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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 3, 2020

**Rio School District
Conference Room
1800 Solar Drive
Oxnard, CA 93030**

**JOHN D. PUGLISI, Ph. D.
Superintendent**

**Board of Education
Linda Armas, President
Eleanor Torres, Clerk
Joe Esquivel
Felix Eisenhauer, DMA
Edith Martinez-Cortes**

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**Wednesday, June 3, 2020
RSD Special Board Meeting**

**Rio School District
1800 Solar Drive
Oxnard, CA 93030
Closed Session: 5:00 p.m.**

1. Preliminary Business- 5:00 p.m.

1.1 Call to Order-5:00 p.m

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

2.1 Agenda corrections, additions, and modifications.

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

3. Communications

3.1 Reconvene Open Session and Report of Closed Session

3.2 Public Comment Procedures for receiving communication from the public on topics that fall under the subject jurisdiction of the Governing Board. 1. Special Board Meeting - A member of the public may address the Governing Board on any item(s) on the agenda. (Each person speaking may not exceed a total of three minutes on each item). The speaker may choose to speak during public comment or at the time of the agenda item prior to board consideration. These presentations are limited to three minutes or a total of twenty minutes.

4. Information/Action

4.1 Master Planning Priorities Workshop

4.2 Approval of Resolution 1920/56 Regarding Measure L Bond and Master Planning Priorities Related to COVID 19

5. Adjournment

5.1 Adjournment

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**Agenda Item Details**

Meeting	Jun 03, 2020 - RSD Special Board Meeting
Category	4. Information/Action
Subject	4.1 Master Planning Priorities Workshop
Access	Public
Type	Discussion, Information
Goals	Goal 1-Improved student achievement at every school and every grade in all content areas

Public Content

Speaker: Superintendent Puglisi

Rationale:

Staff will present information regarding the Master Plan.

Administrative Content**Executive Content**

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Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jun 03, 2020 - RSD Special Board Meeting
Category	4. Information/Action
Subject	4.2 Approval of Resolution 1920/56 Regarding Measure L Bond Project Prioritization
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	The District is seeking the Board of Trustees support for the attached resolution in order to shift priority from prior bond projects to those which maximize the ability for the District to upgrade, modernize and make health and safety improvements at each of its schools in order to comply with requirements to safely open schools in the fall.

Public Content

Speaker: John Puglisi, Ph.D.

Rationale:

In November 2018, the voters of the Rio School District (District) approved Measure L, a \$59.2 million dollar bond to improve the quality of education in the District by modernizing outdated classrooms and facilities, as well as, making healthy, safety and security improvements among other items.

On March 16, 2020, the District closed all its schools as a result of the COVID19 virus. In order to plan for the safe re-opening of schools for in-person fall learning, many bond projects identified as second tier projects will be moved up to priority in order equip school facilities with safety measures needed to keep students as safe as possible to re-open in the fall.

Proposition 39, was approved by voters of California in November 2000, which allows the issuance of bonds for the construction of school facilities if approved by 55 percent of a school district's voters. Specifically, the California Constitution has always required that general obligation bond proceeds be spent only for the purposes authorized by the voters. The list of projects in Measure L included items such as improving student access shade structures, upgrading technology access and, making health, safety and campus improvements at District campuses.

There will be no impact to the District's General Fund. The District's costs will be funded out of dedicated facilities and bond funds.

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[Measure L Complete Language.pdf \(165 KB\)](#)

Administrative Content

Executive Content

RIO SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1920/56

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING BOND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout California, necessitating guidance and action from federal, state and local officials; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of students, staff and the community; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to the greatest extent possible, while maintaining the health and safety of the students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to teaching and learning, including taking necessary steps to alter school facilities and classrooms to comply with guidelines to safely re-open Rio's schools; and

WHEREAS, while COVID-19 is still a threat; Rio School District is dedicated to implementing changes required to safely re-open schools in the fall, which include social distancing, rigorous cleaning, potential PPE for staff and students, and where desired providing alternative learning accommodations that meets the needs of students and families; and

WHEREAS, all students deserve safe, welcoming, and stimulating learning environments that support personal well-being and academic success; and

WHEREAS, school bond funds help schools provide safe facilities that offer the learning opportunities required for a high-quality 21st-century education; and

WHEREAS, normal wear and tear and new technologies have rendered a substantial number of

California's classrooms insufficient to meet the 21st-century educational needs of students and provide environmental efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, Measure L was approved by the voters with 71.98% voting yes; and

WHEREAS, Measure L authorizes the Rio School District to sell up to \$59.2m in bond funds to improve the quality of education by modernizing classrooms, making health, safety and security improvements, including updating HVAC units, upgrading technology among other necessary items; and

WHEREAS, investments in modern school facilities are investments in the safety of our youth, our communities, our economy, and our shared future; and

