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School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Special Business Meeting - July 21, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: Call to Order

ITEM: Roll Call Attendance

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Helen Bassett	_____	_____
ReNae Bowman	_____	_____
Sharon E. Brooks	_____	_____
Dr. Greta Evans-Becker	_____	_____
Kim Holmes	_____	_____
Caroline Long	_____	_____
John Vento	_____	_____
David Engstrom, ex-officio	_____	_____



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Special Business Meeting – July 21, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: Acceptance of Agenda
ITEM: 2. Acceptance of Special Business Meeting Agenda
COMMENTS BY: Dr. Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Chair

Recommended Action: Approve Special Business Meeting agenda.

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Special Business Meeting – July 21, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: Operations

ITEM: 3.A. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A

PRESENTER: Ukee Dozier, Consultant from School Management Services LLC (SMS) on behalf of Robbinsdale Area Schools and Michael Hart, Director, Public Finance at PMA Securities

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution authorizing issuance of general obligation facilities maintenance bonds, series 2023A.

	Yes	No	Abstention
Helen Bassett			
ReNae Bowman			
Sharon E. Brooks			
Dr. Greta Evans-Becker			
Kim Holmes			
Caroline Long			
John Vento			

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____



To: Members of the School Board
David Engstrom, Superintendent
From: Virginia Verbrugge, Assistant Director of Finance
Date: July 21, 2023
Re: General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A

RECOMMENDATION:

School Board to approve the attached Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Bonds in the amount of \$19,700,000.

DISCUSSION:

This proposed issue will finance the LTFM projects in summer of 2024. The projects plans were presented in prior work session and are now seeking approval by the School Board for submittal to the Minnesota Department of Education. Payments will be included in the payable 2024 levy. Michael Hart from PMA is in attendance to provide an overview of the 2023A bond issuance and address any questions.

Question: For questions, please contact Virginia Verbrugge at Virginia_Verbrugge@rdale.org or 763-504-8042.



PMATM
SECURITIES

July 21, 2023

ISD 281,
Robbinsdale Area Schools

2023 LTFM Plan and Bond

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FY 2025 LTFM Funding

Paygo Health and Safety
Funding

- \$2,390,346

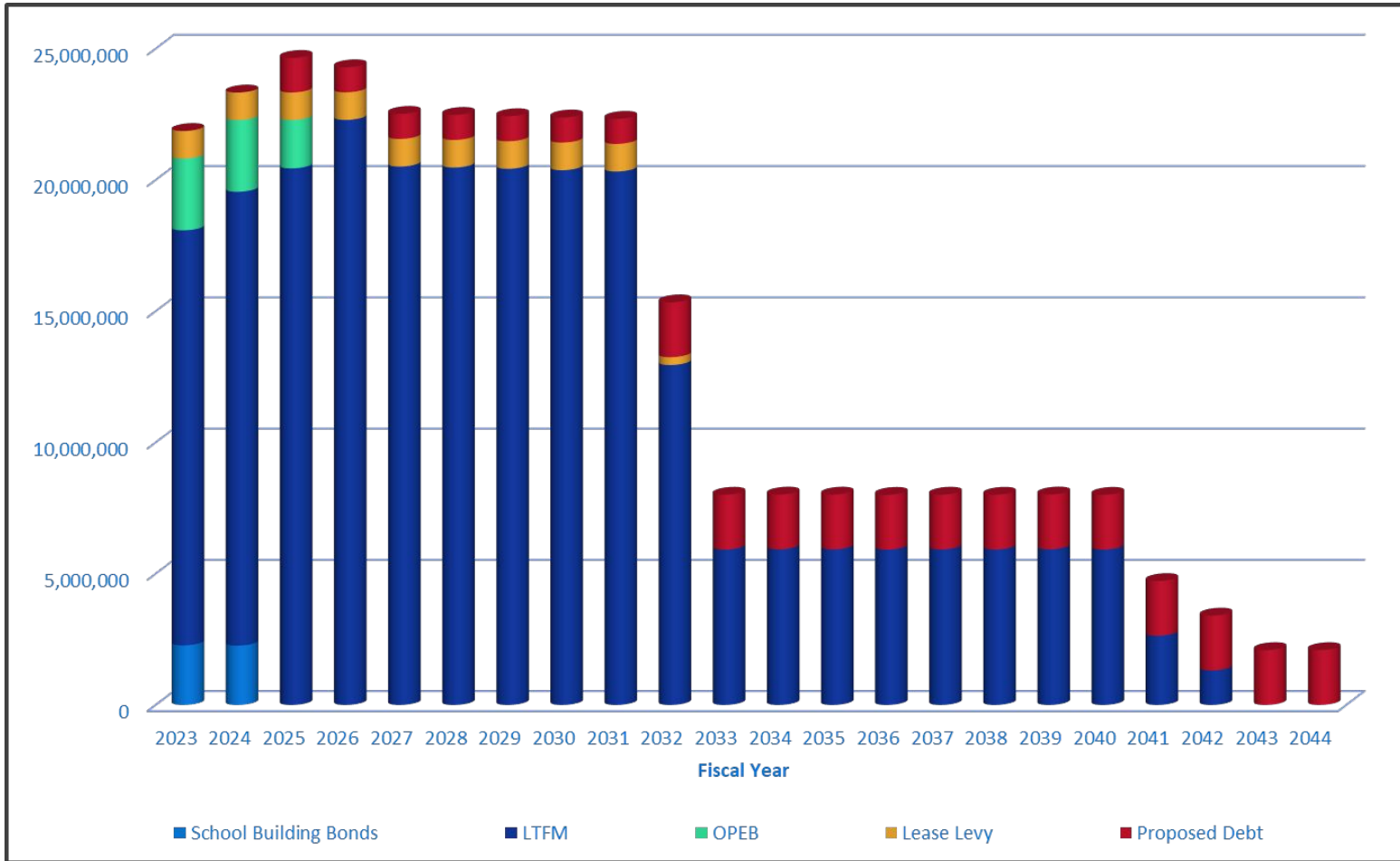
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Bond Funded Projects

