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 12, 2026
4:00 PM
Middle School Student Center
601 Minnesota Ave
Big Lake, MN 55309

I. **Call to Order**
Chair, Tonya Reasoner

II. **Roll Call**
Chair, Tonya Reasoner

III. **Canvass the November 3, 2026 General Election** **2**
Chair, Tonya Reasoner

IV. **Authorize Issuance of Certificates of Election** **8**
Chair, Tonya Reasoner

V. **Adjournment**
Chair, Tonya Reasoner

Strategic Plan Focus Areas
Student Support
Staff Support
Family & Community Engagement

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 727, 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, a total of 14,332 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Ashley Schabilion	4,231
Nicole Karch	4,225
Tonya Reasoner	4,204

3. Ashley Schabilion, Nicole Karch, and Tonya Reasoner having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year term 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.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

Abstract of Votes Cast
Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)
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. 727 (BIG LAKE)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

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

NP	NP	NP	WI
Tonya Reasoner	Nicole Karch	Ashley Schabilion	WRITE-IN
4204	4225	4231	169

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Detail of Election Results
Independent School District No. 727 (BIG LAKE)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

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

Precinct	NP Tonya Reasoner	NP Nicole Karch	NP Ashley Schabilion	WI WRITE-IN
71 0015 : BECKER TWP	152	162	150	4
71 0020 : BIG LAKE CITY P-01	598	610	592	29
71 0022 : BIG LAKE CITY P-02	628	645	670	22
71 0024 : BIG LAKE CITY P-03	972	962	950	35
71 0075 : ORROCK TWP	785	755	772	26
71 0120 : BIG LAKE TWP P2	935	970	978	51
71 0121 : BIG LAKE TWP P3	134	121	119	2
Total:	**4204**	**4225**	**4231**	**169**

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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 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. 727 (BIG LAKE).

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

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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. 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 3, 2026.

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

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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. 727 Big Lake 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. 727 Big Lake 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. 727 Big Lake Schools for the following candidates:

Ashley Schabilion

Nicole Karch

Tonya Reasoner

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. 727, Big Lake Schools, State of Minnesota, this 12 day of November 2026

By:_____ By:_____

School Board Chair School Board Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(FULL FOUR-YEAR TERM)

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 727 on November 12, 2026, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. Ashley Schabilion 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, Ashley Schabilion 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 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January 2031.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 727 pursuant to resolution dated date.

_____ _____
Date Chair

_____ _____
Date Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF
OFFICE AND OATH OF
OFFICE

To: Ashley Schabilion

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, 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2031.

_____ _____

Signature Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
)

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

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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. 727 to the best of my judgment and ability.

_____ _____

Signature Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE

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

_____

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(FULL FOUR-YEAR TERM)

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 727 on November 12, 2026, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. Nicole Karch 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, Nicole Karch 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 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January 2031.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 727 pursuant to resolution dated date.

_____ _____
Date Chair

_____ _____
Date Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND OATH OF OFFICE

To: Nicole Karch

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, 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2031.

_____ _____

Signature Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF SHERBURNE

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

_____

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. 727 to the best of my judgment and ability.

_____ _____

Signature Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

)

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE

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

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Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(FULL FOUR-YEAR TERM)

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 727 on November 12, 2026, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. Tonya Reasoner 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, Tonya Reasoner 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 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January 2031.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 727 pursuant to resolution dated date.

_____ _____
Date Chair

_____ _____
Date Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF
OFFICE AND OATH OF
OFFICE

To: Tonya Reasoner

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, 2027 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2031.

_____ _____

Signature Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, by _____.

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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. 727 to the best of my judgment and ability.

_____ _____

Signature Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF SHERBURNE

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

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Notary Public