

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, held in the Meridian Junior High School Board of Education Room, 207 W. Main Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 3rd day of December, 2025.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, John Smith, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

The President announced that the next item for consideration was the issuance of not to exceed \$500,000 general obligation bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Article 19 of the School Code for the purpose of refunding certain of the District’s outstanding bonds and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon. The President then explained that the resolution sets forth the parameters for the issuance of said bonds and sale thereof by designated officials of the District and summarized the pertinent terms of said

parameters, including the specific parameters governing the manner of sale, length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds.

Whereupon Member _____ presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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WHEREAS, Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois (the "*District*"), has outstanding General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016A (the "*Prior Bonds*"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the "*Board*") has determined that it is necessary and desirable to refund a portion of the Prior Bonds (said Prior Bonds to be refunded being referred to herein as the "*Refunded Bonds*") for debt service restructuring; and

WHEREAS, the Refunded Bonds shall be fully described in the Escrow Agreement referred to in Section 12 hereof or in the hereinafter-defined Bond Notification and are presently outstanding and unpaid and are binding and subsisting legal obligations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has further determined that, in order to refund the Refunded Bonds, it is necessary and in the best interests of the District to borrow not to exceed \$500,000 and issue bonds of the District therefor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Prior Bonds, the Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption in advance of their maturity, and it is necessary and desirable to make such call for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on their earliest possible or practicable call date, and provide for the giving of proper notice to the registered owners of the Refunded Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization. It is hereby found and determined that the Board has been authorized by law to borrow the sum of \$500,000 upon the credit of the District and as evidence of such indebtedness to issue bonds of the District to said amount, the proceeds of said bonds to be used to refund the Refunded Bonds, and that it is necessary and for the best interests of the District that there be issued not to exceed \$500,000 of the bonds so authorized.

Section 3. Bond Details. There be borrowed on the credit of and for and on behalf of the District the sum of not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose aforesaid; and that bonds of the District (the “Bonds”) shall be issued to said amount and shall be designated “General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026” or with such other series designation set forth in the Bond Notification. The Bonds, if issued, shall be issued in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, shall be dated such date (not prior to December 3, 2025, and not later than February 27, 2026) as set forth in the Bond Notification, shall also bear the date of authentication, shall be in fully registered form, shall be in denominations of \$5,000 each or authorized integral multiples thereof or such other denominations as set forth in the Bond Notification (but no single Bond shall represent installments of principal maturing on more than one date), and shall be numbered 1 and upward. The Bonds shall become due and payable on December 1, 2026, and shall bear interest at the rate per annum (not exceeding 5.50%) as set forth in the Bond Notification. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of the Bonds is paid, such interest (computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) being payable on June 1, 2026, and on December 1, 2026, unless otherwise provided in the Bond Notification.

Interest on each Bond shall be paid by check or draft of the bond registrar and paying agent (which shall be a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois) set forth in the Bond Notification (the "*Bond Registrar*"), payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America, to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the interest payment date. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar.

The Bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the President and Secretary of the Board, and shall be registered, numbered and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District (the "*School Treasurer*"), as they shall determine, and in case any officer whose signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

All Bonds shall have thereon a certificate of authentication substantially in the form hereinafter set forth duly executed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent of the District and showing the date of authentication. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Bond Registrar by manual signature, and such certificate of authentication upon any such Bond shall be conclusive evidence that such Bond has been authenticated and delivered under this Resolution. The certificate of authentication on any Bond shall be deemed to have been executed by the Bond Registrar if signed by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar, but it shall not be necessary that the same officer sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds issued hereunder.

Section 4. Registration of Bonds; Persons Treated as Owners. (a) General. The District shall cause books (the “*Bond Register*”) for the registration and for the transfer of the Bonds as provided in this Resolution to be kept at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, which is hereby constituted and appointed the registrar of the District. The District is authorized to prepare, and the Bond Registrar shall keep custody of, multiple Bond blanks executed by the District for use in the transfer and exchange of Bonds.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and duly executed by, the registered owner or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, the District shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, date and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations, for a like aggregate principal amount. Any fully registered Bond or Bonds may be exchanged at said office of the Bond Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bond or Bonds of other authorized denominations. The execution by the District of any fully registered Bond shall constitute full and due authorization of such Bond and the Bond Registrar shall thereby be authorized to authenticate, date and deliver such Bond, *provided, however*, the principal amount of outstanding Bonds authenticated by the Bond Registrar shall not exceed the authorized principal amount of Bonds.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date.

