its facilities, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$236,700,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (including RCW 28A.530.010 and RCW 84.52.056) provide that the question of whether or not such Bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes and taxes levied to pay such Bonds must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in RCW ch. 39.98 (the "Credit Enhancement Act"), the State Legislature established a credit enhancement program (the "Program") for voter-approved school district general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.98.040 of the Credit Enhancement Act authorizes the state

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treasurer to make a determination whether a school district is eligible for participation in the Program under rules adopted by the state finance committee; and

WHEREAS, if the proposition is approved, the District may elect to participate in the Program upon an administrative determination that it is cost-effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Directors (the "Board") hereby finds and declares that the best interest of the students and other inhabitants of the District require the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The District shall undertake the following capital improvements to the District facilities (the "Improvements"):

- Modernize and partially replace Bethel High School.
- Remodel Cedarcrest Middle School.
- Construct a new elementary school on the Cedarcrest Middle School site.
- Construct a new swimming pool at a District-owned site.
- Replace Challenger High School.
- Construct a new academic wing, expand the commons and gym space and make modifications to the front office entry at Graham-Kapowsin High School.
- Upgrade and improve Evergreen and Naches Trail Elementary Schools.
- Construct synthetic turf athletic fields, including tracks, equipment, lighting and storage, at Graham-Kapowsin and Spanaway High Schools.
- Acquire a site for a new elementary school.

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- Site Circulation Project at Camas Prairie Elementary School.
- Make heating and ventilation systems, health and safety systems, generator upgrades and/or building modifications and improvements to Elk Plain, Roy, Rocky Ridge, Camas Prairie, Centennial, Graham and Kapowsin Elementary Schools, Bethel and Frontier Middle Schools, and to other school buildings, if necessary and expedient.
- Construct athletic fields at a District-owned site.
- Make technology infrastructure improvements, hazard mitigation, including seismic improvements and upgrades, energy-efficiency improvements, security system improvements, and access improvements, including sidewalks and safe walking paths throughout the District.

The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital Improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of such Improvements. Such Improvements shall be complete with all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes, and state or local circumstances require, the District shall use such funds to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds or acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors may determine, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

The District shall determine the application of available moneys as between the various Improvements set forth above so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Improvements described or provided for in this section. The District shall determine the exact extent and specifications for construction of structures or other improvements.

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If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any of such Improvements or portions thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Improvements and may apply the Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Improvements, to other capital improvements, or to payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

In the event that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, plus any other moneys of the District legally available, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Improvements provided by this section, the District shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those Improvements for which the Bonds were approved deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

It is anticipated that the District may receive funds from the State of Washington pursuant to Chapter 28A.525 RCW in the estimated amount of \$81,900,000. The District intends to apply such state construction assistance funds to the projects described in Section 2. Should the District receive more than the estimated amount of state construction assistance funds, these additional resources may be used to purchase land for future school and/or support sites or to add to existing school and/or support sites. The District may also use such funds to make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Improvements described in Section 2 hereof and/or to reimburse the District for such costs to the extent that District funds have been used for such purposes,

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together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, the District shall issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$236,700,000. The balance of the cost of such Improvements shall be paid out of any moneys which the District now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes, including mitigation fees, impact fees, and out of possible state or federal grants of money. None of the Bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for other than a capital purpose. Such Bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the Bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of twenty (20) years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said Bonds shall be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said Bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW. The proceeds of the Bonds may be used to

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redeem and retire such short term obligations or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made for such Improvements.

Section 5. Bond Election. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District requires the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds at a special election to be held on February 9, 2016. The Pierce County Auditor as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, Washington is hereby requested also to call and conduct the special election to be held within the District and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS- \$236,700,000

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 11 (15-16) concerning Proposition #1 for improvements to its education facilities. Proposition #1 would authorize the District to replace or renovate six elementary, middle and high schools; construct one elementary school; repair roofs; upgrade security, alarm and fire sprinklers and technology infrastructure; make earthquake and safety improvements; install energy-efficient heating and lighting; and construct or improve playfields and athletic facilities by issuing \$236,700,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years and to levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds. Should Proposition #1 be approved or rejected?

APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?.....

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Pierce County Auditor.

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Section 6. Request for Eligibility for the Credit Enhancement Program. In preparation for the issuance and sale of the Bonds after approval by the voters, the Board of Directors hereby requests that the State Treasurer issue a certificate of eligibility in favor of the District for participation by the District in the Program with respect to the Bonds. The Superintendent is hereby authorized (following voter approval) to submit such applications, resolutions and certifications as shall be required by the State Treasurer in reviewing the District's request for participation.

Section 7. Severability. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but they shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

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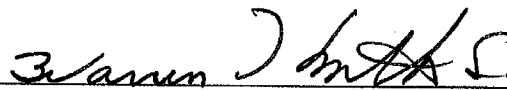
Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 17th day of November, 2015.

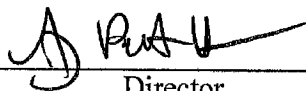
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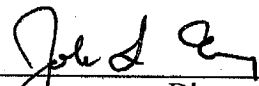
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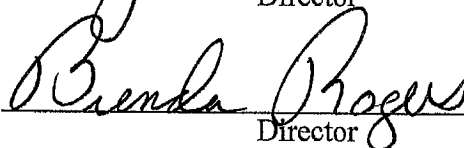
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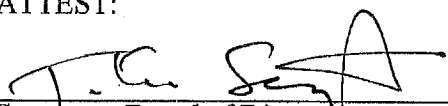


Director



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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors

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CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 11 (15-16) of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of November, 2015.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of November, 2015.



Secretary, Board of Directors

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 9, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "APPROVED"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "REJECTED."

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NOTICE

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2016, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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REJECTED?.....

Pierce County Auditor