



**Board of Education
Big Lake School District #727
Special Meeting**

Mission Statement

Our mission is to challenge, educate, & inspire all students to reach their highest level of achievement in academics, athletics, & the arts.

**Thursday, November 14, 2024
6:30 PM
Middle School Room 60
601 Minnesota Ave
Big Lake, MN 55309**

I. Call to Order

Chair, Tonya Reasoner

II. Roll Call

Chair, Tonya Reasoner

III. Canvass the November 5, 2024 Election

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Chair, Tonya Reasoner

IV. Authorize Issuance of Certificates of Election

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Chair, Tonya Reasoner

V. Adjournment

Chair, Tonya Reasoner

Strategic Plan Focus Areas

Student Support

Staff Support

Family & Community Engagement

Abstract of Votes Cast
Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)
State of Minnesota
at the State General Election
Held Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Compiled from the Official Returns.

Summary of Totals
Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

School Board Member (ISD #727) (Elect 3)

NP Amber Sixberry 5028	NP Chelsey Hancock 5207	NP Derek Nelson 5220	WI WRITE-IN 212
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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #727)

NP YES 5591	NP NO 4921
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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 (ISD #727)

NP YES 4714	NP NO 5823
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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3 (ISD #727)

NP YES 4230	NP NO 6215
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Detail of Election Results
 Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)
 Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #727) (Elect 3)

Precinct	NP	NP	NP	WI
	Amber Sixberry	Chelsey Hancock	Derek Nelson	WRITE-IN
71 0015 : BECKER TWP	196	215	217	3
71 0020 : BIG LAKE CITY P-01	694	760	710	27
71 0022 : BIG LAKE CITY P-02	852	884	865	32
71 0024 : BIG LAKE CITY P-03	1258	1262	1260	48
71 0075 : ORROCK TWP	832	856	925	44
71 0120 : BIG LAKE TWP P2	1063	1097	1095	51
71 0121 : BIG LAKE TWP P3	133	133	148	7
Total:	5028	5207	5220	212

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Office Title: SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #727)

Precinct	NP	NP
	YES	NO
71 0015 : BECKER TWP	207	198
71 0020 : BIG LAKE CITY P-01	769	654
71 0022 : BIG LAKE CITY P-02	943	675
71 0024 : BIG LAKE CITY P-03	1435	1113
71 0075 : ORROCK TWP	916	944
71 0120 : BIG LAKE TWP P2	1183	1179
71 0121 : BIG LAKE TWP P3	138	158
Total:	5591	4921

Detail of Election Results
 Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)
 Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

Office Title: SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 (ISD #727)

Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
71 0015 : BECKER TWP	162	237
71 0020 : BIG LAKE CITY P-01	687	736
71 0022 : BIG LAKE CITY P-02	802	824
71 0024 : BIG LAKE CITY P-03	1228	1319
71 0075 : ORROCK TWP	731	1139
71 0120 : BIG LAKE TWP P2	999	1380
71 0121 : BIG LAKE TWP P3	105	188
Total:	4714	5823

Office Title: SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3 (ISD #727)

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Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
71 0015 : BECKER TWP	147	242
71 0020 : BIG LAKE CITY P-01	595	823
71 0022 : BIG LAKE CITY P-02	736	867
71 0024 : BIG LAKE CITY P-03	1126	1405
71 0075 : ORROCK TWP	647	1213
71 0120 : BIG LAKE TWP P2	885	1470
71 0121 : BIG LAKE TWP P3	94	195
Total:	4230	6215

We, the school board members of Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE), certify that we have canvassed the returns of the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 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. 727 (BIG LAKE).

Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2024.

School Board Member

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State of Minnesota
Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)

I, _____, Clerk of the Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE) 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. 727 (BIG LAKE) State General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2024.

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 727, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 17,219 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three board members for four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term for the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Derek Nelson	5,220
Chelsey Hancock	5,207
Amber Sixberry	5,028

3. Derek Nelson, Chelsey Hancock, and Amber Sixberry having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning the first Monday in January 2025.