The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his or her legal

representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Bonds, but the District or the Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds.

(b) *Global Book-Entry System.* The Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond as described in Section 3 hereof. If requested by a Purchaser of Bonds, upon initial issuance, the ownership of each of such Bonds may be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., or any successor thereto ("*Cede*"), as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns ("*DTC*"). In such event, all of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, except as hereinafter provided. The President and Secretary of the Board and Superintendent of the District and the Bond Registrar are each authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the District, such letters to or agreements with DTC as shall be necessary to effectuate such book-entry system (any such letter or agreement being referred to herein as the "*Representation Letter*"), which Representation Letter may provide for the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds by wire transfer.

With respect to Bonds registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, the District and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Bonds from time to time as securities depository (each such broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution being referred to herein as a "*DTC Participant*") or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the District and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the

records of DTC, Cede or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any amount with respect to the principal of or interest on the Bonds. The District and the Bond Registrar may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Bond Register as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of giving notices of redemption and other matters with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Bond Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective registered owners of the Bonds, as shown in the Bond Register, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the District's obligations with respect to payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, shall receive a Bond evidencing the obligation of the District to make payments of principal and interest with respect to any Bond. Upon delivery by DTC to the Bond Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede, and subject to the provisions in Section 3 hereof with respect to the payment of interest to the registered owners of Bonds at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the applicable interest payment date, the name "Cede" in this resolution shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

In the event that (i) the District determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the Representation Letter, (ii) the agreement among the

District, the Bond Registrar and DTC evidenced by the Representation Letter shall be terminated for any reason or (iii) the District determines that it is in the best interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, the District shall notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of certificated Bonds and the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC. At that time, the District may determine that the Bonds shall be registered in the name of and deposited with such other depository operating a universal book-entry system, as may be acceptable to the District, or such depository's agent or designee, and if the District does not select such alternate universal book-entry system, then the Bonds may be registered in whatever name or names registered owners of Bonds transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(a) hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this resolution to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the name provided in the Representation Letter.

Section 5. Form of Bond. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form; *provided, however,* that if the text of the Bond is to be printed in its entirety on the front side of the Bond, then paragraph [2] and the legend, "See Reverse Side for Additional Provisions", shall be omitted and paragraphs [6] through [9] shall be inserted immediately after paragraph [1]:

[Form of Bond - Front Side]

REGISTERED
NO. 1

REGISTERED
\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTIES OF OGLE AND WINNEBAGO

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 223

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND, SERIES 2026

See Reverse Side for
Additional Provisions

Interest Maturity Dated
Rate: _____% Date: December 1, 2026 Date: _____, 2026 CUSIP: _____

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

[1] KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois (the “*District*”), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Registered Owner identified above, or registered assigns as hereinafter provided, on the Maturity Date identified above, the Principal Amount identified above and to pay interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) on such Principal Amount from the date of this Bond or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing _____, 20____ until said Principal Amount is paid. Principal of this Bond is payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender hereof at the principal corporate trust office of _____, _____, as bond registrar and paying agent (the “*Bond Registrar*”). Payment of the installments of interest shall be made to the Registered Owner hereof as shown on the

registration books of the District maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding each interest payment date and shall be paid by check or draft of the Bond Registrar, payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America, mailed to the address of such Registered Owner as it appears on such registration books or at such other address furnished in writing by such Registered Owner to the Bond Registrar. For the prompt payment of this Bond, both principal and interest at maturity, the full faith, credit and resources of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

[2] Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Bond set forth on the reverse hereof and such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

[3] It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond did exist, have happened, been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law; that the indebtedness of the District, including the issue of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law; and that provision has been made for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest hereon as it falls due and also to pay and discharge the principal hereof at maturity.

[4] This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Bond Registrar.

[5] IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, by its Board of Education, has caused this Bond to be signed by the manual or duly authorized facsimile signatures of the President and Secretary of said Board of Education, and to be registered, numbered and countersigned by the manual or duly authorized facsimile signature of the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District, all as of the Dated Date identified above.

SPECIMEN
President, Board of Education

SPECIMEN
Secretary, Board of Education

Registered, Numbered and Countersigned:

SPECIMEN
School Treasurer

Date of Authentication: _____, 2026

CERTIFICATE
OF
AUTHENTICATION

Bond Registrar and Paying Agent:
_____,
_____, _____

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within mentioned resolution and is one of the General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.

