



Unified School District No. 303
Ness County, Kansas (Ness City)

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR BOND ELECTION

The following is a summary of certain key financial information related to the bond election for the District:

BALLOT QUESTION

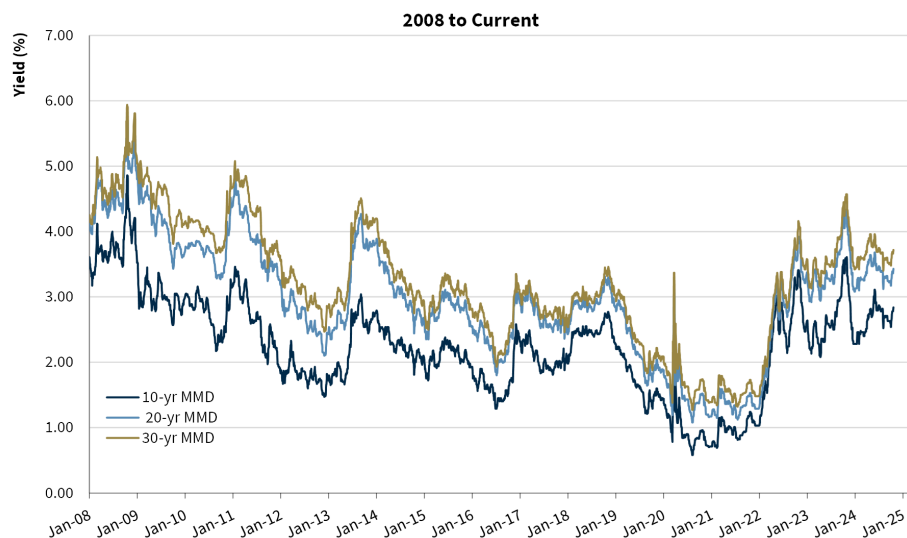
- The ballot question for the bond election is as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 303, Ness County, Kansas (Ness City), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000, to pay the costs to acquire, construct, equip and install additions, renovations and improvements (a) to the district junior/senior high school building, including HVAC replacement, roof repairs and improvements, a new physical education and competition gymnasium, locker room, weight room and K-12 FEMA storm shelter addition that connects to the elementary school building, secure entry improvements, renovated office space, and auditorium renovations; and (b) to the district elementary school, including HVAC replacement and electrical system improvements, secure entry and other office area improvements, renovations to other areas, and improvements to accommodate the connecting addition to the junior/senior high school building; pay the costs to make related site and utility improvements and all other necessary and related improvements; and pay financing costs of issuance and capitalized interest affiliated with the general obligation bonds; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A 10-101 et seq., K.S.A 25-2018(f), K.S.A 72-5457 and K.S.A 72-5458 et seq.?

CURRENT INTEREST RATES

- Interest Rates for municipal bonds are currently favorable from a historical perspective. According to the *Bond Buyer 20 Bond Index*, rates have been higher 67.3% of the time since 1990.



PROJECT FINANCING

- School districts in Kansas can issue general obligation bonds with up to 30 installments over a 32-year repayment period. The District intends to use a 25-year repayment period for the proposed bond issue and, based upon current interest rates, the average interest rate on the General Obligation Bonds is expected to be approximately 4.31%.
- Using a 25-year repayment for the Bonds will save \$5,713,414 in interest expense compared to a repayment period of 30 years. This reduces the amount of interest expense paid by taxpayers in the District.
- Interest rates are still relatively low from a historical perspective with interest rates on tax-exempt municipal bonds being higher 67.3% of the time since 1990 according to the *Bond Buyer 20 Bond Index*.
- Over the years the District has experienced fluctuations in the assessed valuation, or tax base, of the District. The District's Assessed Valuation has averaged 5.16% annual growth over the past twenty years. However, there have been years where the assessed valuation of the District has declined. These annual fluctuations range from an increase of 37.98% to a decline of 33.23%. The plan of finance for the bond election uses a 2% annual growth rate for Assessed Valuation. If the District's Assessed Valuation grows at a higher percentage, this could help the mill levy be set lower than projections used for the bond election campaign.
- The District currently does not have a Bond & Interest mill levy since there are no outstanding general obligation bonds. The new debt service payments for the proposed bonds are estimated to result in a mill levy of 29 mills in order to repay the bonds.
- The median value home in Ness County is \$85,400. The annual increase in property taxes resulting from this bond election, which is projected to result in a 29 mill levy increase, on a \$100,000 home would be \$333.50 per year or \$27.79 per month.



ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS FOR BOND ELECTION

Unified School District No. 303		
Ness County, Kansas (Ness City)		
<i>Calculation of Mill Levy - Taxpayer Cost Analysis - Residential Property</i>		
Annual Property Tax		Cost to Homeowner Based on Mill Levy Increase of:
Appraised Value (1)	Assessed Value (11.5%)	
\$250,000	\$28,750	29 Mills \$833.75
\$150,000	\$17,250	\$500.25
\$100,000	\$11,500	\$333.50
\$85,400	\$9,821	\$284.81
\$50,000	\$5,750	\$166.75
Monthly Property Tax		
Appraised Value (1)	Assessed Value (11.5%)	
\$250,000	\$28,750	29 Mills \$69.48
\$150,000	\$17,250	\$41.69
\$100,000	\$11,500	\$27.79
\$85,400	\$9,821	\$23.73
\$50,000	\$5,750	\$13.90
Daily Property Tax		
Appraised Value (1)	Assessed Value (11.5%)	
\$250,000	\$28,750	29 Mills \$2.28
\$150,000	\$17,250	\$1.37
\$100,000	\$11,500	\$0.91
\$85,400	\$9,821	\$0.78
\$50,000	\$5,750	\$0.46

(1) The median value of owner-occupied homes in Ness County, Kansas was \$85,400 according to the latest U.S. Census.

Unified School District No. 303		
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<i>Calculation of Mill Levy - Taxpayer Cost Analysis - Commercial Property</i>		
Annual Property Tax		Cost to Business Owner Based on Mill Levy Increase of:
Appraised Value	Assessed Value (25.0%)	
\$250,000	\$62,500	29 Mills \$1,812.50
\$100,000	\$25,000	\$725.00
\$50,000	\$12,500	\$362.50
Monthly Property Tax		
Appraised Value	Assessed Value (25.0%)	
\$250,000	\$62,500	29 Mills \$151.04
\$100,000	\$25,000	\$60.42
\$50,000	\$12,500	\$30.21
Daily Property Tax		
Appraised Value	Assessed Value (25.0%)	
\$250,000	\$62,500	29 Mills \$4.97
\$100,000	\$25,000	\$1.99
\$50,000	\$12,500	\$0.99



Unified School District No. 303
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Calculation of Mill Levy - Taxpayer Cost Analysis - Agricultural Property

NATIVE GRASS			Cost to Agricultural Property Owner Based on Mill Levy Increase of:	DRY CROP LAND			Cost to Agricultural Property Owner Based on Mill Levy Increase of:
Annual Property Tax				Annual Property Tax			
Median Use Value			29 Mills	Median Use Value			29 Mills
Acreage	(\$51/ac)			Acreage	(\$156/ac)		
1,000	\$15,300		\$443.70	1,000	\$46,800		\$1,357.20
400	\$6,120		\$177.48	400	\$18,720		\$542.88
160	\$2,448		\$70.99	160	\$7,488		\$217.15
100	\$1,530		\$44.37	100	\$4,680		\$135.72
Monthly Property Tax				Monthly Property Tax			
Median Use Value			29 Mills	Median Use Value			29 Mills
Acreage	(\$51/ac)			Acreage	(\$156/ac)		
1,000	\$15,300		\$36.98	1,000	\$46,800		\$113.10
400	\$6,120		\$14.79	400	\$18,720		\$45.24
160	\$2,448		\$5.92	160	\$7,488		\$18.10
100	\$1,530		\$3.70	100	\$4,680		\$11.31
Daily Property Tax				Daily Property Tax			
Median Use Value			29 Mills	Median Use Value			29 Mills
Acreage	(\$51/ac)			Acreage	(\$156/ac)		
1,000	\$15,300		\$1.22	1,000	\$46,800		\$3.72
400	\$6,120		\$0.49	400	\$18,720		\$1.49
160	\$2,448		\$0.19	160	\$7,488		\$0.59
100	\$1,530		\$0.12	100	\$4,680		\$0.37

IRRIGATED CROP LAND			Cost to Agricultural Property Owner Based on Mill Levy Increase of:
Annual Property Tax			
Median Use Value			29 Mills
Acreage	(\$562/ac)		
1,000	\$168,600		\$4,889.40
400	\$67,440		\$1,955.76
160	\$26,976		\$782.30
100	\$16,860		\$488.94
Monthly Property Tax			
Median Use Value			29 Mills
Acreage	(\$562/ac)		
1,000	\$168,600		\$407.45
400	\$67,440		\$162.98
160	\$26,976		\$65.19
100	\$16,860		\$40.75
Daily Property Tax			
Median Use Value			29 Mills
Acreage	(\$562/ac)		
1,000	\$168,600		\$13.40
400	\$67,440		\$5.36
160	\$26,976		\$2.14
100	\$16,860		\$1.34



