

RESOLUTION 23-12 RELATING TO RENEWING AND INCREASING
THE GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND APPROVAL OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION
AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 656, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to renew the expiring referendum revenue authorization for its general education revenue at \$716.22 per adjusted pupil unit, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. 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 0.0843% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2024, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Question No. 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The Board also determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to submit a capital project levy authorization to the voters for their approval. The proposed authorization will be 3.855% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$1,366,200 for taxes payable in 2023, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for 10 years. The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to cover costs related to the acquisition and installation of technology equipment, improvements and systems. The program will be commenced prior to November 8, 2027, which date is not more than 5 years from the date of the special election authorizing the approval of the capital project levy. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded by the proposed capital project levy authorization is approximately \$13,662,000. The question on the approval of the capital project levy authorization shall be School District Ballot Question 2 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

3. Provided that Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, the Board further determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to increase its general education revenue by \$302.00 per adjusted pupil unit, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. 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 0.03554% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2024, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Question No. 3 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

4. The questions of renewing and increasing the general education revenue of the school district and approving a capital project levy authorization shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022.

5. The funds from the capital project levy will be used only to fund technology, and the funds approved by the voters will be used only as authorized in Minnesota Statutes section 126C.10, subdivision 14. As such, no review and comment from the Commissioner of the Department of Education is required for this levy pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 123B.71, subdivision 8.

6. 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. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as those for the state general election.

7. 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 (2) sample ballots to be 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 each question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the election to be mailed to each taxpayer in the district at least fifteen (15) but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 9, 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 the state general and 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 municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration, and cost sharing.

8. 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. 656
Faribault
November 8, 2022

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 BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1

**RENEWAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

The Board of Independent School District No. 656, Faribault, has proposed to renew its referendum revenue authorization, which is set to expire in 2023 for taxes payable in 2024, in an amount equal to \$716.22 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2023 for taxes payable in 2024 and applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Yes

Shall the renewal of the revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 656 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 SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Independent School District No. 656, Faribault, has also proposed a capital project levy authorization of 3.855% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The money raised by this authorization will provide funds for the acquisition and installation of technology equipment, improvements and systems. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$1,366,200 for taxes payable in 2023, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for 10 years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$13,662,000.

YES

Shall the capital project levy proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 656 be approved?

NO

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION NO. 3

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Independent School District No. 656, Faribault, has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$302.00 per pupil if Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2023 for taxes payable in 2024 and applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

YES

NO

If Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, shall the increase in revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 656 be approved?

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

In precincts using an optical scan voting system, the ballots must be printed in black ink on white colored 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. 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.

9. 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, 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.

10. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election at the various polling places and 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. The election must be canvassed between the third and 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 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 made by John Bellingham, duly seconded by Jerry Robicheau and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: and the following voted against the same: John Bellingham, Courtney Cavellier, LeeAnn Lechtenberg, Jerry Robicheau, Chad Wolff. Against: Richard Olson, Casie Steeves

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