_____,
as Bond Registrar

By _____
SPECIMEN
Authorized Officer

[Form of Bond - Reverse Side]

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 223

OGLE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND, SERIES 2026

[6] This Bond is one of a series of bonds issued by the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, in full compliance with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and is authorized by said Board of Education by a resolution duly and properly adopted for that purpose, in all respects as provided by law.

[7] This Bond is transferable by the Registered Owner hereof in person or by his or her attorney duly authorized in writing at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar in _____, _____, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges provided in the authorizing resolution, and upon surrender and cancellation of this Bond. Upon such transfer a new Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

[8] The Bonds are issued in fully registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 each or authorized integral multiples thereof. This Bond may be exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of other authorized denominations, upon the terms set forth in the authorizing resolution. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date.

[9] The District and the Bond Registrar may deem and treat the Registered Owner hereof as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes and neither the District nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

(ASSIGNMENT)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

(Name and Address of Assignee)

the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____

attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 6. Sale of Bonds. One of the President and Vice President of the Board, together with the Superintendent of the District (together, the “*Designated Representatives*”), are hereby authorized to proceed not later than the 27th day of February, 2026, without any further authorization or direction from the Board, to sell the Bonds upon the terms as prescribed in this Resolution. The Bonds hereby authorized shall be executed as in this Resolution provided as soon after the delivery of the Bond Notification as may be, and thereupon be deposited with the School Treasurer, and, after authentication thereof by the Bond Registrar, be by said Treasurer delivered to the purchasers thereof (the “*Purchasers*” or each a “*Purchaser*”), upon receipt of the purchase

price therefor, the same being not less than 99.0% of the principal amount of such Bonds (exclusive of any original issue discount), plus accrued interest, if any, to date of delivery.

Each Purchaser shall be: (a) pursuant to a competitive sale conducted by PMA Securities, Inc., Naperville, Illinois ("*PMA* "), the best bidder for the Bonds; (b) in a negotiated underwriting, a bank or financial institution listed in the Dealers & Underwriters or Municipal Derivatives sections of the most recent edition of The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace; or (c) in a private placement, (i) a bank or financial institution authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, (ii) a "governmental unit" as defined in the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, or (iii) an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended; *provided, however*, that each Purchaser as set forth in either (b) or (c) shall be selected only upon the recommendation of PMA that the sale of such Bonds on a negotiated or private placement basis to a Purchaser is in the best interest of the District because of (i) the pricing of such Bonds by a Purchaser, (ii) then current market conditions or (iii) the timing of the sale of such Bonds; and *further provided*, that a Purchaser as set forth in (c) may be selected through the utilization of a placement agent selected by the Designated Representatives after consultation with PMA if the use of such placement agent is determined by the Designated Representatives to be in the best interest of the District.

Prior to the sale of the Bonds, the President of the Board or the Superintendent or business official of the District is hereby authorized to approve and execute a commitment for the purchase of a Municipal Bond Insurance Policy (as hereinafter defined), to further secure such Bonds, as long as the present value of the fee to be paid for the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy (using as a discount rate the expected yield on such Bonds treating the fee paid as interest on such Bonds) is less than the present value of the interest reasonably expected to be saved on such Bonds over the term of such Bonds as a result of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy.

Upon the sale of the Bonds, the Designated Representatives shall prepare a Notification of Sale of such Bonds, which shall include the pertinent details of sale as provided herein (the “*Bond Notification*”). In the Bond Notification, the Designated Representatives shall find and determine that the Bonds have been sold at such price and bear interest at such rates that either the true interest cost (yield) or the net interest rate received upon the sale of the Bonds does not exceed the maximum rate otherwise authorized by applicable law. The Bond Notification shall be entered into the records of the District and made available to the Board at the next regular meeting thereof; but such action shall be for information purposes only, and the Board shall have no right or authority at such time to approve or reject such sale as evidenced in the Bond Notification.

Upon the sale of the Bonds, as evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Bond Notification by the Designated Representatives, the President and Secretary of the Board and the School Treasurer, the Superintendent of the District and any other officers of the District, as shall be appropriate, shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to approve or execute, or both, such documents of sale of such Bonds as may be necessary, including, without limitation, the contract for the sale of such Bonds between the District and a Purchaser (a “*Purchase Contract*”). Prior to the execution and delivery of a Purchase Contract, the Designated Representatives shall find and determine that no person holding any office of the District, either by election or appointment, is in any manner interested, directly or indirectly, in his or her own name or in the name of any other person, association, trust or corporation, in such Purchase Contract.

