

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING

TO

SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

ISSUER: INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 857  
(LEWISTON-ALTURA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

GOVERNING BODY: SCHOOL BOARD

KIND, DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

At a regular meeting held on July 10, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., in the School District.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Documents Attached: Extract of Minutes of said meeting.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO REVOKING THE EXISTING REFERENDUM  
REVENUE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING A NEW  
AUTHORIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING  
BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON**

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the obligations referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said obligations; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such recording officer this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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School District Clerk

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 857  
(LEWISTON-ALTURA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

HELD: JULY 10, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 857 (Lewiston-Altura Public Schools), State of Minnesota, was duly held in the School District on July 10, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present:

and the following were absent:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO REVOKING THE EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING A NEW AUTHORIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 857, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$51.92 per adjusted pupil unit, and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$760 per adjusted pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per adjusted 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 0.13041% of the referendum market value of the School District for taxes payable in 2024, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten (10) years and increase each year by the rate of inflation commencing with taxes payable in 2025, and 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(b). The question on the approval of this referendum revenue

authorization shall be School District Question 1 on the School District ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The School Board hereby finds and determines that it is also necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$26,645,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of a secure entry at the elementary school and a secure entry and office at the high school; remodeling and updates to spaces at the elementary and high school including classrooms, restrooms and support spaces; the construction of building additions at the high school including space for career and technical education; the construction of safety improvements to parking lots, bus and parent drop off and pickup areas, and transportation and maintenance space at school sites and facilities; and the construction and installation of HVAC, plumbing and electrical infrastructure improvements at school sites and facilities. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 2 on the School District ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

3. The School Board hereby finds and determines that it is also necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$12,540,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of improvements to convert the existing main gymnasium at the high school into a performing arts space; and the construction and equipping of a new gymnasium, locker rooms, lobby and support spaces? The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 3 on the School District ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing. The passage of said School District Question 3 shall be contingent upon the approval of School District Question 2 as described above and herein.

4. The administration of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to consult with the Minnesota Department of Education and cause a proposal to be prepared and submitted to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment on behalf of the School Board, and to take such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended. Any such actions taken by the administration prior to the date of this resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on School District Question 2 and School District Question 3 specified above shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive or unfavorable (provided applicable statutory requirements are met) Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education on the projects included in those questions.

5. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the School District at least forty-eight (48) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election specified below.

6. The School Board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner's Review and Comment before the referendum for bonds.

7. The ballot questions specified above 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 7, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m and 8:00 o'clock p.m. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.05.

8. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the School District's combined polling places and the precincts served by the combined polling places, as previously established and designated by a resolution of the School Board adopted December 12, 2022, for elections held in 2023, are hereby designated for this special election. The School Board hereby determines and declares that its combined polling place at the Altura City Hall shall be the polling location for School District residents located in Rollingstone Township, Winona County, Minnesota.

9. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given 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 seventy-four (74) days prior to 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. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

10. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of the election to be mailed to each taxpayer in the School District at least fifteen (15) but no more than forty-five (45) 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(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.

11. 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 said election. The notice of election so posted and published shall state each 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.

12. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted for public inspection at the administrative offices of the School District at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

13. 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 two sample ballots to be posted in each combined polling place on election day. The sample ballots shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

14. 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 places on election day.

15. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials 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. 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 or understandings with appropriate officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

16. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a ballot to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color, instructions, and content as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system or to comply with the form and content requirements of applicable state election laws:


# Special Election Ballot

## Independent School District No. 857 (Lewiston-Altura Public Schools)

November 7, 2023

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### Instructions to Voters:

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

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

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### School District Question 1 Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization; Approving New Authorization

The school board of Independent School District No. 857 (Lewiston-Altura Public Schools) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$51.92 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$760 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2024, and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2025, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

**Yes**

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 857 be approved?

**No**

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

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**School District Question 2**  
**Approval of School District Bond Issue**

**Yes**

**No**

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 857 (Lewiston-Altura Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,645,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of a secure entry at the elementary school and a secure entry and office at the high school; remodeling and updates to spaces at the elementary and high school including classrooms, restrooms and support spaces; the construction of building additions at the high school including space for career and technical education; the construction of safety improvements to parking lots, bus and parent drop off and pickup areas, and transportation and maintenance space at school sites and facilities; and the construction and installation of HVAC, plumbing and electrical infrastructure improvements at school sites and facilities?

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

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**School District Question 3**  
**Approval of School District Bond Issue**

**Yes**

**No**

If School District Question 2 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 857 (Lewiston-Altura Public Schools) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$12,540,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of improvements to convert the existing main gymnasium at the high school into a performing arts space; and the construction and equipping of a new gymnasium, locker rooms, lobby and support spaces?

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

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17. 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. 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.

18. 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 in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer, at the request of the election official, 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.

19. 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 by publishing the Notice of Testing once in the official newspaper and by causing the notice to be posted in the office of the county auditor, the administrative offices of the School District, and the office of any other local election official conducting the test.

20. 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.

21. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the School Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at School District elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the School District and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Section 203B.121 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges. The ballot board may include deputy county auditors and deputy city clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. The Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The Clerk or the Clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the School Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day. Each member of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting



absentee ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board, procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots, and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

22. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to begin assembling names of trained election judges to serve at the combined polling places during the 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 election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the election.

23. The Clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the School District under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02 available on the School District's website. The Clerk must post the report on the School District's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The School District must make a report available on the School District's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The Clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by

\_\_\_\_\_. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor:

and the following voted against:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.