HISTORICAL ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE DISTRICT

year	assessed valuation	
	total assessed valuation	percentage change
1988/89	6,241,022	----
1989/90	6,497,613	4.11%
1990/91	6,431,844	-1.01%
1991/92	6,466,282	0.54%
1992/93	6,798,758	5.14%
1993/94	6,551,443	-3.64%
1994/95	6,391,671	-2.44%
1995/96	17,258,752	170.02%
1996/97	17,733,790	2.75%
1997/98	17,983,831	1.41%
1998/99	18,922,333	5.22%
1999/00	16,944,832	-10.45%
2000/01	18,179,549	22.20%
2001/02	19,927,692	9.62%
2002/03	17,617,803	-11.59%
2003/04	18,792,500	6.67%
2004/05	20,785,333	10.60%
2005/06	28,678,702	37.98%
2006/07	39,089,675	36.30%
2007/08	34,134,896	-12.68%
2008/09	40,282,877	18.01%
2009/10	32,243,708	-19.96%
2010/11	38,511,541	19.44%
2011/12	42,991,417	11.63%
2012/13	49,022,088	14.03%
2013/14	56,381,309	15.01%
2014/15	60,990,736	8.18%
2015/16	40,726,255	-33.23%
2016/17	39,796,592	-2.28%
2017/18	38,198,588	-4.02%
2018/19	40,900,010	7.07%
2019/20	40,067,738	-2.03%
2020/21	34,908,916	-12.88%
2021/22	36,988,634	5.96%
2022/23	44,368,378	19.95%
2023/24	46,573,449	4.97%
2024/25	42,693,029	-8.33%



HISTORICAL MILL LEVY OF THE DISTRICT

- The District has had a very stable mill levy over the past several years. The District's most recent total mill levy is 46.229 mills for the 2024/25 fiscal year as shown below:

Year	General	Local Option Budget	Capital Outlay	Bond & Interest	Other	District Levy
2004/05	20.000	7.580	3.990	4.830	0.000	36.400
2005/06	20.000	6.850	3.980	3.420	0.000	34.250
2006/07	20.000	7.800	4.000	2.110	2.520	36.430
2007/08	20.000	10.200	3.930	0.000	0.000	34.130
2008/09	20.000	11.810	4.000	0.000	0.000	35.810
2009/10	20.000	14.340	4.000	0.000	0.000	38.340
2010/11	20.000	12.960	3.940	0.000	0.000	36.900
2011/12	20.000	14.217	4.553	0.000	0.000	38.770
2012/13	20.000	12.452	5.355	0.000	0.000	37.807
2013/14	20.000	12.093	5.800	0.000	0.000	37.893
2014/15	20.000	12.974	5.809	0.000	0.000	38.783
2015/16	20.000	12.693	7.891	0.000	0.000	40.584
2016/17	20.000	15.112	8.000	0.000	0.000	43.112
2017/18	20.000	15.113	8.000	0.000	0.000	43.113
2018/19	20.000	17.164	8.000	0.000	0.000	45.164
2019/20	20.000	19.145	8.000	0.000	0.000	47.145
2020/21	20.000	18.998	7.998	0.000	0.000	46.996
2021/22	20.000	18.527	7.994	0.000	0.000	46.521
2022/23	20.000	16.478	8.000	0.000	0.000	44.478
2023/24	20.000	19.242	7.994	0.000	0.000	47.236
2024/25	20.000	18.229	8.000	0.000	0.000	46.229

SCHOOL DISTRICT MILL LEVY COMPARISON – BOND & INTEREST MILL LEVY

The following table sets forth the mill levy for the Bond & Interest Fund and Total Mill Levy as of the 2023/24 fiscal year for several other Kansas school districts that have approved bond elections or are located near the District:

District	Bond & Interest Mill Levy	Total Mill Levy
USD 293 Gove County (Quinter Public Schools)	26.489	75.409
USD 360 Sumner County (Caldwell)	20.231	73.353
USD 344 Linn County (Pleasanton)	23.456	71.583
USD 371 Gray County (Montezuma)	21.775	69.923
USD 491 Douglas County (Eudora)	27.813	69.202
USD 101 Neosho County (Eric-Galesburg)	22.964	68.876
USD 482 Lane County (Dighton)	22.521	68.775
USD 257 Allen County (Iola)	23.263	67.879
USD 230 Johnson County (Spring Hill)	20.826	67.446
USD 423 McPherson County (Moundridge)	20.444	67.368
USD 471 Cowley County (Dexter)	21.821	66.531
USD 460 Harvey County (Hesston)	21.405	66.464
USD 203 Wyandotte County (Piper-Kansas City)	22.500	66.270