The Bonds before being issued shall be registered, numbered and countersigned by the School Treasurer, such registration being made in a book provided for that purpose, in which shall be entered the record of the resolution authorizing the Board to borrow said money and a description of the Bonds issued, including the number, date, to whom issued, amount, rate of interest and when due.

The use by the Purchaser of any Preliminary Official Statement and any final Official Statement relating to the Bonds (the “*Official Statement*”) is hereby ratified, approved and authorized; the execution and delivery of the Official Statement is hereby authorized; and the officers of the Board are hereby authorized to take any action as may be required on the part of the District to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Contract, this Resolution, said Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement and the Bonds.

Section 7. Tax Levy. In order to provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on the Bonds as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof at maturity, there be and there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property within the District a direct annual tax for each of the years while the Bonds or any of them are outstanding, in amounts sufficient for that purpose, and that there be and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the District, the following direct annual tax, to-wit:

FOR THE YEAR	A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE SUM OF:
2025	\$510,000.00 for interest and principal up to and including December 1, 2026

Principal or interest maturing at any time when there are not sufficient funds on hand from the foregoing tax levy to pay the same shall be paid from the general funds of the District, and the fund from which such payment was made shall be reimbursed out of the taxes hereby levied when the same shall be collected.

The District covenants and agrees with the purchasers and the holders of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the District will take no action or fail to take any action which in any way would adversely affect the ability of the District to levy and collect the foregoing tax levy and the District and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws in order to assure that the foregoing taxes will be levied, extended and collected

as provided herein and deposited in the fund established to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

To the extent that the taxes levied above exceed the amount necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds as set forth in the Bond Notification, the President and Secretary of the Board and the School Treasurer are hereby authorized to direct the abatement of such taxes to the extent of the excess of such levy over the amount necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds. Proper notice of such abatement shall be filed with the County Clerks of The Counties of Ogle and Winnebago, Illinois (the “*County Clerks*”), in a timely manner to effect such abatement.

Section 8. Filing of Resolution and Certificate of Reduction of Taxes. Forthwith upon the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Clerks, and it shall be the duty of the County Clerks in and for the year 2025 to ascertain the rate necessary to produce the tax herein levied, and extend the same for collection on the tax books against all of the taxable property within the District in connection with other taxes levied in said year for school purposes, in order to raise the amount aforesaid and in said year such annual tax shall be computed, extended and collected in the same manner as now or hereafter provided by law for the computation, extension and collection of taxes for general school purposes of the District, and when collected, the taxes hereby levied shall be placed to the credit of a special fund to be designated “Refunding Bond and Interest Fund – Series 2026” (the “*Bond Fund*”), which taxes are hereby irrevocably pledged to and shall be used only for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and a certified copy of this Resolution shall also be filed with the School Treasurer.

The President and Secretary of the Board and the School Treasurer be and the same are hereby directed to prepare and file with the County Clerks, a Certificate of Reduction of Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Payment of Bonds showing the Prior Bonds being refunded and directing

the abatement of the taxes heretofore levied to pay the Refunded Bonds, all as provided by Section 19-23 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended.

Section 9. Use of Taxes Heretofore Levied. All proceeds received or to be received from any taxes heretofore levied to pay principal and interest on the Refunded Bonds, including the proceeds received or to be received from the taxes levied for the year 2024 for such purpose, shall be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds and to the extent that such proceeds are not needed for such purpose because of the establishment of the escrow or deposit with the hereinafter-defined Prior Paying Agent referred to in Section 10 hereof, the same shall be deposited into the Bond Fund and used to pay principal and interest on the Bonds in accordance with all of the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 10. Use of Bond Proceeds; Call of the Refunded Bonds. Accrued interest, if any, received on the delivery of the Bonds, together with sale proceeds of the Bonds in an amount set forth in the Bond Notification (not to exceed \$10,000), is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying first interest due on the Bonds and is hereby ordered deposited into the Bond Fund. Simultaneously with the delivery of the Bonds, the remaining sale proceeds of the Bonds, together with such additional amounts as may be necessary from the general funds of the District, are hereby appropriated to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds and to refund the Refunded Bonds, and that portion thereof not needed to pay such costs of issuance is hereby ordered deposited (i) with Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, as the paying agent for the Prior Bonds (the “*Prior Paying Agent*”) or (ii) in escrow pursuant to an Escrow Agreement (the “*Escrow Agreement*”) to be entered into between the District and an escrow agent, as set forth in the Bond Notification (the “*Escrow Agent*”), in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A* and made a part hereof by this reference, or with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officers of the District executing the Escrow Agreement, such execution to constitute evidence of the

approval of such changes, for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. The Board approves the form, terms and provisions of the Escrow Agreement and directs the President and Secretary of the Board to execute, attest and deliver the Escrow Agreement in the name and on behalf of the District. Amounts in the escrow may be used to purchase direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America (the “*Government Securities*”) to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds and a bidding agent may be used to conduct bidding for the Government Securities. The Escrow Agent, PMA, such bidding agent used to conduct the bidding of the Government Securities, if any, and the Purchaser are each hereby authorized to act as agent for the District in the purchase of the Government Securities.

