WLCSD Approves Bond For Inclusion In November Election

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Having received approval from State Treasurer Andy Dillon earlier that day, Walled Lake Consolidated School District's Board of Education voted 7-0 at its Thursday, August 22 meeting to approve the ballot wording and set a November 6 vote date for the district's proposed Safety, Security & Technology bond.

According to a fact sheet provided by the district, the board approved a motion to ask district residents to consider the $67.5 million Safety, Security & Technology Bond in July of this year.

The rationale behind the bond, according to the fact sheet, is that the continuously declining general budget would not be able to cover the third part of a three-piece safety and security plan the district initiated last year.

The first phase and second phase of the plan already have been completed. The first phase, which started in December 2012, included the locking of all district school doors while school is in session and hiring door monitors to identify all those entering the buildings.

Installing entrance intercom systems in all schools with Sinking Fund proceeds, the second phase of the plan, was completed this summer.

The bond legally can cover only certain items, including:
- A district-wide keyless entry system
- Comprehensive video surveillance systems
- Entrance and office modifications in all schools for greater safety
- Upgraded mass notification and fire alarm systems
- Emergency backup generators and emergency lighting upgrades
- Emergency responder signage
- Replacement of the district phone system and master clock systems
- Essential technology upgrades in every school and classroom to ensure facilities are on equal footing for the enjoyment of the whole community
- Buses: as the district owns all buses as well as a transportation facility, it will continue to buy bus fuel from a regional consortium.
- Necessary and specific repair and renovation projects