

VADER SCHOOL DISTRICT 21-018

RESOLUTION NO. 06-07: 10

**A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO
CONDITIONAL DISSOLUTION OF THE VADER SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY
TO CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Vader School District Resolution No. 06-07: 9, dated March 20, 2007, initiates the process of dissolution and annexation into one or more of the surrounding school districts; and

WHEREAS, absent a significant gift of operating funds, the Vader School District will not be financially solvent in the 2007-08 school year and must therefore formally dissolve and be annexed into one or more of the surrounding school districts by August 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, even with such gift, the Vader School District may not be financially solvent in the 2008-2009 school year and would therefore formally dissolve and be annexed into one or more of the surrounding school districts by August 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, RCW 28A.315.015 (2) provides that decisions on proposed changes in school district organization should be made, whenever possible, by negotiated agreement between the affected school districts and such an agreement was reached by the Castle Rock and Vader School Districts; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement both districts recognize that mitigating and minimizing the unfortunate disruption resulting from the financial difficulties of the Vader School District is the responsibility of education leaders and not the children of Vader School District who had no control over these circumstances; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement both districts recognize it is in the best interests of all children and families involved to maintain, as much as possible, current relationships with other elementary and high school students, their current schools, and faculty whether they currently attend Castle Rock, Vader, Toledo, or Winlock schools; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement both districts recognize it is the best interests of all Vader School District children and families to be annexed to a single district rather than be artificially split among several school districts, and Castle Rock is the only neighboring district with the capacity to absorb all students and all potential adjustments of assets and liabilities; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement, in the event that the Vader School District must dissolve, all children are invited to attend Castle Rock schools; and the Toledo, and Winlock School Districts will be invited to continue to serve and transport Vader School District students and families as needed to accommodate the wishes of the children; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Vader School District must dissolve, the current Vader School District will appoint two (2) current Board members to participate as non-voting members of the Castle Rock School Board of Directors until the Castle Rock School District is redistricted and new elections held pursuant to Chapter 28A.343 RCW; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Vader School District must dissolve, both districts agree to the following terms:

- As directed by OSP:
- Oversight of Vader School District debt liquidation will be provided by ESD 113;
- Vader fiscal and personnel records will be maintained for audit at ESD 113;
- Vader student records will be maintained by Castle Rock except for those students choosing to attend another district; and
- Sufficient liquid assets will be maintained in escrow by ESD 113 until all final liabilities, including self insurance liabilities, are resolved (may take until 2010.)
- After liquidating all debt, ownership of any remaining assets and liabilities will be transferred to the Castle Rock School District.
- The dissolution and annexation will be effective midnight of August 31, 2007 (or 2008).
- The transfer of assessed valuation will be effective midnight of August 31, 2007 (or 2008).
- The annexed territory will be subject to existing Castle Rock School District levies and bonds beginning January 1, 2008 (or 2009) pursuant to RCW 28A.315.245 - 265.
- The appropriate Regional Committee(s) will act upon this resolution exercising powers and duties pursuant to RCW 28A.315.015 (2) and .095.

WHEREAS, we, the Board of Directors of the Vader School District have given consideration to the required factors and criteria presented in the attached Appendix A in making our decision to approve or deny the proposed transfer of territory from the Vader School District to the Castle Rock School District. Our consideration included reviewing the recommendations from our negotiation representative(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after consideration of the evidence, rationale and weight of the facts pertinent to dissolution and annexation, if the Vader School District must dissolve due to current or projected financial insolvency for the 2007-08 school year, the Vader School District Board of Directors moves that the transfer of territory from Vader School District to Castle Rock School District be approved and recommended to the appropriate ESD Regional Committee for their action by June 30, 2007. Further, if the Vader School District must dissolve due to a projected insolvency for the 2008-09 school year, the Vader School District Board of Directors intends to ensure that the ending assets and liabilities remain consistent with that anticipated as of June 2007, and moves that the transfer of territory from Vader School District to Castle Rock School District be approved and recommended to the appropriate ESD Regional Committee for their action by June 30, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to this transfer on behalf of the Board of Directors. *See 5/11 2007*

ADOPTED by the board of directors of Vader School District 18, Vader, Washington, at a regular meeting held May 8, 2007, notice of which was given as required by law, the following directors being present and voting therefore:

VADER SCHOOL DISTRICT 18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By *[Signature]* Board Chair
[Signature] Board Vice Chair
[Signature] Director

[Signature] Director
[Signature] Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 06-07:12

A RESOLUTION DECLINING ASSISTANCE FROM COWLITZ TRIBE
AND
RESCINDING CONDITIONS OF RESOLUTION 06-07:11

Whereas by rejecting levy and/or bond items in three separate elections, voters clearly indicated that they will not support a local school district; and

Whereas, after more in-depth consideration we recognize that, as elected officials in a democratic system, we are duty-bound to abide by the wishes of the Vader/Ryderwood voters, we take the following action.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we respectfully decline the Cowlitz Tribe's generous offer of support. Further, the conditions of Resolution 06-07:11 are rescinded, and the dissolution of Vader School District 18 will proceed, as desired by our voters.

ADOPTED by the board of directors of Vader School District 18, Vader, Washington, at a regular meeting held May 15, 2007.

VADER SCHOOL DISTRICT 18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By [Signature] Board Chair
[Signature] Board Vice Chair
[Signature] Director

[Signature] Director
[Signature] Secretary