USD 252 Lyon County (Southern Lyon County)	20.519	66.169
USD 393 Dickinson County (Solomon)	16.834	66.116
USD 385 Butler County (Andover)	27.515	66.055
USD 439 Harvey County (Sedgwick Public Schools)	19.783	65.703
USD 311 Reno County (Pretty Prairie)	17.890	65.250
USD 376 Rice County (Sterling)	18.944	64.823
USD 490 Butler County (El Dorado)	21.426	63.804
USD 419 McPherson County (Canton-Galva)	14.771	62.420
USD 462 Cowley County (Central)	16.456	62.394
USD 410 Marion County (Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh)	13.665	61.678
USD 378 Riley County (Riley County)	17.556	61.155
USD 284 Chase County (Chase County)	14.935	61.110
USD 290 Franklin County (Ottawa)	17.267	60.013
USD 375 Butler County (Circle)	19.189	59.904
USD 464 Leavenworth County (Tonganoxie)	20.628	59.857
USD 402 Butler County (Augusta)	18.548	59.570
USD 205 Butler County (Bluestem)	13.454	59.147
USD 396 Butler County (Douglass Public Schools)	14.944	58.337
USD 394 Butler County (Rose Hill Public Schools)	17.730	57.501
USD 444 Rice County (Little River)	15.524	57.341
USD 404 Cherokee County (Riverton)	12.377	57.024
USD 463 Cowley County (Udall)	10.281	56.984
USD 413 Neosho County (Chanute Public Schools)	12.589	56.678
USD 258 Allen County (Humboldt)	13.757	56.469
USD 283 Elk County (Elk Valley)	0.000	56.432
USD 206 Butler County (Remington-Whitewater)	11.132	55.745
USD 505 Labette County (Chetopa-St. Paul)	7.634	55.697
USD 492 Butler County (Flinthills)	7.289	54.977
USD 436 Montgomery County (Caney Valley)	9.686	54.299
USD 470 Cowley County (Arkansas City)	11.469	54.265
USD 493 Cherokee County (Columbus)	9.453	53.740
USD 234 Bourbon County (Fort Scott)	11.092	52.715
USD 250 Crawford County (Pittsburg)	10.063	52.695
USD 461 Wilson County (Neodesha)	3.523	52.078
USD 504 Labette County (Oswego)	3.176	52.0257
USD 508 Cherokee County (Baxter Springs)	6.502	51.568
USD 282 Elk County (West Elk)	12.627	51.242
USD 484 Wilson County (Fredonia)	4.181	50.703
USD 499 Cherokee County (Galena)	6.378	49.378
USD 387 Wilson County (Altoona-Midway)	0.000	48.618
USD 506 Labette County (Labette County)	0.000	47.843
USD 465 Cowley County (Winfield)	4.941	47.709
<i>USD 303 Ness County (Ness City)</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>47.236</i>
USD 503 Labette County (Parsons)	0.000	45.929
USD 286 Chautauqua County (Chautauqua Co Community)	0.000	45.305
USD 446 Montgomery County (Independence)	2.611	44.609
USD 285 Chautauqua County (Cedar Vale)	0.000	43.340
USD 447 Montgomery County (Cherryvale)	0.000	42.855
USD 445 Montgomery County (Coffeyville)	0.000	42.651



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
November-December 2024	Identify District Facility Needs and Possible Solutions
December 15, 2024	Provide Updated Financing and Taxpayer Cost Analysis
January 27, 2025	Board of Education Special Meeting (If Needed) Review Proposed Project, Final Cost and Plan of Finance
February 10, 2025	Board of Education Meeting (7:00 PM) Adopt Resolution Calling Bond Election
February 14, 2025	Publish Notice of Intent to Submit Application to State Board of Education
February 15, 2025	Submit Application for Conducting Election and State Aid to KSDE
February 20, 2025	Hearing with State Aid Review Committee at KSDE
March 11, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting – Approval of Application
March - April 2025	Bond Election Campaign
March 21, 2025	First Publication of Notice of Bond Election
March 28, 2025	Second Publication of Notice of Bond Election (Not less than 21 Days Prior to Election)
May 6, 2025	Bond Election – Special Election
May 12, 2025	Board of Education Meeting (7:00 PM) Approval of Authorizing Resolution for Bond Sale
May 19, 2025	Rating Call with Rating Agency
May 27, 2025	Rating Agency assigns Bond Rating to District's Bond Issue
May 28, 2025	Distribute Preliminary Official Statement to Potential Bidders
May 29, 2025	Publish Notice of Sale in Local Newspaper and <i>Kansas Register</i>
June 9, 2025	Competitive Sale of Bonds (10:00 AM) Establish Final Interest Rates
June 9, 2025	Board of Education Meeting (7:00 PM) Board approves Bond Resolution
June 10-30, 2025	Print Final Official Statement Distribute Closing Memorandum Assemble Transcript of Legal Proceedings for Attorney General Approval
July 1, 2025	Closing of Bond Issue Investment of Bond Proceeds

