

## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Monday – August 6, 2012 6:33 P.M.**

**District Office Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jurek. Members present: Mike Horgen, Mark Swanson, Aaron Jurek and Mark Lumley. Members absent: Phil Norgaard and Bryan Olson. Administrators present: Dr. Stephen Malone, Superintendent and Joe Prom, Director of Business Services. The pledge of allegiance was recited and Chair Jurek recognized all visitors. Adam Oliver spoke for the public forum portion of the meeting. Member Swanson, Member Lumley and Member Horgen volunteered to be on a committee to respond to the concerns brought by Mr. Oliver.

Reports: Superintendent Malone gave his Superintendent's Report to the board: The school district will be piloting a breakfast program starting this fall, the high school and middle school will be participating in a program sponsored by the University of MN called Ramp-Up to Readiness – the purpose of the program is to get all Becker students ready for post-secondary education, executive goals have been spelled out and all staff members will be submitting goals to coordinate the goals of the school district to support the district vision, this summer was a summer of opportunity as Becker licensed staff members participated in two major professional development activities – Dr. Marzano's Art and Science of Teaching Protocol which identifies forty-one research-based strategies for effective teaching, in Mid-August a team of teachers and administrators will attend a three day training on PLCs (Professional Learning Communities), the school district is installing an antenna on one of the city water towers and in exchange, the City Maintenance Dept. will have access to an open channel – to be in compliance with FCC regulations, the district upgraded all radios using health and safety revenue, the fall staff development schedule will focus on student academic achievement emphasizing The Marzano Instructional Protocol and PLCs as the means through which every child will reach their potential, the high school HVAC project will be complete on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports: Member Lumley reported on his attendance at the MSBA Summer Leadership Conference – he attended sessions for year round schooling and flipped classrooms; Member Swanson will give his Technology Committee report at the September meeting.

Consent Agenda. Member Swanson requested Item F. SEIU Local #284 10-12 and 12-14 Contracts and Item I. Approve Student Extended Trips be removed from the consent agenda. Swanson moved, seconded by Lumley to approve: Minutes from the Monday – July 2, 2012 Board Meeting, Voucher Detail 94838-95282 Totaling \$1,549,526.59, Resignations: T. Opgenorth – JV Lacrosse, G. Lynch – H.S. Musical Technical Director, J. Eilers – Food Service, Contracts: K. Fautsch – English Teacher, T. Essen – Science Teacher, S. Nelson – Social Studies Teacher, M. Maine, Business Teacher, T. Opgenorth – Girls Head Lacrosse Coach, G. Quernemoen – Jr. High Girls Tennis, R. Kimmerle – Musical Technical Director, K. Stafford – Kindergarten Teacher, N. Loria – Kindergarten Teacher, J. Klisch – Reading Specialist Teacher, D. Drayna – Kindergarten Teacher, 2012-13 Bakery Bid awarded to Pan-O-Gold Baking Co., Truth In Taxation Public Hearing set for December 3, 2012, the following board credit classes: Marzano Leadership Class and Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute, also approved was a five year bus lease. Motion carried.

Swanson approved, seconded by Horgen to approve SEIU Local #284 10-12 and 12-14 Contracts. Unanimously carried.

Swanson moved, seconded by Horgen to approve Student Extended Trips: NFL 7 On 7 Passing Tourney and Yearbook Camp. Motion carried


Discussion and first readings were held on the following policies: 205 Open Meetings And Closed Meetings, 560 Use of Multimedia In The Classroom and 611 Home Schooling.

Member Swanson moved the adoption of the following Resolution: RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND CALLING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.726, State of Minnesota as follows: (a) 1.It is necessary for the school district to hold its general election for the purpose of electing three school board members for terms of four (4) years each. (b) The clerk shall include on the ballot the names of the individuals who file or have filed affidavits of candidacy during the period established for filing such affidavits, as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law. 2. The general election is hereby called and elected to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2012. 3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this general 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 for the state general election. 4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said general election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said election. The notice shall include the date of said general election and the office or offices to be voted on at said general election. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said general 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 general election and to cause two 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 sample ballot for a polling place must reflect the offices, candidates and rotation sequence on the ballots used in that polling place. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general 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 offices to be filled set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place. The clerk is authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place on election day. 5. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this 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 or understandings with appropriate election officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cause or 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, color and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system.

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726  
BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

CANDIDATE U

CANDIDATE V

CANDIDATE W

CANDIDATE X

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write-in, if any

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write-in, if any

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write-in, if any

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 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. 7. The name of each candidate for office at this election shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for the same office in the manner specified in Minnesota law. 8. If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$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. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this 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 them to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The general election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the general election. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Lumley. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Aaron Jurek, Mike Horgen, Mark Lumley, Mark Swanson, and the following voted against: None whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Horgen 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
- NO
- 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?

**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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Jean Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an overview of the new Multiple Measurement Rating system via a PowerPoint presentation.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.