ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Agenda for November 6, 2026
7:00 AM
District Board Room
6051 Ash Street
Rockford, MN 55373

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Board Roll Call
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **CANVASS THE GENERAL ELECTION** 3
4. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF GENERAL ELECTION** 25
5. **COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**
   A.
   - Finance Committee Meeting: Friday, November 20, 2026 at 8:15 am virtually at Video call link: https://meet.google.com/gdp-kgqj-mfz Or dial: ?(US) +1 516-2686848? PIN: ?560 645 835?#
   - Board of Education Work Session: Monday, November 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
   - Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, November 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Our Mission: *In partnership with our communities and families, Rockford Area Schools provides challenging opportunities to engage, inspire, and educate globally-minded citizens.*

Our Vision: *Rockford Area Schools provides a supportive, rigorous, and relevant learning culture producing courageous learners prepared to enter a global society.*

Rockford Board of Education

ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eric Gordee
Jamie Hillstrom
Dr. Beth Praska
Jessica Johnson
Chris Morgan
Kevin Sjodin

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover

ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject: Canvass the General Election

Meeting Date: November 6, 2026

Prepared by: Superintendent's Office

Date Prepared: November 5, 2026

X	Information		Briefing	X	Action		Enclosure Item(s)

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 883, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3, 2026, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three (3) school board members for four (4) year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

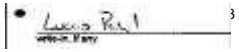
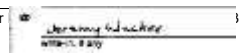
Amy Smith	2,497
Jamie Hillstrom	2,326
Eric Gordee	2,211
Bath Praska	2,052
Write-In	52

3. Candidate Amy Smith, Candidate Jamie Hillstrom, and Candidate Eric Gordee having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2027.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

Write-in Name Selection
2026 State General Election - Write-Ins
Hennepin County,Minnesota
November 4, 2026

CVR	Precinct	Ballot Style	Contest Name	Write-In Snippet
190553	Corcoran P-01	Corcoran P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
191040	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
191040	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
191502	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
191822	Corcoran P-02	Corcoran P-02 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
191897	Corcoran P-02	Corcoran P-02 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
192275	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
192275	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
192651	Corcoran P-01	Corcoran P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
193041	Corcoran P-01	Corcoran P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195468	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195752	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195752	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195752	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195826	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195826	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)
195826	Corcoran P-03	Corcoran P-03 ISD 883	School Board Member	(Rockford Area Schools)

442748	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		3 (Rockford Area Schools)
443032	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		3 (Rockford Area Schools)
443162	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		3 (Rockford Area Schools)
443206	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		3 (Rockford Area Schools)
457232	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		(Rockford Area Schools)
458031	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		(Rockford Area Schools)
458144	Greenfield P-01	Greenfield P-01 ISD 883	School Board Member		3 (Rockford Area Schools)

Total : 24

Abstract of Votes Cast
Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD)
State of Minnesota
at the State General Election
Held Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Compiled from the Official Returns.

Summary of Totals
Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

School Board Member (ISD #883) (Elect 3)

NP	NP	NP	NP	WI
Jamie Hillstrom	Eric Gordee	Amy Smith	Beth Praska	WRITE-IN
2326	2211	2497	2052	52

Detail of Election Results
Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #883) (Elect 3)

Precinct	NP Jamie Hillstrom	NP Eric Gordee	NP Amy Smith	NP Beth Praska	WI WRITE-IN
27 0500 : CORCORAN P-01	84	86	92	64	3
27 0505 : CORCORAN P-02	238	222	301	236	2
27 0510 : CORCORAN P-03	248	259	273	250	12
27 1050 : GREENFIELD P-01	648	570	615	512	7
27 1150 : INDEPENDENCE P-01	5	2	5	1	0
27 1255 : MAPLE GROVE P-14	1	3	2	0	0
27 1355 : MEDINA P-2	20	26	23	27	0
27 2695 : ROCKFORD P-01	58	58	62	53	0
86 0085 : FRANKLIN TWP	13	7	10	10	0
86 0095 : HANOVER P-2	4	3	2	1	0
86 0145 : ROCKFORD	827	827	949	761	23
86 0150 : ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP P1	173	141	157	131	5
86 0151 : ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP P2	7	7	6	6	0
Total:	**2326**	**2211**	**2497**	**2052**	**52**

We, the school board members of Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD), certify that we have canvassed the returns of the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and have herein specified the names of any candidates receiving votes and the number of votes received by each candidate, and have herein specified the number of votes for and against any ballot questions voted on in this election.

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the clerk of Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD).

Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
School Board Member

_____
School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

State of Minnesota
Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD)

I, _____, Clerk of the Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD) do hereby certify the within and foregoing _____ pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the Independent School District No. 883 (ROCKFORD) State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____

Corcoran P-01

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	441
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	28
Eric Gordee	28
Amy Smith	33
Beth Praska	28
Write-In Totals	1
Total Votes Cast	118
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	146
Contest Totals	264

Corcoran P-02

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	1,199
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	143
Eric Gordee	136
Amy Smith	191
Beth Praska	151
Write-In Totals	2
Total Votes Cast	623
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	739
Contest Totals	1,362

Corcoran P-03

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	921
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	132
Eric Gordee	128
Amy Smith	143
Beth Praska	131
Write-In Totals	5
Total Votes Cast	539
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	523
Contest Totals	1,062

Greenfield P-01

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	696
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	250
Eric Gordee	195
Amy Smith	249
Beth Praska	184
Write-In Totals	4
Total Votes Cast	882
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	861
Contest Totals	1,743

