



JANET BARRESI
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet C. Barresi
DATE: June 26, 2014
SUBJECT: Proposed Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Allocation

The Oklahoma State Board of Education has the authority to approve \$5,132,000 left from the 2013 allocation and has the capacity to authorize the issuance of this amount in QZABs.

The QZAB Program is not for new construction and has minimal or no interest. Also, a district must have at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the students eligible for free or reduced-priced lunches under the federal school lunch program.

The State Department of Education began accepting applications from school districts at 8 a.m., October 7, 2013. Applications, which satisfy all the requirements, are awarded in the order in which they are received in accordance with the rules adopted by the State Board of Education, Oklahoma Administrative Code 210:40-83-3. Bethel Public Schools is requesting \$150,000 to replace air conditioners, roof renovations, and purchase smart boards for classroom instruction. Approval is recommended.

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Attachments

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

210:40-83-3. Procedures for solicitation and acceptance of district applications

- (a) A notification letter will be sent by the State Department of Education to each district superintendent or elementary superintendent announcing the availability of the application forms for Qualified Zone Academy status.
- (b) The notification will clearly state the name and telephone number of the contact person at the Department who administers the program.
- (c) The signature of the superintendent of the local education agency must appear on the application.
- (d) The application and three copies must be submitted to the contact person. A specific deadline will be clearly stated in the application solicitation letter. This date may vary from year to year depending upon availability of funds.
- (e) The applications will be accepted and funds allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- (f) Applications must be fully completed and satisfy all criteria in order to be considered.
- (g) All applications must include the following:
 - (1) Public school must be located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community OR have 35 percent of the students (or participants in the program) must be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the Federal school lunch program.
 - (2) The school must enter a public-private partnership.
 - (3) The academic program of the school must be designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and the increasingly complex work force.
 - (4) The school must have commitments for substantial business support and qualified contributions of at least 10 percent of the capital provided. Qualified contributions include: equipment for use in the school, technical assistance in developing the curriculum or in training the teachers, services of employees as volunteer mentors, internships, field trips, or other educational opportunities outside the academy, or other property or service specified by the local school board.
 - (5) Ninety-five percent or more of the proceeds of the issue must be used for a qualified purpose.
 - (6) The issuer of the bond or loan must certify that it has written assurances that the private business contribution requirement will be met with respect to the school.
 - (7) The issuer of the bond or loan must certify that it has the written approval of the local school board for the issuance.
- (h) The maximum bonding amount which can be requested under the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program is \$1,000,000.
- (i) After evaluation, the State Superintendent will recommend to the State Board of Education those applications which have been determined to be eligible for funding.

[Source: Added at 15 Ok Reg 4273, eff 9-3-98 (emergency); Added at 16 Ok Reg 1755, eff 6-11-99]

210:40-83-5. Return of unused allocation

- (a) Any local education agency which receives an allocation under the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program but does not utilize the full amount of the allocation will notify the contact person at the State Department of Education of the amount not used. Notification will occur at such time as the local education agency is reasonably sure a portion of the allocation will not be used. The purpose of the notification will be to "return" the unused portion of the allocation to the State Department of Education for reallocation to other qualified applicants.
- (b) Upon notification by a local education agency of an unused portion of an allocation, the administrator of the program at the State Department of Education will determine if qualified applications for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program remain unfunded. If such applications exist, the procedures for funding cited in section 210:40-83-3 (i) of this subchapter will be followed. If no qualified applications exist, the returned allocation will be held over to the next funding year and allocated at that time.

[Source: Added at 17 Ok Reg 152, eff 10-12-99 (emergency); Added at 17 Ok Reg 2920, eff 7-13-00]

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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2013-2014 QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY APPLICATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT Bethel Public Schools SCHOOL SITE (If Applicable) _____

ADDRESS 36000 Clear Pond Road CITY, STATE, ZIP Shawnee, OK 74801

TELEPHONE NUMBER (405)273-0385 FAX NUMBER (405)273-5056

CONTACT PERSON Jerry M. Johnson TITLE Superintendent

AMOUNT OF BOND REQUESTED \$150,000 (\$1,000,000 MAXIMUM)

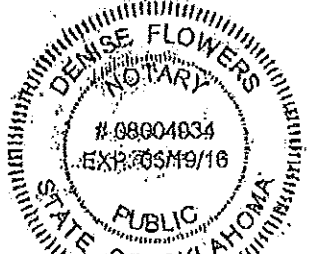
I hereby certify that this application is complete and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Jerry M. Johnson
Superintendent

Denise Flowers
Notary

5/13/14
Date

May 19, 2016
Commission Expires



NOTICE: All sections of this application must be fully completed in order for this application to be considered for Qualified Zone Academy status: Please submit the original to the State Department of Education.

