



Fact Sheet: USD 247 Capital Outlay Special Election

Special Election details

- Summary of question for voters: Should the USD 247 Board of Education be allowed to collect up to 8 mils for Capital Outlay expenses?
- Date: Tuesday October 7, 2014
- Open to registered voters living within USD 247 territory
- Advanced ballot voting available at Crawford County courthouse
- In person voting at designated locations for each precinct on day of Special Election

Why the resolution is being proposed now

- \$450,000 lost in past two years alone due to state cuts and declining enrollment
- Increasing costs (over past two years includes: health insurance - \$79,000, Special Education - \$30,000, payroll - \$165,000)
- Frees up funding that should be used for educating students

Even with 8 mils for Capital Outlay, what it means to taxpayers

- Homeowner savings compared to taxes paid to USD 247 in 2013-2014:
 - Crawford County - \$67,000 average assessed value – saves \$53
 - Cherokee County, \$35,000 average assessed value – saves \$28
- USD 247 rate still lower than 10 districts in Cherokee, Crawford and Labette counties.

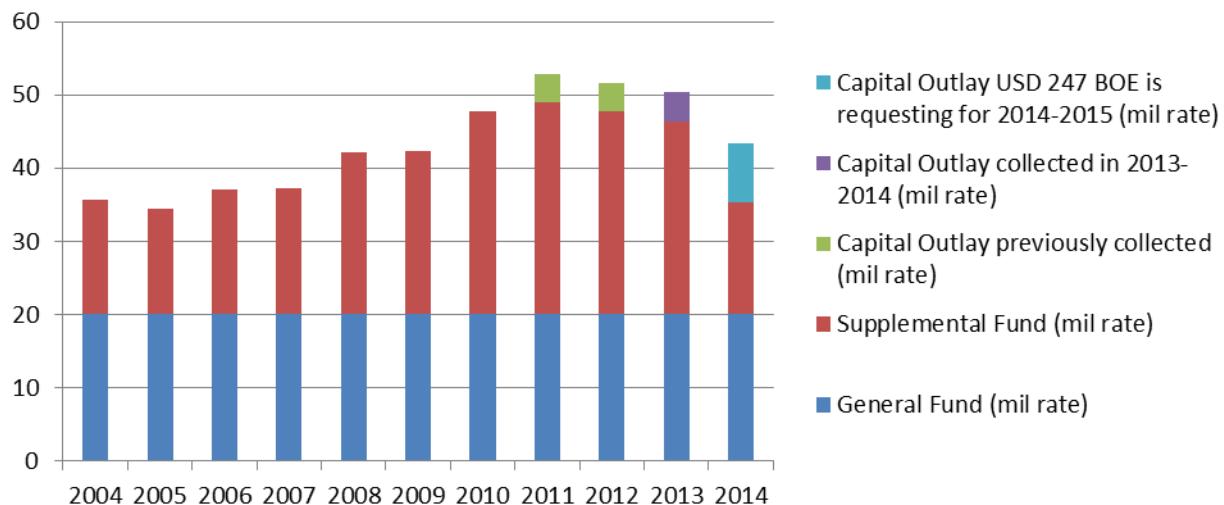
About the resolution

- DOES give board permanent authority to collect 0 to 8 mils for capital expenses
- DOES NOT increase tax rate by 8 mils each year (8 mils this year, 16 next year, then 24, etc). Per state law 8 mils is the maximum each year.
- DOES NOT mean 8 mils will be collected every year. Historically, USD 247 board members choose to collect this tax only when deemed necessary.

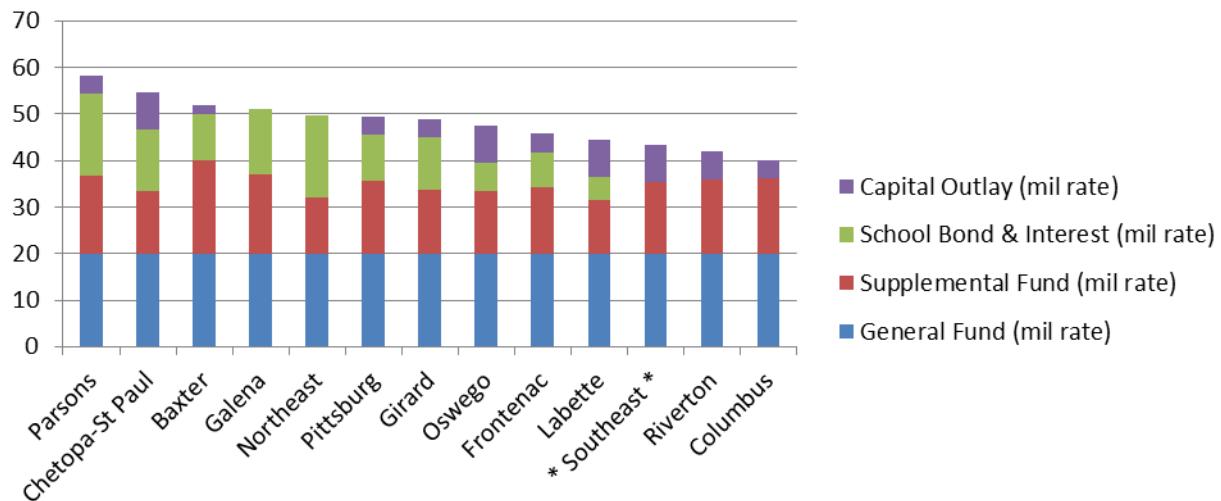
Examples of capital expenses

- \$100,000 to \$129,000 – annual payments for 2008 energy efficiency & facility improvement loan. On balloon payments through 2025.
- Up to \$80,000 – annual purchase of a school bus (mandatory through 2030)
- At least \$60,000 – annual routine maintenance/repairs (such as HVAC, transportation)
- \$105,000 – district share of tornado safe room at Southeast Elementary School
- Other unexpected expenses (example: \$100,000 to \$150,000 currently being spent on American Disability Act compliance)

USD 247 Mil Levy Rate By Year



Mil Levy Comparison for 2014-2015 (includes proposed Capital Outlay for USD 247)



Polling place options

Tuesday October 7, 2014 - Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PRECINCTS IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Cherokee – Weir Civic Club
 Mineral – Roseland City Hall
 Pleasant View – Weir Civic Club
 Ross/Belleview – Roseland City Hall
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 Ross/West Mineral – Roseland City Hall
 Sheridan – Roseland City Hall
 Weir Ward 1 – Weir Civic Club
 Weir Ward 2 – Weir Civic Club
 Weir Ward 3 – Weir Civic Club

LABETTE COUNTY

McCune Community Center

NEOSHO COUNTY

McCune Community Center

PRECINCTS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

Baker 247 – Pittsburg Elk's Lodge
 Beulah 247 25 – Cherokee Citizens Building
 Beulah 247 25b – Pittsburg Elk's Lodge
 Beulah 247 36 – Cherokee Citizens Building
 Cherokee – Cherokee Senior Citizens Building
 Cherokee-Sheridan – Cherokee Senior Citizens Building
 Chicopee 247 – Pittsburg Elk's Lodge
 Grant 247 – McCune Community Center
 Lone Star 247 – Pittsburg Elk's Lodge
 Grant 247 – McCune Community Center
 McCune City – McCune Community Center
 Osage-McCune – McCune Community Center
 Sheridan – Cherokee Senior Citizens Building
 Sheridan-Cherokee – Cherokee Senior Citizens Building