At the time of the issuance of the Bonds, the costs of issuance of the Bonds may be paid by a Purchaser, PMA or the Bond Registrar on behalf of the District from the proceeds of the Bonds.

In accordance with the redemption provisions of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds, the District by the Board does hereby make provision for the payment of and does hereby call (subject only to the delivery of the Bonds) the Refunded Bonds for redemption on March 12, 2026, or on such other date as set forth in the Bond Notification. Prior to the sale of the Bonds, the President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District and the School Treasurer are each hereby authorized to approve and execute a letter of direction to the Prior Paying Agent for the conditionas redemption of the Refunded Bonds (the “*Direction Letter*”). The Paying Agent is hereby authorized and directed to give timely notice of the call for redemption of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Direction Letter.

Section 11. Non-Arbitrage and Tax-Exemption. The District hereby covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within

its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Bonds) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause any of the Bonds to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “*Code*”), or would otherwise cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The District acknowledges that, in the event of an examination by the Internal Revenue Service (the “*IRS*”) of the exemption from federal income taxation for interest paid on the Bonds, under present rules, the District may be treated as a “taxpayer” in such examination and agrees that it will respond in a commercially reasonable manner to any inquiries from the IRS in connection with such an examination.

The District also agrees and covenants with the purchasers and holders of the Bonds from time to time outstanding that, to the extent possible under Illinois law, it will comply with whatever federal tax law is adopted in the future which applies to the Bonds and affects the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

The Board hereby authorizes the officials of the District responsible for issuing the Bonds, the same being the President and Secretary of the Board and the School Treasurer, to make such further covenants and certifications regarding the specific use of the proceeds of the Bonds as approved by the Board and as may be necessary to assure that the use thereof will not cause the Bonds to be arbitrage bonds and to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be exempt from federal income taxation. In connection therewith, the District and the Board further agree: (a) through their officers, to make such further specific covenants, representations as shall be truthful, and assurances as may be necessary or advisable; (b) to consult with counsel approving the Bonds and to comply with such advice as may be given; (c) to pay to the United States, as necessary, such sums of money representing required rebates of excess arbitrage profits relating to the Bonds;

(d) to file such forms, statements, and supporting documents as may be required and in a timely manner; and (e) if deemed necessary or advisable by their officers, to employ and pay fiscal agents, financial advisors, attorneys, and other persons to assist the District in such compliance.

Section 12. Designation of Issue. The District hereby designates each of the Bonds as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 13. List of Bondholders. The Bond Registrar shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of the holders of all Bonds and upon any transfer shall add the name and address of the new Bondholder and eliminate the name and address of the transferor Bondholder.

Section 14. Duties of Bond Registrar. If requested by the Bond Registrar, the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to execute the Bond Registrar’s standard form of agreement between the District and the Bond Registrar with respect to the obligations and duties of the Bond Registrar hereunder which may include the following:

(a) to act as bond registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent as provided herein;

(b) to maintain a list of Bondholders as set forth herein and to furnish such list to the District upon request, but otherwise to keep such list confidential;

(c) to cancel and/or destroy Bonds which have been paid at maturity or submitted for exchange or transfer;

(d) to furnish the District at least annually a certificate with respect to Bonds cancelled and/or destroyed; and

(e) to furnish the District at least annually an audit confirmation of Bonds paid, Bonds outstanding and payments made with respect to interest on the Bonds.

Section 15. Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. If applicable to the Bonds, the President of the Board is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking under Section (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and

Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Continuing Disclosure Undertaking*”). When the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is executed and delivered on behalf of the District as herein provided, the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking will be binding on the District and the officers, employees and agents of the District, and the officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking as executed. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, the sole remedy for failure to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be the ability of the beneficial owner of any Bond to seek mandamus or specific performance by court order to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Section 16. Municipal Bond Insurance. In the event the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds is insured pursuant to a municipal bond insurance policy (the “*Municipal Bond Insurance Policy*”) issued by a bond insurer (the “*Bond Insurer*”), and as long as such Municipal Bond Insurance Policy shall be in full force and effect, the District and the Bond Registrar agree to comply with such usual and reasonable provisions regarding presentment and payment of the Bonds, subrogation of the rights of the Bondholders to the Bond Insurer upon payment of the Bonds by the Bond Insurer, amendment hereof, or other terms, as approved by the President of the Board on advice of counsel, his or her approval to constitute full and complete acceptance by the District of such terms and provisions under authority of this Section.

