

RESOLUTION

16-24

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING SUPPORT FOR WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-3J BALLOT QUESTIONS 3F AND 3G TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hudson (the “Town”) is a home rule municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized by Section 1-45-117(b)(III)(A) and (B) to pass a resolution or take a position of advocacy on any ballot issue and to report passage of such resolution through established customary means; and

WHEREAS, the Weld County School District Re-3J (the “District”) provides educational services to children within the District’s boundaries, including the communities of Hudson, Lochbuie, Keenesburg, Prospect Valley and Roggen; and

WHEREAS, funding through the State of Colorado is not sufficient for the District to maintain its current level of service to children within the District’s boundaries, and to provide quality education for all students and to implement existing and proposed educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Weld Re-3J Ballot Question 3F for a bond proposal to provide funding for:

- Upgrading safety and security in school buildings
- Improving school buildings by repairing and/or replacing outdated lighting, plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems and roofs to reduce energy costs, to extend the life of existing buildings, and to reduce costly emergency repairs
- Improving instructional spaces to enhance science, technology, engineering and math (“STEM”) instruction and to provide early childhood and full-day kindergarten spaces
- Constructing, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school in Lochbuie, rebuilding, renovating, furnishing and equipping Hudson Academy of Arts & Sciences, and constructing and equipping a new transportation facility in Keenesburg to improve safety and efficiency
- Making paving and concrete repairs district-wide and improving playgrounds at elementary schools

WHEREAS, Weld Rd-3J Ballot Question 3G for a mill levy override will provide funding for:

- Attracting and retaining quality teachers and reducing teacher turnover
- Replacing outdated textbooks and materials, and updating instructional technology
- Properly funding the ongoing maintenance of district facilities to extend their useful life
- Restoring staffing levels to reduce class sizes and to restore programming at elementary and secondary levels

- Providing full-day kindergarten
- Restoring the district's transportation fleet to improve safety and to enhance reliability

WHEREAS, passage of Ballot Issue 3F would represent an increase in taxes on residential properties of approximately \$1.97 per month per \$100,000 of market value; and

WHEREAS, passage of Ballot Issue 3G would represent an increase in taxes on residential properties of approximately \$2.29 per month per \$100,000 of market value; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that Hudson's elementary school, the Hudson Academy of Arts and Sciences, is an important and integral part of the Hudson community and an important focal point in a full-service municipality; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Education has concluded that the Hudson Academy of Arts and Sciences will likely need to be closed if the proposed funding measures fail to pass in the upcoming election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that quality education of our children is essential for the freedom, prosperity, and success of our communities and of our country.

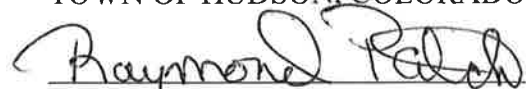
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hudson Town Council:

Section 1. The Town Council acknowledges the need for increased funding for Weld County School District Re-3J if it is to provide quality educational services to children of Hudson and of the entire District.

Section 2. That the Town Council supports passage of Weld County School District Re-3J Ballot Questions 3F and 3G, increasing property tax rates for the purpose of increasing funding of public education programs and facilities.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2016 at the meeting of the Hudson Town Council.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO


Raymond Patch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Utecht, Town Clerk