RESOLUTION NO. 1472
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995 (b) 3

WHEREAS, Statute AB 2926 (Chapter 887/Statutes of 1986) authorizes the governing board of any school district to levy a fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement against any development project for the reconstruction of school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65995 establishes a maximum amount of fee that may be charged against such development projects and authorizes the maximum amount set forth in said section to be adjusted for inflation every two years as set forth in the state-wide cost index for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board at its January meeting; and,

WHEREAS, at its January 25, 2012, meeting, the State Allocation Board increased the maximum fee authorized by Education Code Section 17620 to $3.20 per square foot of residential construction described in Government Code Section 65995(b)(1) and $0.51 per square foot against commercial and industrial construction described in Government Code Section 65995(b)(2); and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve and adopt fees on residential projects in the amount of $3.20 per square foot as authorized by Education Code Section 17620; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve and adopt fees on commercial and industrial development projects in the amount of $.51 per square foot as described in Government Code Section 65995(b)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Sequoia Union High School District as follows:

1. Procedure. This Board hereby finds that prior to the adoption of this Resolution, the Board conducted a public hearing at which oral and written presentations were made, as part of the Board’s regularly scheduled June 27, 2012, meeting. Notice of the time and place of the meeting, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered, has been published twice in a newspaper of general circulation, and a notice was available and mailed at least 14 days prior to the meeting to any interested party who had filed a written request with the District for mailed notice of the meeting on new fees or service charges within the period specified by law. Additionally, at least 10 days prior to the meeting, the District made available to the public, data indicating the amount of the cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is to be adjusted pursuant to this Resolution, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide this service. By way of such public meeting, the Board received oral and written presentations by District staff which are summarized and contained in the District’s Developer Fee Implementation Study dated June 2012, (hereinafter referred to as the "Study") and which formed the basis for the action taken pursuant to this Resolution.

2. Findings. The Board has reviewed the district’s facilities plan as it relates to proposed and potential development, the resulting school facilities needs, the cost thereof, and the available sources of revenue including the fees provided by this Resolution, and based thereon and upon all other written and oral presentations to the Board, hereby makes the following
development projects within the District will result in a significant decrease in the quality of education presently offered by the District;

D. Substantial residential development and commercial or industrial development is projected within the district’s boundaries and the enrollment produced thereby will exceed the capacity of the schools of the district. As a result, conditions of overcrowding, exists within the district, which will impair the normal functioning of the district’s educational programs.

E. The fees proposed in the Study and the fees implemented pursuant to this Resolution are for the purposes of providing adequate school facilities to maintain the quality of education offered by the District;

F. The fees proposed in the Study and implemented pursuant to this Resolution will be used for the construction or reconstruction of school facilities as identified in the District’s facilities plan;

G. The uses of the fees proposed in the Study and implemented pursuant to this Resolution are reasonably related to the types of development projects on which the fees are imposed;

H. The fees proposed in the Study and implemented pursuant to this Resolution bear a reasonable relationship to the need for reconstructed school facilities created by the types of development projects on which the fees are imposed;

I. The fees proposed in the Study and implemented pursuant to this Resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide funding for the construction or reconstruction of school facilities for which the fees are levied; and in making this finding, the Board declares that it has considered the availability of revenue sources anticipated to provide such facilities, including general fund revenues;

J. The fees imposed on commercial or industrial development bear a reasonable relationship and are limited to the needs of the community for schools and are reasonably related and limited to the need for school facilities caused by the development;

K. The fees will be collected for school facilities for which an account has been established and funds appropriated and for which the district has adopted a reconstruction schedule and/or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made.

3. Fee. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Board hereby increases fees in the amount of $3.20 per square foot for assessable space for new residential construction and for residential reconstruction to the extent of the resulting increase in assessable areas; and to the amount of $0.51 per square foot for new commercial or industrial construction.

4. Fee Adjustments and Limitation. The fees adjusted herewith shall be subject to the following:

A. The amount of the District’s fees as authorized by Education Code Section 17620 shall be reviewed every two years to determine if a fee increase according to the adjustment for inflation set forth in the statewide cost index for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board is justified.

B. Any development project for which a final map was approved and construction had
long as the reasonable value of land to be dedicated does not exceed the maximum fee amounts contained herein or modified pursuant hereto.

6. Implementation. For residential, commercial or industrial projects within the District, the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, is authorized to issue Certificates of Compliance upon the payment of any fee levied under the authority of this Resolution.

7. California Environmental Quality Act. The Board hereby finds that the implementation of Developer Fees is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

8. Commencement Date. The effective date of this Resolution shall be August 26, 2012, which is 60 days following its adoption by the Board.

9. Notification of Local Agencies. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution and a Map of the District to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County and to the Planning Commissions and City Councils of the Cities of Atherton, Belmont, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside.

10. Severability. If any portion of this Resolution is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board hereby declares its intent to adopt this Resolution irrespective of the fact that one or more of its provisions may be declared invalid subsequent hereto.

APPROVED, PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Sequoia Union High School District this 27th day of June 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: 

NOES: none

ABSENCES: none

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board