- \$19,430,000



Debt Structure Current + Proposed



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Preliminary Debt Service Schedule

General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Fiscal Total	Cap. Int.	105% Levy
08/01/24			797,870.59			
02/01/25			454,483.25	1,252,353.84	-	1,314,972
08/01/25			454,483.25			
02/01/26			454,483.25	908,966.50	-	954,415
08/01/26			454,483.25			
02/01/27			454,483.25	908,966.50	-	954,415
08/01/27			454,483.25			
02/01/28			454,483.25	908,966.50	-	954,415
08/01/28			454,483.25			
02/01/29			454,483.25	908,966.50	-	954,415
08/01/29			454,483.25			
02/01/30			454,483.25	908,966.50	-	954,415
08/01/30			454,483.25			
02/01/31			454,483.25	908,966.50	-	954,415
08/01/31			454,483.25			
02/01/32	1,080,000	5.00%	454,483.25	1,988,966.50	-	2,088,415
08/01/32	-	0.00%	427,483.25			
02/01/33	1,135,000	5.00% *	427,483.25	1,989,966.50	-	2,089,465
08/01/33	-	0.00%	399,108.25			
02/01/34	1,190,000	5.00% *	399,108.25	1,988,216.50	-	2,087,627
08/01/34	-	0.00%	369,358.25			
02/01/35	1,250,000	5.00% *	369,358.25	1,988,716.50	-	2,088,152
08/01/35	-	0.00%	338,108.25			
02/01/36	1,310,000	5.00% *	338,108.25	1,986,216.50	-	2,085,527
08/01/36	-	0.00%	305,358.25			
02/01/37	1,375,000	5.00% *	305,358.25	1,985,716.50	-	2,085,002
08/01/37	-	0.00%	270,983.25			
02/01/38	1,445,000	5.00% *	270,983.25	1,986,966.50	-	2,086,315
08/01/38	-	0.00%	234,858.25			
02/01/39	1,520,000	4.45% *	234,858.25	1,989,716.50	-	2,089,202
08/01/39	-	0.00%	201,038.25			
02/01/40	1,585,000	4.50% *	201,038.25	1,987,076.50	-	2,086,430
08/01/40	-	0.00%	165,375.75			
02/01/41	1,655,000	4.58% *	165,375.75	1,985,751.50	-	2,085,039
08/01/41	-	0.00%	127,476.25			
02/01/42	1,735,000	4.63% *	127,476.25	1,989,952.50	-	2,089,450
08/01/42	-	0.00%	87,311.00			
02/01/43	1,815,000	4.68% *	87,311.00	1,989,622.00	-	2,089,103
08/01/43	-	0.00%	44,840.00			
02/01/44	1,900,000	4.72% *	44,840.00	1,989,680.00	-	2,089,164
Totals	18,995,000		13,557,717	32,552,717	-	34,180,353

