

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Friday September 7, 2007 8:00 am

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held at the Dahlager Theater on Friday, September 7, 2007, for the purpose of discussing the operating referendum question for November 6, 2007 ballot.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Chairperson, Pat Nelson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Bob Bunker (arrived at 8:06 am), Aimee Struffert (arrived at 8:09 am), Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson and Pat Nelson. Dr. Barbra Zakrajsek was also present.

Motion by J. Chambers, second by C. Patnode, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Member Linda Ramson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO INCREASING THE GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board ("Board") of Independent School District No. 912 (Milaca Schools), State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to increase its general education revenue by \$500 per pupil, beginning in taxes payable year 2008. The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The question of increasing the general education revenue of the school district shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2007.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as those for the state general election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election (in substantially the form attached hereto) to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, at least fifty-three (53) days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the district for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the election to be mailed by first class mail to each taxpayer in the district at least fifteen (15) but no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 9, paragraph (b). The clerk is also directed to cause a copy of this notice to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the election.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting the state general and other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration, and cost sharing.

5. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION BALLOT
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 912
Milaca Schools
SPECIAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6th, 2007**

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s), like this:

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

The board of Independent School District No. 912 (Milaca Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$500 per pupil, beginning in taxes payable year 2008. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

YES Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent
NO School District No.912 (Milaca Schools) be approved?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

In precincts using an optical scan voting system, the ballots must be printed in black ink on white colored material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed on another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

6. If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract exceeding \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

7. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election at the various polling places and shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

8. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law, and the Board shall meet on or before November 13, 2007 (a date within seven days after the election) for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Jody Chambers and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Aimee Struffert, Connie Patnode, Jody Chambers, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson

and the following voted against the same: Todd Quaintance, Bob Bunger

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

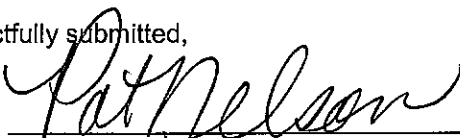
Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Chambers, to set the referendum length of time at 10 years. Roll call vote. Those voted in favor: A. Struffert, C. Patnode, J. Chambers, L. Ramson, P. Nelson. Those voted against: B. Bunger, T. Quaintance. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Patnode, to set the operating referendum amount at \$400. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

Motion by B. Bunger, second by J. Chambers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

September 17, 2007

Date


Clerk

September 17, 2007

Date