

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School District's existing operating levy is expiring. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to renew that expiring referendum revenue authorization by seeking authority of \$598.81 per pupil. The revenue will be used to finance school operations. The proposed referendum revenue authorization, which would be effective for taxes payable in 2014, would be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question No. 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

The Board further determines that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$200.00 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization, which would also be effective for taxes payable in 2014, would also be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question No. 2 on the school district ballot at the special election, and shall be additional to, and expressly contingent upon passage of, the first ballot question described above.

2. The questions of renewing and increasing the general education revenue of the district shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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

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 74 days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language of each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

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

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot be to 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 (2) sample ballots be to posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

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

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

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of election to be mailed by first class mail to each taxpayer in the district at least fifteen (15) but no more than (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 126A.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. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate cities, towns and counties regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION BALLOT
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709
DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

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



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

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION No. 1

**RENEWAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

The Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, has proposed to renew its expiring referendum revenue authorization by seeking authorization for \$598.81 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five (5) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

YES

Shall the renewal in the revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 709 be approved?

NO

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING
TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT
IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION No. 2

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

Provided that Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, the Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, has proposed to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$200.00 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five (5) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

YES

Shall the increase in revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 709 be approved?

NO

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

6. 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 on another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot card. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot card on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot card so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

7. If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract exceeding \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, if requested by the election official, furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, 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.

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