WHEREAS, the District is dedicated to maximizing the ability for the District to upgrade, modernize and make health and safety improvements at each of its schools in order to comply with requirement to safely open schools in the fall; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The District will continue collaborating with union partners on a plan to safely re-open schools in the Fall that continue delivering high-quality educational opportunities to students through in-person learning, independent study, and other hybrid options; and
3. The Board hereby authorizes the District to expend Measure L funding consistent with a bond authorized by a 55 percent vote (Proposition 39); and
4. This Resolution authorizes the District to shift priority to bond projects which are required to safely re-open schools in the fall; and
5. The District shall continue conducting an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds are expended only on the specific school facilities projects listed at the time the Board approved bringing forth the Measure L to the voters for approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Rio School District, at a regularly-held meeting on the 3rd day of June, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Linda Armas

President of the Board of Trustees

Eleanor Torres

Clerk of the Board of Trustees



Measure L – Rio Elementary School District

Impartial Analysis by County Counsel*

Rio Elementary School District's (District) Board of Trustees (Board) has placed a bond measure on the ballot for voter approval. The measure will become effective only if fifty-five percent (55%) of District voters vote "Yes" on Measure L. If so approved, the measure authorizes the District to issue up to \$59,200,000 general obligation bonds at interest rates not exceeding the legal rate. The purpose is to raise money for the District's specific facility projects (Projects) listed in Measure L. In exchange for monies received from bondholders, the District promises to pay bondholders interest on the bonds for a set amount of time and then to repay the principal amount of the bonds to these bondholders.

Bond proceeds may only be used to fund Projects included in the measure's list of covered District facilities. Bond proceeds legally may be used to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, rebuild, and furnish these Projects. Approval of the measure does not guarantee that any particular one of these Projects will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the bond measure. Thus, approval of the measure does not guarantee receipt of state matching funds, which may be subject to appropriation by the State legislature or to voter approval of statewide bond measures. Bond proceeds also may be used for incidental costs associated with the Projects, including election and bond issuance costs. Proceeds may not be used to maintain equipment, purchase supplies, or pay salaries or operating expenses. The Board has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing its list of Projects.

Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from proceeds of real property taxes levied upon owners of taxable property in the District. Such taxes would be in addition to any other taxes currently levied in the District. The total amount of increased taxes depends upon what is needed to pay principal and interest on the bonds. The District estimates that the total debt service required, including for principal and interest, is \$118.3 million. The District estimates that the initial tax rate will be \$27.00 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation and that the average tax rate will be \$25.77 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Any series of the bonds will have a maximum term of 30 years. The dates of sale and the total amount of any bond series will be determined by the District based upon its need for funds and other factors, including legal limitations on use of the bond proceeds.

The Board will conduct annual performance and financial audits and appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee to report on and monitor expenditures to ensure bond funds are expended only on facilities listed in the measure. District officials must submit annual reports to the Board stating the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in any given year, as well as the status of any Projects to be funded from bond proceeds.

* Section 9500 of the California Elections Code requires the County Counsel to prepare an Impartial Analysis for each school measure appearing on the ballot.

Argument in Favor of Measure L

Our students need your YES vote on Measure L! Our schools are the most important assets in our community and should be a top priority. Quality schools result in higher achieving students, increased property values, and greater neighborhood safety. However, many elementary classrooms and school facilities in the Rio School District are old and inadequate to provide students with the school facilities they need to succeed.

Our schools have been well maintained over the years with major construction and renovation projects recently. Since 2014, the District built a new school to reduce overcrowding and addressed the most needed modernization projects. Our work is not done though. Today, the average age of our oldest schools is nearly 60 years old. Rio Plaza Elementary, the District's oldest, was first built in 1954. Measure L would allow the District to continue our investment in our neighborhood schools and improve the quality of education provided to local children.

If passed, Measure L would provide funding to modernize outdated elementary classrooms, restrooms and school facilities including:

- Making security and safety improvement
- Providing heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems to classrooms that are currently lacking
- Improving student access to computers and modern technology
- Renovating or constructing school libraries
- Constructing new classrooms to accommodate growth

Measure L makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.



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- All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the state.
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- Funds can only be spent to improve our local schools, not for teacher or administrator salaries.

Measure L continues the upgrade and renovation of old and inadequate classrooms, improves the education of local children, and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE L!

s/Magdalena M. Solorzano
Community Member

s/Sonia Maria Cervantes
Community Member

s/Felix Eisenhauer
Board President

s/Rosa Balderrama
Board Member

No Argument Against This Measure Was Submitted

Full Text of Bond Measure L

Upon the passage of Measure L, the Rio Elementary School District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$59,200,000, bearing interest at rates not exceeding the statutory limit, for the purpose of funding the school facilities projects listed below under the heading "School Facilities Projects to Be Funded with Proceeds of Bonds" (the "Financed Facilities").

