TOPIC: REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

Due to an interest from community members, tonight’s meeting is solely on the topic of the Replacement Education Programs and Operations Levy.

The district is going out for a levy amount of $2,504,168 for collection is tax year 2021 and $2,504,168 for collection in 2022. This is $1.35 per $1,000 of assessed value for each tax year.

Kim Emmons, President of North Beach Citizens for Schools, committed on how she would like to see more community involvement in promoting the levy next time. But, we did a great job with the group we had.

We have to have at least 51% yes votes to pass the levy.

Long-Term Facilities Committee – In March we will have three community events to discuss future facility plans for the district, which includes running a bond for a new Pacific Beach Elementary. The bond would also include needs of all the buildings in the district (safety items, phones, improvements, etc.)

Andy discussed the seismic safety study that was conducted by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources on Pacific Beach Elementary. The legislature appropriation set aside money from the capital budget to assess urban and rural schools, of varying capacity, in high risk areas for seismic safety needs. Pacific Beach Elementary was 2nd on a list of 15. Because of the materials the gym was built with, it is vulnerable to earthquakes; older unreinforced masonry buildings and non-ductile concrete buildings are especially at risk. They have allocated $1.83M to us to reinforce the masonry.

Kim thanked Andy for being transparent and supportive for students, community, and families.

Rhonda Ham, Principal of Ocean Shores Elementary, thanked Kim Emmons and Kylie Dennis for coming in and presenting to the staff, their idea of a “Pawsitive” Playground campaign.