Section 17. Record-Keeping Policy and Post-Issuance Compliance Matters. It is necessary and in the best interest of the District to maintain sufficient records to demonstrate compliance with its covenants and expectations to ensure the appropriate federal tax status for the Bonds and other debt obligations of the District, the interest on which is excludable from “gross

income” for federal income tax purposes or which enable the District or the holder to receive federal tax benefits, including, but not limited to, qualified tax credit bonds and other specified tax credit bonds (including the Bonds, the “*Tax Advantaged Obligations*”). Further, it is necessary and in the best interest of the District that (i) the Board adopt policies with respect to record-keeping and post issuance compliance with the District’s covenants related to its Tax Advantaged Obligations and (ii) the Compliance Officer (as hereinafter defined) at least annually review the District’s Contracts (as hereinafter defined) to determine whether the Tax Advantaged Obligations comply with the federal tax requirements applicable to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations. The Board and the District hereby adopt the following Record-Keeping Policy and, in doing so, amend any similar Record-Keeping Policy or Policies heretofore adopted:

(a) *Compliance Officer Is Responsible for Records.* The Superintendent of the District (the “*Compliance Officer*”) is hereby designated as the keeper of all records of the District with respect to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, and such officer shall report to the Board at least annually that he/she has all of the required records in his/her possession, or is taking appropriate action to obtain or recover such records.

(b) *Closing Transcripts.* For each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, the Compliance Officer shall receive, and shall keep and maintain, a true, correct and complete counterpart of each and every document and agreement delivered in connection with the issuance of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, including without limitation (i) the proceedings of the District authorizing the Tax Advantaged Obligations, (ii) any offering document with respect to the offer and sale of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, (iii) any legal opinions with respect to the Tax Advantaged Obligations delivered by any lawyers, and (iv) all written representations of any person delivered in connection with the issuance and initial sale of the Tax Advantaged Obligations.

(c) *Arbitrage Rebate Liability.* The Compliance Officer shall review the agreements of the District with respect to each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations and shall prepare a report for the Board stating whether or not the District has any rebate liability to the United States Treasury, and setting forth any applicable exemptions that each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations may have from rebate liability. Such report shall be updated annually and delivered to the Board.

(d) *Recommended Records.* The Compliance Officer shall review the records related to each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations and shall determine what requirements the District must meet in order to maintain the tax-exemption of interest paid on its Tax

Tax Advantaged Obligations, its entitlement to direct payments by the United States Treasury of the applicable percentages of each interest payment due and owing on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, and applicable tax credits or other tax benefits arising from its Tax Advantaged Obligations. The Compliance Officer shall then prepare a list of the contracts, requisitions, invoices, receipts and other information that may be needed in order to establish that the interest paid on the Tax Advantaged Obligations is entitled to be excluded from “gross income” for federal income tax purposes, that the District is entitled to receive from the United States Treasury direct payments of the applicable percentages of interest payments coming due and owing on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, and the entitlement of holders of any Tax Advantaged Obligations to any tax credits or other tax benefits, respectively. Notwithstanding any other policy of the District, such retained records shall be kept for as long as the Tax Advantaged Obligations relating to such records (and any obligations issued to refund the Tax Advantaged Obligations) are outstanding, plus three years, and shall at least include:

- (i) complete copies of the transcripts delivered when any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations is initially issued and sold;

- (ii) copies of account statements showing the disbursements of all Tax Advantaged Obligation proceeds for their intended purposes, and records showing the assets and other property financed by such disbursements;

- (iii) copies of account statements showing all investment activity of any and all accounts in which the proceeds of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations has been held or in which funds to be used for the payment of principal of or interest on any Tax Advantaged Obligations has been held, or which has provided security to the holders or credit enhancers of any Tax Advantaged Obligations;

- (iv) copies of all bid requests and bid responses used in the acquisition of any special investments used for the proceeds of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, including any swaps, swaptions, or other financial derivatives entered into in order to establish that such instruments were purchased at *fair market value*;

- (v) copies of any subscriptions to the United States Treasury for the purchase of State and Local Government Series (SLGS) obligations;

- (vi) any calculations of liability for *arbitrage rebate* that is or may become due with respect to any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, and any calculations prepared to show that no arbitrage rebate is due, together, if applicable, with account statements or cancelled checks showing the payment of any rebate amounts to the United States Treasury together with any applicable IRS Form 8038-T; and

- (vii) copies of all contracts and agreements of the District, including any leases (the “*Contracts*”), with respect to the use of any property owned by the District and acquired, constructed or otherwise financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Tax Advantaged Obligations effective at any time when such Tax

Advantaged Obligations are, will or have been outstanding. Copies of contracts covering no more than 50 days of use and contracts related to District employees need not be retained.

