

# TOWN OF EATONVILLE

## Agenda Staff Report

Agenda Item No.:	<u>Resolution 2014-B</u>	Meeting Date:	<u>February 10, 2014</u>
Subject:	<u>Discussion: Whether to Collectively</u>	Prepared by:	<u>Gregory Jacoby</u>
	<u>Support Proposition No. 1,</u>		<u>Town Attorney</u>
	<u>Replacement of Educational Programs</u>	Atty Routing No:	<u>005-14</u>
	<u>And Operations Levy</u>	Atty Review Date:	<u>February 3, 2014</u>

**Summary:** The prior educational maintenance and operations levy supporting Eatonville School District No. 404 (the School District) expired in 2013. The School District has found that, at present, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the School District during the 2014-2019 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational program maintenance and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending schools in the Eatonville School District.

RCW 42.17A.555 allows the Town Council to promote or support a ballot proposition when, 1) the Council takes action at an open public meeting for the purpose of expressing a collective decision or adopting a resolution or motion; 2) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition; and 3) an equal opportunity is provided for those expressing an opposing view.

In compliance with the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555, staff has added this discussion item to the agenda and has prepared a resolution for Council's consideration.

**Recommendation:** Staff has no recommendation.

**Motion for consideration:** I move to adopt Resolution 2014-B, supporting Proposition No. 1, Replacement of Educational Programs and Operations Levy, on the February 11, 2014 ballot.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Attachments:** Draft Resolution 2014-B and Proposition No. 1.

## **RESOLUTION 2014-B**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404's PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORATE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2013, the Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 (the School District) adopted Resolution No. 626 providing for the submission to voters of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied in 2014, for collection in 2015 – 2018, to pay part of the cost of educational programs and maintenance operations support of the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition No. 1 will be presented to the voters at a special election on February 11, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, The School District has found that, at present, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the School District during the 2014-2019 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational program maintenance and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending school in the Eatonville School District; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy excess taxes, to replace the expired levy, on all taxable property within the School District to support the School District's educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recognizes that the School District, in partnership with staff, families and the community, provides challenging opportunities for all students to be successful and become responsible and contributing citizens in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, local levy dollars cover the gap between State funding and the cost of existing educational programs, contributing approximately 24% of funding for nearly every school program; and

**WHEREAS**, public education is a critical cornerstone of building a sense of community and maintaining a high quality of life in Eatonville, as well as preparing the next generation to be responsible citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has shown responsible management and strong leadership in the use of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes this levy is important for maintaining the high

quality of education provided by the School District, and its passage would serve the best interests of the residents of the Town of Eatonville; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555 notice of the February 10, 2014 Council meeting included the title and number of the ballot proposition and the Town Council provided an equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view, now, therefore;

**THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT:** The Town Council of the Town of Eatonville supports Proposition No. 1, Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy, as set forth on the February 11, 2014, ballot.

PASSED by the Town Council of Town of Eatonville and attested by the Town Clerk in authentication of such passage this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

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Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Linnemeyer, Town Clerk

**Eatonville School District No. 404**  
**Special Election – Proposition No. 1**  
**Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 626 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to support the District’s educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2014	2015	\$3.87	\$4,541,940
2015	2016	\$3.87	\$4,678,198
2016	2017	\$3.87	\$4,818,544
2017	2018	\$3.87	\$4,963,100

all as provided in Resolution No. 626. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

YES.....[ ]

NO.....[ ]