

November 3, 2020 Election - Quick Facts

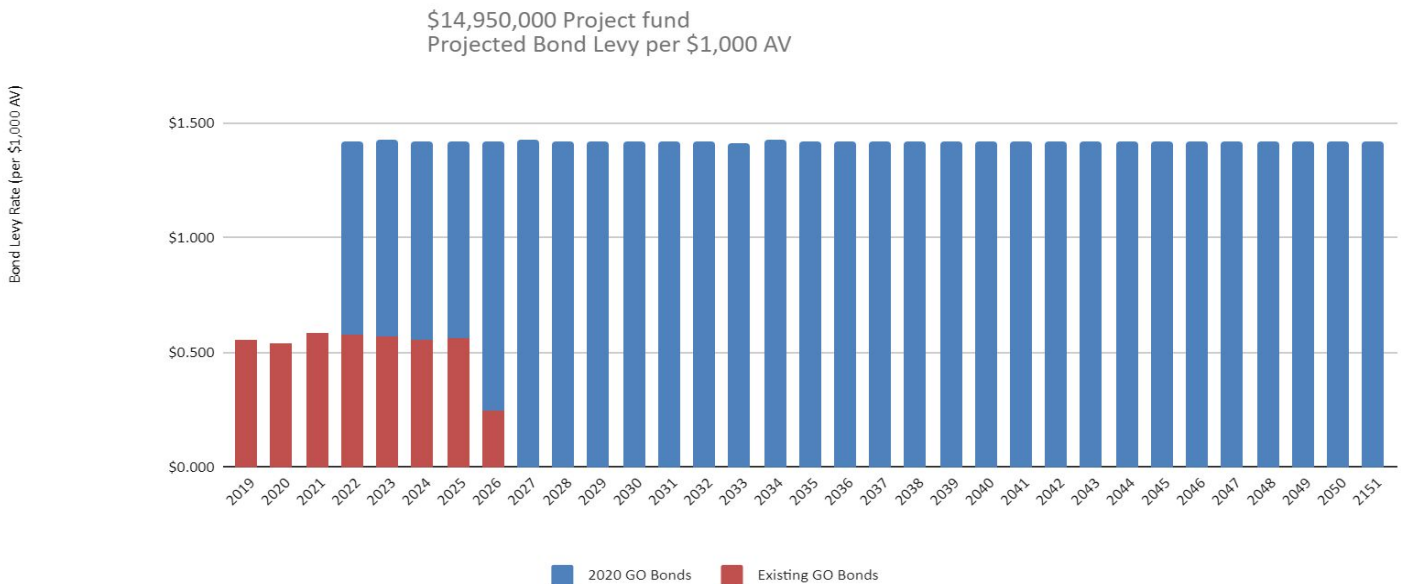
Bonds to Improve Safety, Security and to Renovate Schools

What?.....

Harney County School District #3 developed a strategic plan that recognized the need to improve the facilities. An certified facility assessment was done on each building in the district and a long range plan for district facilities was created. The board took these documents as well as recommendations from a facility committee to propose a project that would meet the long term needs of the district. Further input was received last Spring from staff and community members that have led to the board putting a bond resolution on the Nov 3rd ballot.

How much?.....

This bond measure is in the amount of \$14,950,000, with a \$4 million state matching grant, if it passes. Should it not pass, the district loses the grant. The 2005 bond that was passed by voters is scheduled to be paid off in 2026 and has a current rate of 58 cents/\$1,000 of assessed property value. The new bond would be structured such that it will continue to pay off the previous bond in 2026, while increasing the total rate to \$1.42, an increase of 84 cents for the 30 year life of the bond. The \$1.42/\$1,000 would continue for 30 years and both bonds would be paid off. An increase of 84 cents/\$1,000 means for a property that has a value of \$100,000, the property owner would see an increase of \$84 annually in their school tax for facility bonds, or \$7/month.



The following items are scheduled to be completed should the bond measure be passed by voters:

Slater Improvements (built in 1948):

- Construct (4) new Classrooms to accommodate new 6th grade students.
 - Remodel the front entry to provide a secure entry and improve school presence.
- Remodel, update and expand undersized kitchen and cafeteria space.
 - Reconfigure the parking lot and roadway to separate bus and parent drop off locations.
- Expand the recently upgraded mechanical system
 - Remodel the music room space to improve the teaching, performance and functionality.

- Modernize existing bathrooms and provide new bathrooms for students and staff.
- Relocate and modernize the library into newly constructed space and remodel the existing

- library into offices for student services.
- Provide existing classrooms with new paint, lights, cabinets, and flooring.
- ADA Standards upgrade

Burns High School Improvements (built in 1959):

- Construct (8) new classrooms, office space, and new secure entry for 7th & 8th grade students. The (6) existing empty classrooms will be utilized as well.
- Construct a new performance gymnasium for basketball and wrestling. Located adjacent to the existing gymnasium it will have public toilets, concessions and locker rooms. The new gym will provide required space for the new middle school students and to help get kids home earlier from after school sports practice.
- The front lobby of the new gymnasium will extend to the existing school providing a

- secure and monitored school main entry.
- Construct a new Construction Technology classroom building to expand the course in construction technology and provide practical construction space.
- Remodel the existing high school front office to provide a secure visitor check-in area.
- Construct an outdoor concessions stand and toilets to accommodate students and the community during softball, baseball and track events.
- Demolish the old maintenance building and construct a new outdoor recreation space with basketball hoops and student areas.

- Modernize and expand the Kitchen to allow for lunch time efficiency and reduce food waste.
- Provide acoustical sound treatment in the existing music room and Cafetorium.
- Remodel the existing library into a modernized learning environment. Improvements will include a student digital resource suite and new student spaces.
- Upgrade the existing boiler and HVAC systems to improve energy efficiency, district utility costs and provide improved thermal comfort.
- Expand the parking lot adjacent to the existing gym.
- ADA Standards upgrade

Hines Middle School (built in 1930):

- 6th graders will attend Slater Elementary. Students will have opportunities to be role models and provide leadership to younger students. It will also allow them to engage in age-appropriate activities without being exposed to the social and academic pressures of older students. As a result it allows them to stay ‘younger’ a bit longer.
- 7th & 8th graders will have classes at the High School campus. Students will use grouped new

and repurposed classroom spaces. Students will have more opportunity for elective and higher level classes earlier in their education.

- The existing Gym, locker rooms, and kitchen will remain functional for school and community use.
- Old classroom spaces will be used for district offices and district storage

Old Lincoln Junior High - District Offices (built in 1929):

- Selling the building and relocating the district offices to the Hines Facility will reduce district maintenance and energy costs and better utilize existing facilities.