(e) *IRS Examinations or Inquiries.* In the event the IRS commences an examination of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations or requests a response to a compliance check, questionnaire or other inquiry, the Compliance Officer shall inform the Board of such event, and is authorized to respond to inquiries of the IRS, and to hire outside, independent professional counsel to assist in the response to the examination or inquiry.

(f) *Annual Review.* The Compliance Officer shall conduct an annual review of the Contracts and other records to determine for each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations then outstanding whether each such issue complies with the federal tax requirements applicable to such issue, including restrictions on private business use, private payments and private loans. The Compliance Officer is expressly authorized, without further official action of the Board, to hire outside, independent professional counsel to assist in such review. To the extent that any violations or potential violations of federal tax requirements are discovered incidental to such review, the Compliance Officer may make recommendations or take such actions as the Compliance Officer shall reasonably deem necessary to assure the timely correction of such violations or potential violations through remedial actions described in the United States Treasury Regulations, or the Tax Exempt Bonds Voluntary Closing Agreement Program described in Treasury Notice 2008-31 or similar program instituted by the IRS.

(g) *Training.* The Compliance Officer shall undertake to maintain reasonable levels of knowledge concerning the rules related to tax-exempt bonds (and build America bonds and tax credit bonds to the extent the District has outstanding build America bonds or tax-credit bonds) so that such officer may fulfill the duties described in this Section. The Compliance Officer may consult with counsel, attend conferences and presentations of trade groups, read materials posted on various web sites, including the web site of the Tax Exempt Bond function of the IRS, and use other means to maintain such knowledge. Recognizing that the Compliance Officer may not be fully knowledgeable in this area, the Compliance Officer may consult with outside counsel, consultants and experts to assist him or her in exercising his or her duties hereunder. The Compliance Officer will endeavor to make sure that the District's staff is aware of the need for continuing compliance. The Compliance Officer will provide copies of this Resolution and the Tax Exemption Certificate and Agreement or other applicable tax documents for each series of Tax Advantaged Obligations then currently outstanding (the "*Tax Agreements*") to staff members who may be responsible for taking actions described in such documents. The Compliance Officer should assist in the education of any new Compliance Officer and the transition of the duties under these procedures. The Compliance Officer will review this Resolution and each of the Tax Agreements periodically to determine if there are portions that need further explanation and, if so, will attempt to obtain such explanation from counsel or from other experts, consultants or staff.

(h) *Amendment and Waiver.* The procedures described in this Section are only for the benefit of the District. No other person (including an owner of a Tax Advantaged Obligation) may rely on the procedures included in this Section. The District may amend this Section and any provision of this Section may be waived, without the consent of the holders of any Tax Advantaged Obligations and as authorized by passage of a resolution by the Board. Additional procedures may be required for Tax Advantaged Obligations the proceeds of which are used for purposes other than capital governmentally owned projects or refundings of such, including tax increment financing bonds, bonds financing output facilities, bonds financing working capital, or private activity bonds. The District also recognizes that these procedures may need to be revised in the event the District enters into any derivative products with respect to its Tax Advantaged Obligations.

Section 18. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

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Section 19. Repeal. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted December 3, 2025.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

_____, 2026

_____,
_____, _____

Re: Community Unit School District Number 223,
Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois
\$ _____ General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois (the "*District*"), by a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the "*Board*") on the 3rd day of December, 2025 (as supplemented by a notification of sale of bonds dated _____, 2026, the "*Bond Resolution*"), has authorized the issue and delivery of \$ _____ General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, dated _____, 2026 (the "*Bonds*"). The District has authorized by the Bond Resolution that proceeds of the Bonds be used to pay and redeem on _____, 2026, a portion of the District's outstanding and unpaid General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016A (the "*Refunded Bonds*"). The Refunded Bonds are further described in *Exhibit A*.

