

**ISD 877 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

August 11, 2008  
Board Room  
4:30 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE BY Chair Patti Pokorney at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Melissa Brings, Doug Olson, Dave Wilson, Patti Pokorney, Sue Lee, Rolf Mohwinkel. Jeff Mattson arrived at 4:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACTIONS REGARDING:

A. 2009-10 Budget Reductions

Reductions of \$1.5 million will need to be made but are approving \$1.595 to provide wiggle room if reductions actually need to be made.

Mohwinkel/Wilson to approve  
Motion carried 6-0

B. Resolution Calling For an Election

Determined an amount of \$339 to be used for the tax impact. \$290 is to avoid the \$1.5 million in budget cuts in 2009-10, \$27 is for 3 teaching positions to help with enrollment fluctuations/class sizes, \$22 is to help with increased fuel and utility costs. On a \$200,000 market value home the tax impact would be an increase of \$144.00. The title of the ballot is "Funding to Avoid Further Budget and Staff Cuts".

Lee/Mohwinkel to approve resolution

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO 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. 877, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to increase its general education revenue by \$339 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 .07191% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2009, 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 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization. The title to School District Ballot Question 1 shall reflect the school board's present intention that the revenue from the new authorization will be used to provide funding to avoid further budget and staff cuts.

2. The question of increasing the general education revenue of the school district 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 4, 2008.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and the polling places for this special election are those polling places and 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.

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 fifty-three (53) 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.

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 a sample ballot 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 school district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

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

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the election to be mailed by first class mail to each taxpayer in the school district at least fifteen (15) but no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 9, paragraph (b). The clerk is also directed to cause a copy of this notice to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the election.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with 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.

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. 877  
(BUFFALO-HANOVER-MONTROSE)  
SPECIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1  
FUNDING TO AVOID FURTHER BUDGET AND STAFF CUTS**

The board of Independent School District No. 877 (Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$339 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.

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YES

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 877 be approved?

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NO

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

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

6. 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.

Motion carried 7-0

C. Truth in Taxation Hearing

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. is set as the Truth in Taxation Hearing. The continuation date is set at December 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. If it is not necessary to hold a continuation meeting, the adoption of the payable 2009 tax levy will be held at the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Otherwise, a special meeting will be called.

Wilson/Mattson to approve

Motion carried 7-0

D. St. Cloud State Student Teaching Agreement

Wilson/Lee to approve

Motion carried 7-0

4. OTHER

Mattson/Wilson to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.