

School Board Meeting Minutes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912

MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353

Monday, September 8, 2009 6:30 pm

BOARD ROOM

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the Board Room on Monday, September 8, 2009, for the purpose of awarding bids for construction projects.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson, Pat Nelson.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance, Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson. Jerry Hansen, Superintendent, was also present.

Motion by A. Struffert, second by J. Larson, to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the results from the community meetings and the financial direction of the district, including future reductions and running an operating levy.

Member Todd Quaintance 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 of Independent School District No. 912, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. (a) 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 resident marginal cost pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per resident marginal cost pupil unit" as "per pupil." The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations and the property tax portion thereof will require an estimated referendum tax rate of approximately 0.10504% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2010, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. For this purpose, the rate of inflation shall be the annual inflationary increase calculated under Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 2, paragraph (b). 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.

1. (b) The Board hereby determines and declares that it is also necessary and expedient for the school district to increase its general education revenue by \$200 per resident marginal cost pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per resident marginal cost pupil unit" as "per pupil." The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations and the property tax portion thereof will require an estimated referendum tax rate of approximately 0.04212% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2010, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. For this purpose, the rate of inflation shall be the annual inflationary increase calculated under Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 2, paragraph (b). The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question 2 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization. The passage of said School District Ballot Question 2 shall be contingent upon the approval of School District Ballot Question 1 as described above and herein.

2. The questions on increasing the general education revenue of the school district shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the school district combined polling place and the precincts served by that polling place, as previously established and designated by school board resolution for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, is hereby designated for this special election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election 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 the combined 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 school 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 questions 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 the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in the combined polling place on election day.

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 school 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 other elections on that date.

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 PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
SPECIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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 Public Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$500 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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YES

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 912 be approved?

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NO

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

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

The board of Independent School District No. 912 (Milaca Public Schools) has also proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$200 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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YES

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 912 also be approved?

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NO

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

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot card. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot card 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 card 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 clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for testing of the optical scan voting system within fourteen (14) days prior to the election date. The clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be given at least two (2) days in advance of publication once in the official newspaper, by posting a notice, and by notifying the county or legislative district chair of each major political party. The notice published for the school district general election shall fulfill this requirement.

8. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the location of the counting center or the place where the ballots will be counted to be published in the official newspaper at least once during the week preceding the week of the election and in the newspaper of widest circulation once on the day preceding the election, or once the week preceding the election if the newspaper is a weekly. The notice published for the school district general election shall fulfill this requirement.

9. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to begin assembling names of trained election judges to serve at the combined polling place during the November 3, 2009 special election. 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.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Aimee Struffert and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

Jackie Struffert, Aimee Struffert, Jody Chambers, Todd Quaintance,
Linda Ramson, Pat Nelson, Jeff Larson

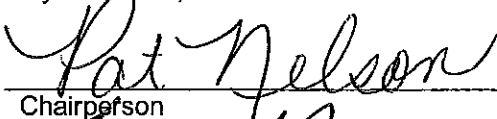
and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

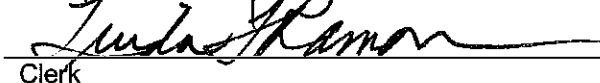
Motion by T. Quaintance, second by A. Struffert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

September 14, 2009
Date


Clerk

September 14, 2009
Date