

**I recommend approving the resolution below formalizing the bond and referendum election, which was approved by the school board last month.**

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

HELD: AUGUST 6, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker), State of Minnesota, was duly held in said district on August 6, 2012, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m., for the purpose, in part, of calling an election to authorize the issuance of school building bonds.

Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS,  
APPROVING TWO NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATIONS,  
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 finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 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 the completion of various deferred maintenance projects at the high school, middle school, intermediate school and primary school facilities; and, at the high school site and facility, the construction and equipping of auditorium and pool additions, the renovation and remodeling of the existing pool and theater areas for other school uses, the construction of sidewalk and parking lot improvements, and the construction of lobby and cafeteria improvements. The question on the borrowing of funds for this purpose shall be School District Ballot Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing.

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 1 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.

(b) The Board also determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to increase its general education revenue by \$610 per resident marginal cost pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per resident marginal cost 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 0.1389913% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2013, 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 Ballot Question 2 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization. The title to School District Ballot Question 2 shall reflect the Board's current intention that the revenue from the new authorization will be used to provide additional funding to maintain existing programs and services. The passage of said School District Ballot Question 2 shall be contingent on the passage of School District Ballot Question 1 as specified above and herein.

(c) The Board also determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$125 per resident marginal cost pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per resident marginal cost 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 0.0284878% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2013, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed new 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 approving this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question 3 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization. The title to School District Ballot Question 3 shall reflect the Board's current intention that the revenue from the new authorization will be used to provide additional funding to add programs and services. The passage of said School District Ballot Question 3 shall be contingent upon the approval of School District Ballot Questions 1 and 2 as described above and herein.

2. The ballot questions specified above shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district and 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.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

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 in each polling place on election day. The sample ballots 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 said 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 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.

5. 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 state, city, township and county 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 or understandings with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

6. 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)

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

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

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#### SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE



YES



NO

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the completion of various deferred maintenance projects at the high school, middle school, intermediate school and primary school facilities; and, at the high school site and facility, the construction and equipping of auditorium and pool additions, the renovation and remodeling of the existing pool and theater areas for other school uses, the construction of sidewalk and parking lot improvements, and the construction of lobby and cafeteria improvements?

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

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2  
APPROVAL OF REVENUE INCREASE  
TO MAINTAIN EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker) has also proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$610 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 Ballot 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.**

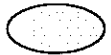
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 3  
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE INCREASE  
TO ADD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker) has also proposed to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$125 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 Ballot Questions 1 and 2 are 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.**

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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 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. 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 board shall canvass the election between the third and the tenth day following the election.

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

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

and the following voted against:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.