Dated Date

09/15/23

Call Date

02/01/32

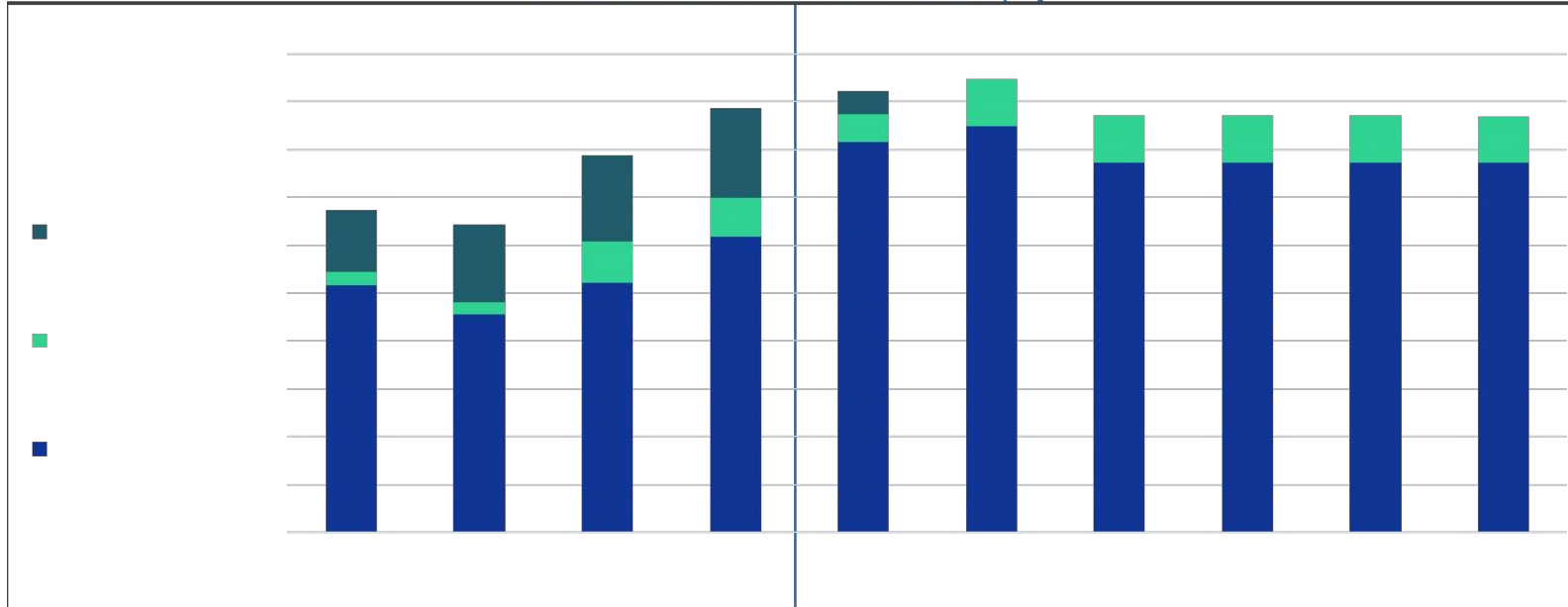
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□ Preliminary rates as of 5/17/2023 + .75%



Tax for LTFM and Bond Debt

Debt and LTFM Taxes for Residential Homestead Property



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Projected

	Pay 2020	Pay 2021	Pay 2022	Pay 2023	Pay 2024	Pay 2025	Pay 2026	Pay 2027	Pay 2028	Pay 2029
Median Home Value	240,000	249,000	270,000	314,000	322,600	329,052	335,633	342,346	349,193	356,176
Home Value % Growth		3.75%	8.43%	16.30%	2.74%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Districtwide NTC % Growth		5.16%	5.66%	16.50%	2.74%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Paygo LTFM Levy	15	12	43	40	29	48	48	49	49	49
LTFM Debt Levy	259	229	261	310	408	426	388	388	387	387
All Other Debt Levy	64	81	90	94	25	0	0	0	0	0
Debt & LTFM School Taxes	\$ 337	\$ 322	\$ 394	\$ 444	\$ 462	\$ 474	\$ 436	\$ 436	\$ 436	\$ 436
YoY Increase/Decrease		\$ (16)	\$ 73	\$ 49	\$ 18	\$ 12	\$ (38)	\$ 0	\$ (0)	\$ (0)



