




Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Feb 28, 2018 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM - District Office, 325 S. Peck Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Category	C. ACTION ITEMS
Subject	6. Approve Resolution 2018-8 Calling an Election to Impose a Parcel Tax. (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard)
Type	Action
Preferred Date	Feb 28, 2018
Absolute Date	Feb 28, 2018
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Recommended Action	Approval is recommended
Goals	 Board Goal #2 - Budget and Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

At the September 19 Board meeting MBEF presented the Board with information about the California education budget demonstrating that MBUSD is one of the lowest funded districts in California and that, among similar high-achieving districts, MBUSD is not only one of the lowest funded districts, but it is also one of the very few districts where the budget is not supplemented by a local parcel tax. The Board directed Dr. Matthews to take steps to get more information about a parcel tax, its viability, and its potential impact on the District. On October 4, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Murakawa-Leopard provided the Board with that information, and the Board appointed a subcommittee to move forward with this effort. On November 14, the Board engaged Charles Heath of Terris Barnes Walters Boigon Heath, Inc. (TBWB), to provide assistance in determining the feasibility of a parcel tax measure, and TBWB worked with John Fairbanks and Sharon Pinkerton of the firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to conduct a community survey and analyze the resulting data, the results of which were presented to the Board on February 7. At that time, the Board directed staff to move forward in preparing to place a parcel tax measure on the June 2018 ballot.

At this time, the Board is asked to approve a resolution to constitute an order of election pursuant to Education Code section 5320 et seq., with ballot language proposed as follows:

To maintain quality education, keep Manhattan Beach schools among California's best, offset severe state funding shortfalls and provide \$2,650,000 annually the state cannot take away, to:

- *Attract and retain high-quality teachers*
- *Maintain manageable class sizes*
- *Protect quality math, science, reading, art/music programs*

shall the Manhattan Beach Unified School District levy \$225 per parcel annually, expiring in six years, with senior exemptions, independent oversight/audits, no money for administrators, and all funds staying local?

FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is estimated that election costs related to the proposed ballot measure will be \$56,045.47. Costs will be paid out of the general fund.

 [2018-8 - MBUSD Parcel Tax Resolution.pdf \(166 KB\)](#)

Motion & Voting

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-8 Calling an Election to Impose a Parcel Tax with the amendment to strike ", as adjusted by annual increases of 3%" from Exhibit B

Motion by Ellen Rosenberg, second by Bill S Fournell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jennifer P Cochran, Christine Cronin-Hurst, Bill S Fournell, Karen A Komatinsky, Ellen Rosenberg, Keeli Hartley, Rebecca Rawson