Independence P-01

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	1,027
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	0
Eric Gordee	0
Amy Smith	0
Beth Praska	0
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	15
Contest Totals	15

Maple Grove P-14

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	1,719
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	0
Eric Gordee	2
Amy Smith	0
Beth Praska	0
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	2
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	22
Contest Totals	24

Medina P-2

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	1,358
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	13
Eric Gordee	19
Amy Smith	17
Beth Praska	21
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	70
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	98
Contest Totals	168

Rockford P-01

Statistics

	TOTAL
Ballots Cast - Total	7
Ballots Cast - Blank	0

School Board Member Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools)

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	2
Eric Gordee	4
Amy Smith	3
Beth Praska	2
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	11
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	10
Contest Totals	21

Franklin Twp

Statistics

	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	2,231
Ballots Cast - Total	1,682

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 883

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	13
Eric Gordee	7
Amy Smith	10
Beth Praska	10
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	40
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	44
Contest Totals	84

Hanover P-2

Statistics

	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	2,624
Ballots Cast - Total	1,905

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 883

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	4
Eric Gordee	3
Amy Smith	2
Beth Praska	1
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	10
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	17
Contest Totals	27

Rockford

Statistics

	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	3,017
Ballots Cast - Total	2,068

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 883

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	827
Eric Gordee	827
Amy Smith	949
Beth Praska	761
Write-In Totals	23
Total Votes Cast	3,387
Overvotes	12
Undervotes	2,805
Contest Totals	6,204

Rockford Twp P-1

Statistics

	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	2,464
Ballots Cast - Total	1,827

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 883

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	173
Eric Gordee	141
Amy Smith	157
Beth Praska	131
Write-In Totals	5
Total Votes Cast	607
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	494
Contest Totals	1,101

Rockford Twp P-2

Statistics

	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	25
Ballots Cast - Total	22

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 883

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Jamie Hillstrom	7
Eric Gordee	7
Amy Smith	6
Beth Praska	6
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	26
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	40
Contest Totals	66

ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of General Election

Meeting Date: November 6, 2026

Prepared by: Superintendent's Office

Date Prepared: November 5, 2026

X	Information		Briefing	X	Action		Enclosure Item(s)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.10 provides, "After the time for contesting elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service," and

WHEREAS, the school board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 3, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the school board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) as follows:

The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for the following candidates:

Eric Gordee
Jamie Hillstrom
Amy Smith

who have received a sufficient number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the school board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

The motion for adoption for the Resolution was made by Member _____, duly seconded by Member _____,

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted by Independent School District No. 883, (Rockford Area Schools), State of Minnesota, this 6th day of November , 2026

By:_____ By:_____

School Board Chair School Board Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.10 provides, “After the time for contesting elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service.”

THEREFORE, the school board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) certifies as follows:

1. The school board on November 6, 2026, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. **Amy Smith** received the **largest** number of votes case for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for a full four-year term.

3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the school board caused by expiration of term on the First Monday in January next following the election.

4. Therefore, **Amy Smith** is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for a full four-year term beginning on the first Monday in January 2027 and expiring on the first Monday in January 2031.

By authority of the Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools), pursuant to resolution dated November 6, 2026.

Date: _____

By:_____ By:_____

School Board Chair School Board Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: **Amy Smith**

The following acceptance and oath of office must be filed with the school district clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service of the certificate of election.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I hereby accept the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 for a term beginning the first Monday in January, 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2031.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF WRIGHT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2026 by **Amy Smith**.

Notary Public:_____

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF WRIGHT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2026 by **Amy Smith**.

Notary Public:_____

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.10 provides, “After the time for contesting elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service.”

THEREFORE, the school board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) certifies as follows:

1. The school board on November 6, 2026, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. **Jamie Hillstrom** received the **second largest** number of votes case for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for a full four-year term.

3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the school board caused by expiration of term on the First Monday in January next following the election.

4. Therefore, **Jamie Hillstrom** is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for a full four-year term beginning on the first Monday in January 2027 and expiring on the first Monday in January 2031.

By authority of the Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools), pursuant to resolution dated November 6, 2026.

Date: _____

By:_____ By:_____

School Board Chair School Board Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: **Jamie Hillstrom**

The following acceptance and oath of office must be filed with the school district clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service of the certificate of election.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I hereby accept the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 for a term beginning the first Monday in January, 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2031.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF WRIGHT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2026 by **Jamie Hillstrom**.

Notary Public:_____

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF WRIGHT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2026 by **Jamie Hillstrom**.

Notary Public:_____

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.10 provides, “After the time for contesting elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service.”

THEREFORE, the school board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) certifies as follows:

1. The school board on November 6, 2026, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. **Eric Gordee** received the **third largest** number of votes case for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for a full four-year term.

3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the school board caused by expiration of term on the First Monday in January next following the election.

4. Therefore, **Eric Gordee** is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) for a full four-year term beginning on the first Monday in January 2027 and expiring on the first Monday in January 2031.

By authority of the Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools), pursuant to resolution dated November 6, 2026.

Date: _____

By:_____ By:_____

School Board Chair School Board Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: **Eric Gordee**

The following acceptance and oath of office must be filed with the school district clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service of the certificate of election.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I hereby accept the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 for a term beginning the first Monday in January, 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2031.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF WRIGHT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2026 by **Eric Gordee**.

Notary Public:_____

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF WRIGHT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2026 by **Eric Gordee**.

Notary Public:_____