Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

This form must accompany each resolution filed with Spokane County Elections. The contact person or persons should have the authority to do so and be available to answer questions.

Name of District: Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington
District Address: 2323 E. Farwell Rd., Mead, WA 99021
Date of Election: February 13, 2024
Contact Person: Heather Ellingson
Contact Phone: 509-465-6048
Contact Email: heather.ellingson@mead354.org
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Fax: 509-559-4508

2nd Contact Person: Travis Hanson
2nd Contact Phone: 509-465-6014
2nd Contact Email: travis.hanson@mead354.org
Title: Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

Attorney for District: Jim McNeill, Foster Garvey P.C.
Attorney Approved Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement for District
Yes ☒ No __
Please provide documentation of Attorney Approval.

Attorney Phone: 509-777-1602
Attorney Fax: 800-533-2284
Attorney Email Address: jim.mcneill@foster.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Proposition No. 1 - Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e. simple majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Levy must be approved by a simple majority of the qualified voters within the school district. Applicable statutory references include, among others, Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and RCW 84.52.053.

Signature: [Signature]
Date: 12/12/2023

This form may be filled out and printed.

This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.
MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

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ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 13, 2023

This document prepared by:

FOSTER GARVEY P.C.
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(509) 777-1602
MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington (the “District”), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2024 is the last year of collection of the District’s current three-year General Fund renewal enrichment and operations tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 20-13, adopted by the Board on November 23, 2020, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 9, 2021.

(b) With the expiration of the District’s current three-year General Fund renewal enrichment and operations tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District’s General Fund for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of programs, services, and staff not funded by the State of Washington (the “State”), all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of $29,340,000 be made in 2024 for collection in 2025, $30,510,000 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, and $31,730,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027 for the District’s General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District’s proposed three-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same educational programs and operations purposes as the District’s expiring three-year General Fund renewal enrichment and operations tax levy.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (i.e., to pay or fund) educational programs and operations expenses.

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(e) The District has received approval of its educational programs and operations tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Spokane County, Washington, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections (the “Auditor”), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 13, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the District’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for three years commencing in 2024 for collection in 2025 of $29,340,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $2.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of $30,510,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $2.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of $31,730,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $2.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the tax levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of programs, services, and staff not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, elective and advanced courses, special education, nurses, counselors, technology support, safety, security, performing arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities, during the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

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Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354 adopted Resolution No. 23-14, concerning a proposition to fund educational programs and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for programs, services, and staff not funded by the State (including elective and advanced courses, special education, nurses, counselors, technology support, safety, security, performing arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities):

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all as provided in Resolution No. 23-14. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES □

LEVY . . . NO □

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 15, 2023; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy excess property taxes for support of educational programs and operations expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Chief Financial Officer (Heather Ellingson), telephone: 509.465.6048; email: heather.ellingson@mead354.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Jim McNeill), telephone: 509.777.1602; email: jim.mcneill@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President
of the Board (the "President"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Chief Financial Officer, the President, and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8.  Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 9.  Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held this 13th day of November, 2023.

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354
SPokane COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President and Director

Vice President and Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

TRAVIS W. HANSON
Secretary to the Board of Directors
CERTIFICATION

I, TRAVIS W. HANSON, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington (the “District”), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 23-14 (the “Resolution”) is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) held at its regular meeting place on November 13, 2023 (the “Meeting”), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of November, 2023.

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

TRAVIS W. HANSON
Secretary to the Board of Directors

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MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Mead School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of 2024. Taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of programs, services, and staff not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, elective and advanced courses, special education, nurses, counselors, technology support, safety, security, performing arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Further information is available at https://www.mead354.org/.

The proposed three-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to $29,340,000 in 2025, $30,510,000 in 2026 and $31,730,000 in 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be $2.50 per $1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Spokane County Assessor (509)477-3698.

(173 words – 175 allowed)
For/Against Committee Member Appointment Form

Name of District: Mead School District No.354, Spokane County, Washington
District Contact Name: Heather Ellingson, CFO
Email Address: heather.ellingson@mead354.org Phone: 509-465-6048

Jurisdiction’s responsibility:

1. Email completed form to pamphlet@spokanecounty.org by the resolution submittal deadline.
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. Committees are solely responsible for submitting voters’ pamphlet statements to the Elections Division.

Deadlines are on page 13 of these administrative rules. Questions? Contact the Elections Office at pamphlet@spokanecounty.org or call 509.477.2320.

“For” Committee (1-3 members):
Committee Name: ______________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________ Email: __________________ Web: ________________________
Committee Member #1: Martin Kolodrub Email: MKKL100@msn.com
Committee Member #2: Randy Mickelsen Email: RandyM2000@comcast.net
Committee Member #3: __________________________ Email: ________________________

“Against” Committee (1-3 members):
Committee Name: After published notice, no person expressed an interest in serving on the committee
Phone: __________________ Email: __________________ Web: ________________________
Committee Member #1: __________________________ Email: ________________________
Committee Member #2: __________________________ Email: ________________________
Committee Member #3: __________________________ Email: ________________________