Proposition 39 Bond Accountability Measures

At its June 6, 2018 meeting, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") certified that it evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing the list of Financed Facilities set forth below. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used only for the projects identified in the list, and not for any other purpose (i.e., teacher and administrative salaries and other school operating expenses).

The District will deposit the proceeds of the bonds in a separate account. The Board is bound to conduct financial and performance audits annually to account for the bond funds and to assure that funds have only been expended on the specific projects authorized. The District shall prepare and deliver an annual report to the Board containing the amount of funds collected and expended as well as the status of school facilities projects authorized to be funded by proceeds of the Bonds.

The Board will appoint a citizen's oversight committee (the "Committee") having a minimum of seven members and including at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and one member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization.

School Facilities Projects to Be Funded

Rio Real Elementary School (Initial Construction Date: 1958):

- Renovate, upgrade, and modernize old and outdated classrooms.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Renovate outdated infrastructure including plumbing, electrical, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.
- Add a new Kindergarten classroom.
- Expand administration building.
- Construct multipurpose/gymnasium for school and community use.



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- Improve student safety by improving bus drop off zone.
- New fencing (security/safety).
- HVAC additions and improvements.

Rio Plaza Elementary School (Initial Construction Date: 1954):

- Renovate, upgrade, and modernize old and outdated classrooms.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Renovate outdated infrastructure including plumbing, electrical, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.

- Expand administration building.
- Improve student safety through a drop-off zone improvement.
- HVAC additions and improvements.

Rio Lindo Elementary School (Initial Construction Date: 1964):

- Renovate, upgrade, and modernize old and outdated classrooms.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Renovate outdated infrastructure including plumbing, electrical, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.
- Construct new and/or expand library/administration building.
- Improve student safety by reconfiguring bus drop-off zone.
- Add a school garden.
- Renovate and expand kitchen/cafeteria.
- HVAC additions and improvements.

Rio del Valle Middle School (Initial Construction Date: 1961):

- Renovate, upgrade, and modernize old and outdated classrooms, the library, and student support facilities.
- Renovate outdated infrastructure including plumbing, electrical, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.
- Construct a new science building.
- Upgrade campus landscaping and add a community garden.
- Add a fitness center.
- HVAC additions and improvements.

Rio Rosales Elementary School (Initial Construction Date: 2007):

- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.
- Expand parking lot and redesign bus drop-off zone.
- Increase grass play area in partnership with City, into the adjacent park site for school and community use.
- Renovate and expand kitchen/cafeteria.
- Repayment of 2007 Certificates of Participation.

Rio del Norte Elementary School (Initial Construction Date: 2001):

- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.
- HVAC additions and improvements.

Rio del Mar Elementary School (Initial Construction Date: 2006):

- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.



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Rio Vista Middle School (Initial Construction Date: 2007):

- Improve student access to computers and modern technology including adding classroom visual presentation systems.
- Convert existing library to a library media technology center.
- Make health, safety, and campus security improvements.

Rio del Sol STEAM School

- Construct new classrooms (Building C)

Additional Expenditures and Project Related Items

- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction.
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (such as plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- Other improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, and access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Necessary site acquisition and preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling of student support facilities, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines (such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.
- Rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including relocatables) for students and school functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.
- Acquisition of any of the facilities on the list through temporary lease or lease-purchase arrangements, or execute purchase option under leases for any of these authorized facilities.
- For any project involving rehabilitation or renovation of a building or other facilities or the major portion of a building or other facilities, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction instead, if the Board determines that replacement and new construction is more economically practical than rehabilitation and renovation, considering the building's or facilities' age, condition, expected remaining life, and other relevant factors.
- All work necessary and incidental to specific projects described above, including demolition of existing structures.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Approval of the District's Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed school facilities projects in the District that are the subject of the Bonds will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Bond Measure. The District's proposal for the school facilities projects may assume receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. The allocation of bond proceeds may also be affected by the final costs of each project. In the absence of state matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects identified in Bond Measure.

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. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary relocation assistance, site preparation/restoration and landscaping, may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of portable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Additional Specifications

Listed projects may be completed at any and all school sites where such project is determined necessary. Where economically feasible, buildings, fixtures, and equipment may be replaced rather than modernized, renovated, or repaired. Projects may include the acquisition and construction of temporary housing or other replacement structures as necessary. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs and construction costs. In addition to the projects listed above, the Financed Facilities also include the acquisition of land, instructional, maintenance and operational furniture and equipment, payment of the costs of preparation of all facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning,



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improvements, rehabilitation projects, and upgrades will be completed only as feasible, and the list of Financed Facilities does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains the province of the Board by subsequent action.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as on single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the Bonds and proceeds of the Bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the Bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The Bonds may be issued and sold in several series and in accordance with a plan of finance determined by the Board pursuant to the requirements of law.

Project Requiring State Matching Funds. Approval of the District's Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed District projects that are the subject of the Measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Measure. Some of the District's projects may assume the receipt of state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide Bond Measure.

