

Norwalk School Board Election

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The school board election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. Due to new state legislation, school board elections have been combined with city elections. The county auditor has assigned each precinct to a specific polling location. The auditor's office has posted the precinct polling locations on their website and published in the Norwalk newspaper. If you are unsure where to vote, please call the Warren County auditor at 515-961-1020.

The Norwalk Community School District board of directors has 3 seats open. The following candidates will be listed on the ballot:

David Albrecht (Incumbent first elected in 2015)
Michelle Kelly
Brian Rausch
Dana Schuemann (Incumbent first elected in 2015)

Each of the candidates submitted a profile listing their personal and professional information. You can find the candidate profiles on the school website listed on the homepage under "2019 School Board Election Candidates" or under "All News".

The District will be hosting a meet-the-candidate forum on Tuesday, October 29th, 7 pm at Orchard Hills Cafeteria (new elementary located at 1130 W North Avenue). The candidates will share information about their views and will be responding to questions. If you would like to submit a question please click the link labeled "Submit Candidate Question" on the website or email the question to kbaldwin@norwalk.k12.ia.us. The District welcomes parent and public involvement. Thanks in advance for your interest and participation. Please submit before Monday, October 28th.

Renewal of Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement: In addition to school board candidates, voters will be asked to renew the Norwalk Schools' Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement. The 2019 Iowa legislature renewed the 1-cent Sales Tax for Schools for another 20 years (2029 through 2051). This law change did not increase the percentage of sales tax being paid to Iowa schools. However, the new law requires all local school districts to renew their Revenue Purpose Statement to provide voter approval for the use of the funds. Norwalk is requesting approval for all eligible purposes provided under the law. The law requires a simple majority vote to pass. Below is the ballot question voters will be asked to approve, as well as a summary of the Sales Tax uses/expenditures and projected revenues through 2051. During the next 5-10 years, the District will budget these revenues to equipment and facility improvement projects through the long-term facility planning process.

The School Board has scheduled a Q & A session starting at 6 pm on Monday, October 28th to address any questions regarding the uses of Sales Tax and the Revenue Purpose Statement renewal. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 380 Wright Road, Norwalk.

**RENEWAL SALES TAX REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT BALLOT
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

SHALL THE FOLLOWING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO

Summary: To adopt a revenue purpose statement to authorize the expenditure of revenues from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund received by the Norwalk Community School District.

Revenue Purpose Statement:

Money received by the Norwalk Community School District from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes:

- Reduction of debt service levies.
- Reduction of regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levies.
- Reduction of public educational and recreational levies.
- For any authorized school infrastructure, including school safety and security infrastructure, and athletic facility infrastructure for the school district as defined and provided in Iowa Code 423F.3, which includes without limitation the following: (a) payment or retirement of outstanding revenue indebtedness or general obligation indebtedness issued for school infrastructure purposes, and energy improvement loans and loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36; (b) purchasing, constructing, furnishing, equipping, reconstructing, repairing, improving, remodeling, or demolition of schoolhouses, gymnasium, stadiums, fieldhouses, or school bus garage; (c) procuring a site, or purchasing land to add to a site already owned, or procuring and improving a site for an athletic field, or improving a site already owned for an athletic field; and (d) improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing digital telecommunications over multiple channels, often referred to as broadband.
- For activities and expenditures listed in Iowa Code section 298.3 and section 300.2, including without limitation (a) energy conservation measures and improvements, including payments under financing agreements, (b) purchase, lease, or the lease-purchase of equipment or technology as authorized by law, including transportation, computer, and recreational equipment and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students, (c) purchase, lease, or lease-purchase school buildings, (d) to provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2), and (e) to provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.
- To share or rent buildings or facilities, including a joint infrastructure project for which buildings or facilities are constructed or leased for the purpose of offering classes under a district-to-community college sharing agreement or concurrent enrollment program or sharing facility agreements with any municipalities, school districts or other local government entities.
- To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the school district.
- For any other purposes authorized by law now or in the future and designated by the Norwalk Community School District.

NORWALK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES TAX REVENUE & EXPENSE PROJECTIONS 2005-2051 (45 YEARS)

	PAST 15 YRS	NEXT 10 YRS	NEXT 22 YRS
	2005-2019	2020-2029	2030-2051
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX REVENUES:			
SALES TAX REVENUES 2005-2029	\$27,526,995	\$40,832,875	\$191,078,896
INTEREST INCOME	\$182,266	\$90,000	\$220,000
REBATES	\$16,744		
SALE OF PROPERTY-906 SCHOOL AVE	\$102,000		
TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER SCHOOL FUNDS	\$694,491		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$28,522,495	\$40,922,875	\$191,298,896
FACILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:			
2005 BOND HS MEPT* RENOVATIONS	\$4,567,159		
2010 BOND LW ELEM BLDG ADDITION & RENOVATIONS	\$1,799,999		
2010 BOND AUDITORIUM CONTRUCTION	\$5,948,817	\$7,046,321	
2010 BOND STADIUM CONTRUCTION	\$4,867,214	\$5,765,171	
2018 BOND NEW ELEM CONST & SEC RENOVATIONS (MS & HS)	\$1,551,848	\$9,799,977	
2005 LW & OV INTERCOM PA SYSTEMS	\$50,365		
2005 LW FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION PROJECT	\$99,326		
2006 DISTRICT TELEPHONE SYSTEM EQUIP & INSTALL	\$214,222		
2006 EV 17th STREET & HS PARKING LOT PAVING	\$781,783		
2006 OV GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT	\$121,288		
2011 HS GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT	\$71,280		
2012-2021 BUS BARN SHARED CITY FACILITY	\$278,696	\$50,000	
2012-2029 TECHNOLOGY EQUIP; STUDENT 1:1; NETWORK EQUIP	\$3,016,769	\$5,738,712	\$19,129,890
2013 ADMIN OFFICE & BLDG MAIN FACILTY PURCHASE	\$1,104,975		
2015 WEBSITE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	\$47,730		
2017 LAND PURCHASE FOR NEW ELEMENTARY	\$1,986,611		
2019 OVIATT MEPT* RENOVATIONS	\$48,180		
DISTRICT EXTERIOR SIGNAGE	\$1,694	\$108,124	
GENERAL BLDG MAINTENANCE	\$159,998		\$19,129,890
LONG TERM FACILITY PLANNING	\$202,646		\$1,912,989
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS (NEW ELEMENTARY)	\$250,000		
FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	\$0	\$13,766,466	\$151,126,128
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$27,170,600	\$42,274,771	\$191,298,896

*MEPT Abbr. For Mechanical, Heating, Cooling, Electrical, Plumbing & Technology Systems