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## Press Release

The Onalaska School District Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution to move forward with a Capital Construction Project at their October School Board meeting. The Board approved a \$7.25 million dollar bond to go before the voters in February of 2018.

The construction projects consist of building four new classroom additions to the Onalaska Middle School, a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) building at Onalaska High School and a new Maintenance/Records Retention building located on the Onalaska School District campus.

The Onalaska Facilities Task Force, comprised of community members and school board members, had been meeting over a period of seven months to discuss the bond proposal. In the end, the committee recommended the three projects to take to the voters for approval.

Based on the latest property values in the Onalaska School District attendance boundaries, the project is estimated to cost taxpayers 96 cents per \$1000 of assessed property value.

The last time the school district went to the voters for a capital construction project was in February of 2003. Those funds were used for capital improvements at Onalaska High School.

At this point in time, there will be no matching funds from the state as the legislature has yet to pass a Capital Construction budget, which helps school districts offset the costs of construction.

More details about the bond will be forthcoming once plans are finalized with construction consultants and architectural drawings are completed.

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