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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION


Statement of Assurances by the Superintendent:

- (1) This public school is in an empowerment zone or enterprise community

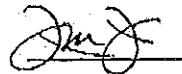
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OR


Thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the students (or participants in the program) are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches under the federal school lunch program.

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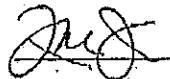
- (2) This school has entered into public-private partnership which will result in a qualified contribution to the school of at least ten (10) percent of the capital provided. Qualified contributions include: equipment for use in the school, technical assistance in developing the curriculum or in training the teachers, services of employees as volunteer mentors, internships, field trips, or other educational opportunities outside the academy, or other property or service specified by the local school board.

 (initial)


- (3) Please provide a brief description of the partnership, including the private partner, the program or benefit to the school and the dollar equivalent benefit to the school.

 (initial)

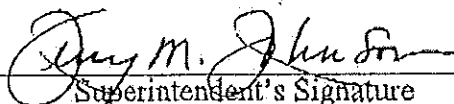
- (4) The program has been designed to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and the increasingly complex work force.

 (initial)

- (5) Ninety-five percent (95%) of the proceeds of this bond will be used for a qualified purpose. Please describe the proposed use of the proceeds.

 (initial)

- (6) In accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on projects funded by QZAB proceeds shall be paid wages and fringe benefits at rates not less than those prevailing rates on similar projects in the locality.



Superintendent's Signature

QZAB APPLICATION INFO

In order to expedite the application process please complete and fax the information below to our office at your earliest convenience. (405) 928-2040 (fax)

1. Amount Requested - \$ 150,000
2. Email Address johnsonj@bethel.k12.ok.us
3. Federal Tax ID No. 731015182
4. Percentage of Free and Reduced Lunch Students 42 %
5. An academic program (CLEP) has been developed by the District? Yes No
6. Was it developed in conjunction with the local business community? Yes No
7. Who are the party's making the 10% matching contribution? (if known)
Bethel Parent/Teacher Organization
8. The value of the contribution(s) is currently estimated to be in excess of
\$ 16,500 an amount greater than 10% of the requested allocation
9. The total costs of improvements to be made at the District's school sites are estimated to be \$ 150,000. The improvements include expenses associated with the renovation at the Bethel Public School. Among the improvements anticipated to be undertaken at the various sites are:

Air Conditioner replacement units at the High School and Board of Education office.
Roof renovations to the Middle School and Vocational Agricultural building.
Smart boards for classroom instruction

QZAB obligations will be issued to pay the cost of those projects.



Superintendent of Schools

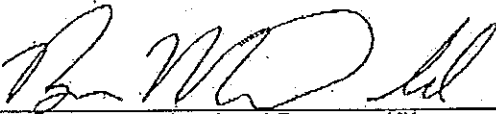
Bethel Public Schools
QZAB Application Budget
Summer 2014

Roof repairs to Middle School and Vocational Ag Building	\$53,050
Replacement of A/C units roof of High School and Board of Ed	\$29,325
Technology: Smart Boards and Smart Responders for classroom instruction	<u>\$67,625</u>
	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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Statement of Assurances by the Issuer of the Bond or Loan:

1. I certify that I/we have received written assurances that the private business contribution requirement will be met with respect to the school.
2. I certify that I/we have the written approval of the local school board for the issuance of the bond.
3. I am/we are reasonably certain investors can be found to purchase these bonds.



 Authorized Person (Signature)

Ryan McDonald

 Authorized Person (Print Name)

Stephen H. McDonald and Associates, Inc.

 Bonding or Loan Company

2200 McKown Drive

 Address

Norman, Oklahoma 73072

 City, State, Zip

(405) 329-0123

 Telephone Number

April 22, 2014

Bethel Public Schools
Board of Education
Independent School District No. 3
of Pottawatomie County, OK
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Dear Members of the Board:

Please accept this letter as a commitment by the Bethel Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) to make contributions to Bethel Public Schools. The total value of the contributions provided for in this letter is \$ 16,500. The contributions shall take the form of cash or cash equivalents.

No consideration is being received in exchange for the contributions set out in this letter. We understand that the contributions will be used to enrich the district's academic programs and that none of the contributions will be expended on athletic or other non-academic extracurricular activities.

It is expected that property will be contributed valued at the amounts shown below for the school district fiscal years indicated:

2013-14 \$ 5,500 2014-15 \$ 5,500 2015-16 \$ 5,500

As the party providing the donation to the school district, we understand that this commitment does not in any manner constitute a charitable contribution until the tax year in which the contribution is actually made. We further understand that this letter commitment does not constitute a contractual agreement to furnish the donations set out above, but it does represent the good-faith intentions of the party set out below.

Sincerely,

Bethel Parent/Teacher Organization
17206 Bethel Road
Shawnee, OK 74801
Phone Number: (405) 273-9109


Becky Drew, President