Board Action July 21, 2023

Bond Resolution

- Allows the submission of the State Credit Enhancement Application
- Allows for reimbursement of project expenses
- Approval of proceeding with bond sale subject to certain parameters

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Bond Resolution Parameters

Bond Parameters:

- Authority given to the Superintendent or Executive Director of Finance AND a School Board Officer to execute the documents to complete the bond sale if:
 - Principal amount does not exceed \$19,700,000
 - Awarded to lowest interest rate bid
 - Expires December 31, 2023

- Full Board ratifies the sale at its next Board Meeting

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Preliminary Bond Timeline

Date	Action Item
June 20, 2023	Approve 10 yr. LTFM plan
July 21, 2023	Consideration of resolution declaring intent to issue LTFM bonds and establishing parameter for bond sale
Late July 2023	Submit updated LTFM plan to MDE for approval
Late July 2023	Publish notice of intent to sell bonds and project description
October 2023	Receive bids on bonds(Interest rates locked)
October 16, 2023	School board ratifying resolution
November 9, 2023	Bond Closing (Proceeds wired to District)

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Extract of Minutes of Meeting
of the School Board of
Independent School District No. 281
(Robbinsdale Area Schools)
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 281 (Robbinsdale Area Schools), Hennepin County, Minnesota, was duly held at the Education Service Center in the City of New Hope, Minnesota, on Friday, July 21, 2023, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

The following directors were present:

*Directors: Bassett, Bowman,
Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes,
Long, and Vento*

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and the following were absent: *None*

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The Chair announced that the next order of business was consideration of the following resolution providing for the issuance and sale of the District's General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A, subject to certain parameters, declaring the official intent of the District to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of such bonds, and taking other actions with respect thereto.

Director Bassett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

waived reading,

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2023A, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PARAMETERS; DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS; AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the "Board") of Independent School District No. 281 (Robbinsdale Area Schools), Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "District") as follows:

1. Authorization.

(a) The District is authorized under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Section 123B.595, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing certain facilities and site maintenance projects included in a ten (10) year facilities maintenance plan approved by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (the "Commissioner").

(b) On June 20, 2023, the Board approved the District's ten (10) year facilities maintenance plan (the "Plan") and authorized and directed District staff to submit to the Commissioner the Plan and such additional documents and information as may be necessary to secure the approval of the Plan by the Commissioner and the issuance of bonds to finance the Plan pursuant to the Act.

(c) The Board finds it necessary and desirable that the District issue its General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,700,000, pursuant to the Act, to finance certain facilities maintenance projects included in the Plan (collectively, the "Projects").

(d) The District is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9) of the Act to negotiate the sale of the Bonds, it being determined that the District has retained an independent municipal advisor in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The actions of the District staff and its municipal advisor in negotiating the sale of the Bonds are ratified and confirmed in all aspects.

2. Procedure for Review of Proposals and Selection of Purchaser. The Board authorizes the Superintendent of the District or the Executive Director of Finance and an officer of the Board designated by the Board (the "Authorized Officials"), with the advice of PMA Securities, LLC, the District's municipal advisor (the "Municipal Advisor"), to review the proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and award the sale of the Bonds to the prospective purchaser (the "Purchaser"), based on the recommendation of the Municipal Advisor, and take any other appropriate action with respect to the Bonds, including but not limited to the execution and delivery of a purchase agreement with respect to the Bonds, provided that the following conditions are met: (i) the principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$19,700,000; and (ii) the true interest cost of the Bonds shall be the lowest offered by any prospective purchaser.

3. Acceptance of Proposal. Following the acceptance by the Authorized Officials of the proposal of the Purchaser, the Board will meet to ratify such acceptance and take any other appropriate action with respect to the Bonds.

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4. Authority of Municipal Advisor. The Municipal Advisor is authorized and directed to advertise the Bonds for sale in accordance with the terms of proposal to be prepared for the Bonds.

5. Authority of Bond Counsel. The law firm of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, as bond counsel for the District (“Bond Counsel”), is authorized to act as bond counsel and to assist in the preparation and review of necessary documents, certificates and instruments relating to the Bonds. The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor in the preparation of such documents, certificates, and instruments.