The District hereby deposits with you \$ _____ from the proceeds of the Bonds and \$ _____ from funds of the District on hand and lawfully available (collectively, the "*Deposit*") and you are hereby instructed as follows with respect thereto:

1. [Upon deposit, you are directed to hold the Deposit in an irrevocable trust fund account (the "*Trust Account*") for the District to the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Bonds.] [Upon deposit, you are directed to purchase U.S. Treasury Securities State and Local Government Series Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$ _____ and maturing as described on *Exhibit B* hereto (the "*Securities*"). You are further instructed to fund a beginning cash escrow deposit on demand in the amount of \$ _____. The beginning deposit and the Securities are to be held in an irrevocable trust fund account (the "*Trust Account*") for the District to the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Bonds.]

2. [You shall hold the Deposit in the Trust Account in cash for the sole and exclusive benefit of the holders of the Refunded Bonds until redemption of the Refunded Bonds on _____, 2026, is made.] [You shall hold the Securities and any interest

income or profit derived therefrom and any uninvested cash in the Trust Account for the sole and exclusive benefit of the holders of the Refunded Bonds until redemption of the Refunded Bonds on _____, 2026, is made.]

3. You shall promptly collect the principal, interest or profit from the proceeds deposited in the Trust Account and promptly apply the same as necessary to the payment of the Refunded Bonds as herein provided.

4. The District has called the Refunded Bonds for redemption and payment prior to maturity on _____, 2026. You are hereby directed to provide for and give or cause the Prior Paying Agent (as hereinafter defined) to give timely notice of the call for redemption of the Refunded Bonds. The form and time of the giving of such notice regarding the Refunded Bonds shall be as specified in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. The District agrees to reimburse you for any actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the giving of such notice, but the failure of the District to make such payment shall not in any respect whatsoever relieve you from carrying out any of the duties, terms or provisions of this Agreement.

5. In addition, you are hereby directed to give or cause the Prior Paying Agent to give notice of the call of the Refunded Bonds, on or before the date the notice of such redemption is given to the holders of the Refunded Bonds, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") through its Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosure or through any other electronic format or system prescribed by the MSRB for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Information with respect to procedures for submitting notice can be found at <https://msrb.org>.

6. You shall remit the sum of \$_____ on _____, 2026, to Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Chicago, Illinois (the "*Prior Paying Agent*"), such sum being sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds on such date, and such remittance shall fully release and discharge you from any further duty or obligation thereto under this Agreement.

7. You shall make no payment of fees, due or to become due, of the bond registrar and paying agent on the Bonds or the Refunded Bonds. The District shall pay the same as they become due.

8. If at any time it shall appear to you that the funds on deposit in the Trust Account will not be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds, you shall notify the District not less than five (5) days prior to such payment date and the

District shall make up the anticipated deficit from any funds legally available for such purpose so that no default in the making of any such payment will occur.

9. Upon final disbursement of funds sufficient to pay the Refunded Bonds as hereinabove provided for, you shall transfer any balance remaining in the Trust Account to the District and thereupon this Agreement shall terminate.

Very truly yours,

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 223,
OGLE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

By _____ SPECIMEN _____
President, Board of Education

By _____ SPECIMEN _____
Secretary, Board of Education

Accepted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

_____, _____

By _____ SPECIMEN _____
Its _____

EXHIBIT A [TO ESCROW AGREEMENT]

REFUNDED BONDS

EXHIBIT B [TO ESCROW AGREEMENT]

U.S. TREASURY SECURITIES

Member _____ moved and Member _____
seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon
the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: _____

The following members voted NAY: _____

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted,
approved and signed the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same in
the records of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and
Winnebago Counties, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the
meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF OGLE)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois (the “*Board*”), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 3rd day of December, 2025, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 3rd day of December,
2025.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF OGLE)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Ogle, Illinois, and as such official I do further certify that on the ____ day of _____, 20____, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, on the 3rd day of December, 2025, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said County, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

County Clerk of The County of Ogle, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Winnebago, Illinois, and as such official I do further certify that on the ____ day of _____, 20____, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, on the 3rd day of December, 2025, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said County, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

County Clerk of The County of Winnebago,
Illinois

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF OGLE)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting School Treasurer who receives the taxes of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois (the “*District*”), and as such official I do further certify that on the 3rd day of December, 2025, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2026, of Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District on the 3rd day of December, 2025, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

I do further certify that the descriptions of the outstanding General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016A, of the District set forth in said resolution are accurate, and that said bonds are presently outstanding and unpaid and are binding and subsisting legal obligations of the District and have never been refunded by the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 3rd day of December, 2025.

School Treasurer