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**PRESS RELEASE**

**DIXON UNIFIED SHOOOL DISTRICT WILL HONOR THEIR PROMISE TO THE  
VOTERS AND SCTA**

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After the threat of litigation by the Solano County Taxpayers Association (SCTA) the Dixon Unified School Board, in a closed session Thursday, decided not to proceed with the proposed "lease-leaseback" delivery method for the projects approved by the passage of Measure Q, but to honor their promise to the Voters and the SCTA. (Measure Q passed by 60% (4966 votes) of the people that voted in November. )

In November 2016 Dixon Voters approved a \$30.4 mil bond to renovate the Old Dixon High School and update the Anderson Elementary School.

The SCTA stayed neutral and did not oppose the bond because the District included in the Resolution their intention to comply with five certain criteria requested by SCTA.

The District promised to comply with "award construction contracts through competitive bid; prioritize projects; structure bond maturity consistent with project useful life; control soft costs and use non-bond funds for facility maintenance."

After the Measure passed the District changed their intention to "award construction contracts through competitive bidding" and decided to use the "lease-leaseback delivery method for the construction" of the project. The District also tried to exempt themselves from CEQA, although traffic will be generated by moving the Junior High there. Additionally, the Old High School was built in 1939 and there is a possibility of asbestos, lead and paint. Because of the threat of litigation they agreed to proceed with an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Kevin Carlin, the Taxpayers attorney told the District that SCTA desires to "obtain compliance with the law without having to file litigation." Carlin worked closely with the District to accomplish an agreement outside the courts.

Originally, the Board agreed to comply with the SCTA's proposal but later changed their mind and instructed their attorney to issue a "counter proposal" to SCTA's original proposal.

Carlin informed the District that SCTA could not accept their “counter” proposal because “it affords too much discretion to the leaseback contractor and too much added cost to the District/Taxpayers.” The District was also reminded that SCTA will seek the court’s intervention to ensure the District’s compliance “with all applicable laws and promises and will devote every ounce of its energy to inform the public and prevent any future Dixon Unified bonds from passing due to the District’s failure to honor its prior bond/ballot promises to use competitive bidding.”

The District made another proposal but SCTA, who had stated in the ballot argument in support of Measure Q that they will “hold the District to the commitments they made until bond maturity, by ensuring that the five criteria were followed”, stood firm on their ground.

On Friday David Soldani, the District’s attorney wrote to Carlin: “After weighing its options and considering your clients’ counter-proposal, the District board has concluded that attempting a lease-leaseback project under the parameters proposed by your clients will not generate sufficient interest in the District’s project by the contractor community.

The District has instead opted to simply hard bid the project. As a result, the last of the three issues identified in your original letter to the District are now resolved.”

SCTA was very please. “The Board honored their promised to the voters and SCTA and fulfilled the letter and spirit of last November’s Bond Ballot Measure that required competitive bidding of projects funded by the bond. This will provide all qualified bidders with a fair opportunity to enter the bidding process,” said George Guynn, President of the Taxpayers.

“Stimulating competition in a manner conducive to sound fiscal practices and to eliminate favoritism, fraud, and corruption in the awarding of public contracts there under is what our group was hoping.” Guynn added.

Guynn also wanted to publicly thank their attorney Kevin Carlin.“Mr. Carlin put a lot of time and effort into trying to get the best deal for the Taxpayers. His knowledge, and professional experience in construction produced fantastic results for the District’s Taxpayers without wasting Taxpayer funds in legal litigation,” Guynn stated.

George Guynn, President