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.

Lenette Brown, Clerk
November 14, 2024

Attached: Abstract and Return of Votes Cast

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION CERTIFICATION OF
MINUTES RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTION

Issuer: Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota

Governing Body: School Board

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held on November 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Middle School Student Center.

Members present:

Members absent:

Documents attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer on _____, 20__.

School District Clerk

The Clerk presented affidavits showing filing, mailing, publishing and posting of notice, in accordance with the resolution adopted April 25, 2024, of the special election held November 5, 2024, to vote on the questions of (i) renewing an expiring capital project levy, (ii) approving a new school district referendum; and (iii) issuing general obligation bonds of the School District in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$29,000,000. The Clerk also presented the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges. The affidavits and the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges were duly examined, approved and ordered placed on file in the office of the Clerk.

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member _____:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the questions submitted to the electors were as follows:

**School District Question 1
Renewal of Expiring Capital Project Levy Authorization for Technology**

The board of Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota has proposed to renew its capital project levy authorization expiring after taxes payable in 2025 in the maximum amount of 3.207% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed tax rate is not being increased from the previous year’s rate. The proposed renewal of the expiring capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$930,816 for taxes first levied in 2025, payable in 2026 and will be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$9,308,160. The proposed renewal will provide funds for school district technology, including the purchase, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of software, technology, technology systems, technology infrastructure, and digital curriculum, and to pay the costs of technology related personnel and training.

- YES** Shall the renewal of the expiring capital project levy authorization proposed by
- NO** the board of Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota be approved?

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO RENEW AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE

Votes	Votes	Spoiled, Defective or	TOTAL
<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Blank Ballots</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
<u>5,591</u>	<u>4,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,512</u>

The ballot question, having received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared to have carried.

School District Question 2
Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by \$400 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2024 for taxes payable in 2025 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the new referendum authorization proposed by the board of
 NO Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota be approved?

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

Votes <u>YES</u>	Votes <u>NO</u>	Spoiled, Defective or <u>Blank Ballots</u>	TOTAL <u>VOTES</u>
<u>4,714</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u> -</u>	<u>10,537</u>

The ballot question, having not received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared not to have carried.

School District Question 3
Approval of School Building Bonds

- YES** If School District Question 2 above is approved, shall the board of
 NO Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota be authorized
to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed
\$29,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities
including, but not limited to, construction of a multi-purpose facility?

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

Votes <u>YES</u>	Votes <u>NO</u>	Spoiled, Defective or <u>Blank Ballots</u>	TOTAL <u>VOTES</u>
<u>4,230</u>	<u>6,215</u>	<u> -</u>	<u>10,445</u>

The ballot question, having not received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared not to have carried.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for each ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
School District Clerk

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

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 5, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 727, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 727 to the following candidates:

- a. Derek Nelson
- b. Chelsey Hancock
- c. Amber Sixberry

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

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(Full 4-Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 727 on November 14, 2024, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 5, 2024.
2. Derek Nelson received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 for a full four-year term.
3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Derek Nelson is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 for a full four-year term beginning the first Monday in January 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 727, pursuant to resolution dated November 14, 2024.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: Derek Nelson

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. 727 for a term beginning the first Monday in January 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear 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. 727 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(Full 4-Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 727 on November 14, 2024, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 5, 2024.
2. Chelsey Hancock received the second largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 for a full four-year term.
3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Chelsey Hancock is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 for a full four-year term beginning the first Monday in January 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 727, pursuant to resolution dated November 14, 2024.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: Chelsey Hancock

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. 727 for a term beginning the first Monday in January 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear 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. 727 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(Full 4-Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 727 on November 14, 2024, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 5, 2024.
2. Amber Sixberry received the third largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 for a full four-year term.
3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Amber Sixberry is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 for a full four-year term beginning the first Monday in January 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 727, pursuant to resolution dated November 14, 2024.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: Amber Sixberry

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. 727 for a term beginning the first Monday in January 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear 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. 727 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Date: _____

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public