

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SCHOOL BOARD
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726
(BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools), State of Minnesota, was held in said school district on August 3, 2015, at 6:30 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 INCREASING THE GENERAL EDUCATION
REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE
OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, AND CALLING AN ELECTION
THEREON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 726, 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 \$460 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 0.090480% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2016, 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 Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization. The title to School District Question 1 shall reflect the Board's current intention that the revenue from the new authorization will be used to provide additional funding for the school district to maintain the stability of

existing educational programs.

(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 an additional \$80 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 0.015730% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2016, 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 Question 2 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization. The title to School District Question 2 shall reflect the Board's current intention that the revenue from this additional authorization will be used to provide additional funding for the school district to provide additional educational programs. The passage of School District Question 2 shall be contingent on the passage of School District Question 1 as described above and herein.

(c) The board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 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 parking lot, roof and heat pump replacements at the Becker Middle School facility; parking lot replacement and installation of metal wall panels at the Becker Intermediate School facility; heat pump and carpet and tile replacements at the Becker Primary School facility; and acquisition and installation of an artificial turf multi-purpose athletic field and related improvements. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Ballot Question 3 on the school district ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing. The passage of School District Question 3 shall be contingent on the passage of School District Question 1 as described above and herein.

The actions of the administration in consulting with the Minnesota Department of Education, causing a proposal to be prepared for submission on behalf of the board to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment and taking such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended, are hereby ratified and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on School District Ballot Question 3 specified herein shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.

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 twenty (20) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election as specified in paragraph 3 of this resolution.

2. The ballot questions 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, 2015, 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 seventy-four (74) 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. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

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 two sample ballots to be posted at 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 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 the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted at 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:

SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 (BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THE STABILITY OF EXISTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$460 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.



Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 726 be approved?



No

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

**SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2
FUNDING TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools) has also proposed to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$80 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Yes

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 726 also be approved?

No

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

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 3
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE**

YES

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including parking lot, roof and heat pump replacements at the Becker Middle School facility; parking lot replacement and installation of metal wall panels at the Becker Intermediate School facility; heat pump and carpet and tile replacements at the Becker Primary School facility; and acquisition and installation of an artificial turf multi-purpose athletic field and related improvements?

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. 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, 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.

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 by publishing the Notice of Testing once in the official newspaper and by causing the notice to be posted in the administrative offices of the school district, the office of the County Auditor and the office of any other local election official conducting the test.

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.

9. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the 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 Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. 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 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.

10. 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, 2015 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.

11. The School District clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the school district under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, and received on or after May 17, 2014, 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 _____ and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.