

2009 BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL BOND ISSUE - PROS

The 2005 and 2008 Community Plan surveys and workshops identified a community center and/or additional public facilities serving youth, families and adults as a major need for Beaver Creek area.

Being unincorporated the school district is the only taxing organization capable to build a community space.

In the State of Arizona school districts may bond for up to 5% of the secondary assessed value of homes and business in the district for buildings and other infrastructures that are not covered in the school facilities board square footage formulas for classroom space.

The assessed value is based on home values from around 15 months ago, so it is high this year. Next year it will drop considerably to reflect the housing prices of this down economy. So, the capacity to bond is higher than it will be a year from now by an estimated \$800,000...

Bonds may only be called in General elections.

Construction costs are low now allowing for more building and stimulating the economy.

Besides the classrooms, the 1932 Rock Building, part of the cafeteria and part of the library have been partitioned for classroom space. The District also has 2 temporary buildings acting as classrooms.

Beaver Creek School Cafeteria has less space due to a wall being built for a needed classroom. The lunch room is crowded.

Two more classrooms can be carved out of the cafeteria moving the lunch room into the gym, but that would move out PE classes. A new cafeteria and kitchen would resolve this conflict.

Building onto the current gym and cafeteria pose issues with plumbing, and gas lines, and building code issues.

The bond will allow for retrofitting classrooms, the "old cafeteria, and library into more classroom space which will be needed in the near future.

Currently the Junior High Science room is a regular classroom with extra sinks. If the bond passes the Junior High Science lab will be included in the retrofit adding more lab opportunities for the students.

The classes for Art, Music, and Computers will be located in the multipurpose building, allowing for after school usage by community groups.

The newly created District operated Childcare will have more space in the new facility. Additional District space could augment the services provided by the Lake Montezuma Adult Center and the Senior Food Bank.

The present gym does not have the acoustical appeal for concerts. Nor can it be darkened during the day for plays and presentations.

A new multipurpose room could serve as a cafeteria and have a stage, lighting and the capacity to seat 800 people. This room could also be used during community emergencies for additional shelter.

At graduations in the gym now the numbers of those attending have grown to over 500 people. The current gym cannot accommodate the crowd at graduation, which has swelled over its 500 seat capacity. This multipurpose area/stage could be used for community events during nonschool hours, i.e., plays, concerts, large meetings, etc.

The stage could have a band stand appeal for outdoor concerts in the future by having a large door from the stage to the outside.

Restrooms in the multipurpose facility could also be used for the ball fields.

The school is a Yavapai County designated location for shelter during an emergency. The water tank is already on site. The bond will pay for a generator, additional food storage and give additional shelter space for an emergency situation.

The shared space in the front of the multipurpose area can be used for district community rooms.

Dialogue has begun to create an agreement with the Yavapai County Library System bringing the 20th library here to the Beaver Creek Area.

Agreements with community groups could provide for other services such as the food bank, DES services, Kiwanis, Little League, Head Start, and adult education classes from Yavapai College.

Having the facility in the front of the campus allows community access to many of the rooms even during school hours.

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The 1997 bond has not been paid off yet (2014).

The community center may need to be more centrally located.

There may be grant money out there to pay for the community portion of the multiuse facility.

Camp Verde already has a library and needs money to build a better facility. A library in Beaver Creek will take away from that effort.

An increase in property tax: Additional Bond pay back over 19 years for owner occupied residential property would be:

| Assess Full Cash Value | Estimated Average Annual Cost | Estimated Average Monthly Cost |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$100,000 | \$ 40.44 | \$ 3.37 |
| \$250,000 | \$101.10 | \$ 8.42 |
| \$500,000 | \$202.20 | \$16.85 |

There is access to services and facilities in other communities in Cottonwood and Camp Verde.

Making larger class sizes (35-40), combining grade levels, canceling PE and serving lunch in the gym are alternatives to additional facilities.