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**RESOLUTION # 10 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer  
DEPUTY CLERK

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REDWOOD CITY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING AN ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
AN EDUCATION PARCEL TAX, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE  
ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER  
ELECTIONS OCCURING ON JUNE 5, 2012**

WHEREAS, Student achievement in reading, math and other academic subject areas, is increasing steadily in Redwood City elementary and middle schools, and

WHEREAS, California's precarious financial situation has already resulted in cuts in State education funding, and the continuing uncertainties of the State budget situation threatens ongoing funding of the District's programs in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the District has also reduced spending by \$13 million over the last five years through ongoing cost-cutting measures, and further cuts will significantly impact the level of support that the District can provide to students and teachers, and will directly impact classroom services; and

WHEREAS, funding at the level anticipated for 2012-13 will negatively affect the District's efforts to improve the quality of education for its children and will result in cut-back of educational services in order to maintain financial solvency; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board (the "Board") of the Redwood City School District (the "District") has established the goals of improving academic performance, of maintaining the highest possible quality of education for all children in the District, and of providing the best qualified staff available; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in a variety of efforts to identify all possible funding sources and generate funds for the District to meet its educational goals; and

WHEREAS, securing funding at the local level will eliminate some of the uncertainty in school district budget planning resulting annually from the State budget process; and

WHEREAS, the community expressed a desire for strong schools, and neighboring districts, including other elementary feeder districts for Sequoia Union High School District, all currently have a parcel tax in effect; and Redwood City is the only elementary district in the immediate area that does not currently have a parcel tax; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 50079 authorizes a school district, upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes following notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this Board, following a public hearing and comment, it is advisable to request that the Superintendent of Schools of San Mateo County call an election and submit to the voters of the District the question of whether the District shall levy a special tax within the District for the purpose of raising additional revenue for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5342 and applicable Elections Code sections, such election shall occur on June 5, 2012, and pursuant to Elections Code sections 10400, 10402, and 10403, such election may be completely or partially consolidated with any other election held on the same day and in the same territory or territory that is in part the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Redwood City School District that:

1. Recitals. This Board hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

2. Order of Election. This resolution shall stand as the order to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to call an election within the boundaries of the District on June 5, 2012, for approval of the measure which will be presented to voters in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, ("Measure") containing the question of whether the District shall impose a special tax for the educational purposes stated therein. In addition, the full text of the Measure ("Full Ballot Text") shall appear in the ballot pamphlet in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code, and the authority for ordering the election is contained in and section 50075 et seq. of the California Government Code and Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

3. Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons' Exemption from Special Tax. An exemption from payment of the special tax may be granted on any parcel owned by one or more persons 65 years of age or over who occupies said parcel as a principal residence, upon application for exemption ("Senior Citizen Exemption") and on any parcel owned by one or more persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, who occupies said parcel as a principal residence ("SSI Exemption"). Exemptions may be granted based on a one-time application, subject to District's right to verify a property owner's continuing qualification for exemption.

4. Collection of the Tax. The special tax shall be placed on the tax roll immediately following the adoption of the Measure by the County of San Mateo Treasurer-Tax Collector ("County Tax Collector") and shall be levied for a period of five (5) years. The special tax shall be collected at the same time, in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the County Tax Collector. Unpaid special taxes shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid.

The special tax shall be levied on all parcels of taxable real property in the District. "Parcel of Taxable Real Property" shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District that

receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the County Tax Collector's Office. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the special tax in such year.

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the County Tax Collector shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the special tax, including the Senior Citizen Exemption and SSI Exemption, the decision of the District shall be final and binding.

5. Reporting and Oversight

(a) *Specific Purpose.* The proceeds of the special tax shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified in the Full Ballot Text. The proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited into a fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from other funds of the District.

(b) *Annual Report.* No later than January 1 of each year while the special tax is in effect, the District shall prepare and file with the Board a report/audit detailing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project authorized to be funded by this Measure.

(c) *Independent Citizen Oversight Committee.* The Board shall provide for the creation of an independent citizen oversight committee oversee the special taxes collected pursuant to the Measure to ensure that moneys raised under this Measure are spent only for the purposes described in this Measure. The Board shall provide by resolution for the composition, duties, funding, and other necessary information regarding the committee's formation and operation.

6. Filing of Order of Election. The Secretary of this Board is ordered to cause certified copies of this resolution and order to be delivered not later than March 7, 2012, to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo.

7. Formal Notice. The San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to prepare and execute a Formal Notice of Parcel Tax Election and consolidation order in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C (the "Formal Notice"), and to call the election by causing the Formal Notice to be posted in every schoolhouse in the District and at three public places in the District, in accordance with Section 5362 of the Education Code, no later than Wednesday, March 7, 2012, or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law. The Secretary of this Board, on behalf of and as may be requested by the County Superintendent of Schools, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

8. Conduct of Election

(a) Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code, the Registrar of Voters is requested to take all steps to hold an election on June 5, 2012 in accordance with law and these specifications.

(b) *Voter Pamphlet.* The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint the Measure in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to section 13307 of the Elections Code. In the event the Measure in Exhibit B will not be reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the County Registrar is hereby requested print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the measure, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters at {phone number} and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”

(c) *Consolidation.* The San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors of the County are requested to order consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

(d) *Canvass of Results.* The Board of Supervisors of the County is authorized to canvass the returns of the election pursuant to Section 10411 of the Elections Code.

9. Appropriations Limit. The Board shall provide in each year for an increase in the District’s appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that the proceeds of the special tax may be spent for its authorized purposes.

10. Ballot Argument. The President of this Board, or any member or members of this Board as the President shall designate, is hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 3 hereof, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters, which shall be considered the official ballot argument of this Board as sponsor of the proposition.

11. Official Actions. The District Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees are hereby authorized to execute any other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the Measure on the ballot, including making alterations to the Measure and Full Ballot Text stated in Exhibits A and B hereto to comply with requirements of law and election officials or which are, in the judgment of the Superintendent, in the best interests of the District.

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12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.

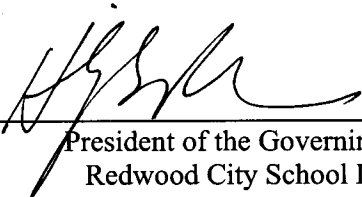
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - President Paulson, Trustees Masur, Diaz-Slocum,  
McBride and MacAvoy


NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

  
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President of the Governing Board  
Redwood City School District

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of the Governing Board  
Redwood City School District

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

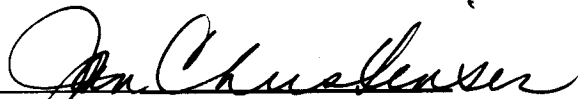
I, Jan Christensen Secretary of the Governing Board of the Redwood City Elementary School District, County of San Mateo, California, do hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the District duly noticed and held at the regular meeting place thereof on February 22, 2012, and entered in the minutes thereof, of which meeting all of the members of said Governing Board had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present, and said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	5	– President Paulson, Trustees Masur, Diaz-Slocum, McBride and MacAvoy
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in my office. Said resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 22nd day of February, 2012.



Secretary of the Governing Board  
Redwood City Elementary School District