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Item: Authorization for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds

Submitted by: Kevin Philipps Date: _____11/09/2026_____

Recommended by: Kevin Philipps KP Board Meeting Date: _____11/16/2026_____

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Kent ISD Board of Education approve the attached *Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating Thereto*, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed $35 million to support the expansion of Career and Technical Education facilities.

BACKGROUND:
As part of Kent ISD's ongoing commitment to expanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities for students throughout Kent County, the district is moving forward with developing an additional CTE facility at the former Dutton Elementary School site in Caledonia. A portion of the cost of the new facility will need to be financed through the issuance of non-voted resolution bonds.

Administration is requesting the authority to issue and sell up to $35 million of bonds, with the expected final issuance of bonds to be approximately $25 million.

The attached resolution, prepared by Thrun Law Firm, authorizes the issuance and sale of the bonds and allows district administration to work with its financial advisors and underwriter to finalize the financing terms. The resolution approves Stifel, Nicolaus & Co, Inc to serve as the underwriter, PFM Financial Advisors LLC as the financial consultant, and Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as bond counsel.

The maximum bond term shall not exceed 30 years, and the true interest cost rate shall not exceed 6.5%. The current schedule is to price the bonds in the market either in February or March of 2027, and present the Board a closing/ratifying resolution at the April 19, 2027 meeting.

$25 million of bonds sold at an average interest rate of 4.55% with a maximum term of 30 years would have an annual principal and interest payment of $1.7 million per year.

The bonds will be repaid through the vocational education millage. In the event the vocational education millage was insufficient, the general operating millage can also be utilized.

Attachment(s)