6. Covenant as to State Credit Enhancement.

(a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, as amended (the “State Credit Enhancement Act”), to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the registrar and paying agent for the Bonds (the “Registrar”) or any successor paying agent three (3) business days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of the State Credit Enhancement Act, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Minnesota Departments of Management and Budget and Education pursuant to subdivision 2(c) of the State Credit Enhancement Act and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply therewith. The Chair, Clerk, Superintendent, or Executive Director of Finance of the District is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

7. Covenants. In the resolution ratifying the sale of the Bonds, the Board will set forth the covenants and undertakings required by the Act.

8. Official Statement. In connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds, the officers or employees of the District are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Municipal Advisor and participate in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds and to execute and deliver it on behalf of the District upon its completion.

9. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Costs from Proceeds of the Bonds. The District hereby makes this declaration of official intent (the “Declaration”) to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Projects, from the proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”). All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of an issue; or (c) “preliminary expenditures” up to an

amount not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the District to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

10. Publication of Notice of Intended Projects and Intent to Issue the Bonds. The Clerk is authorized to publish a notice of the intended Projects and the District’s intent to issue the Bonds in the official newspaper of the District, in substantially the form attached as EXHIBIT A hereto, as soon as reasonably practicable after adoption of this resolution, but in any event at least twenty (20) days before the earlier of the issuance of the Bonds or the final certification of levies.

11. Expiration of Resolution. If the Authorized Officials have not approved the sale of the Bonds and executed a purchase agreement with the Purchaser by December 31, 2023, this resolution shall expire.

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The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Director Vento, and upon vote being taken thereon the following directors voted in favor of the motion:

Directors: Bassett, Brooks, Evans-Becker and Vento

and the following voted against:

Directors: Bowman, Holmes and Long

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF FACILITIES MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Independent School District No. 281
(Robbinsdale Area Schools)
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Independent School District No. 281 (Robbinsdale Area Schools), Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "District"), intends to issue its general obligation facilities maintenance bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$19,700,000 (the "Facilities Maintenance Bonds") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595, as amended. The proceeds of the Facilities Maintenance Bonds will be used to finance certain facilities maintenance projects included in the District's ten (10) year facilities plan, including but not limited to the projects described in the table below and other deferred maintenance projects, and related costs.

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<u>School Facility</u>	<u>Project</u>
Cooper High School	Roofing projects; tennis court reconstruction
SEA Olson Elementary School	Parking lot repair and resurfacing
Meadow Lake Elementary School	Chilled beam HVAC system; associated ceiling work; classroom and corridor lighting replacement; fire alarm and paging system
Armstrong High School	Roofing; HVAC controls and fan coils; running track replacement; tennis court reconstruction; acoustic ceiling replacement; carpet replacement; interior door and door hardware
Robbinsdale Middle School	Roofing; mechanical controls
Sandburg Middle School	Front end mechanical controls
Lakeview Elementary School	Elevator replacement; exterior wall pipe removal
Sonnesyn Elementary School	Plumbing fixture replacement
Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion School	Roofing; structural improvements
Central Warehouse	Ventilation; fire wall; building controls/HVAC; fire panel; lighting
Northport Elementary School	Plumbing fixture replacement
FAIR Crystal School	Chiller replacement

The total amount of District indebtedness as of July 1, 2023 is \$196,293,554. If these proposed Facilities Maintenance Bonds are issued, the total indebtedness of the District will be \$215,993,554.

Dated: July 21, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

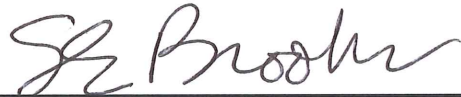
/s/ Sharon E. Brooks
Clerk
Independent School District No. 281
(Robbinsdale Area Schools), Hennepin County,
Minnesota

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 281 (Robbinsdale Area Schools), Hennepin County, Minnesota (the “District”), do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a special meeting of the School Board of the District held on July 21, 2023, with the original minutes on file in my office and the extract is a full, true and correct copy of the minutes insofar as they relate to the issuance and sale of the District’s General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A, subject to certain parameters, and declaring the official intent of the District to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of such bonds.

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WITNESS My hand officially as such Clerk this 21st day of July, 2023.



Clerk
Independent School District No. 281
(Robbinsdale Area Schools), Hennepin County,
Minnesota

PARAMETERS RESOLUTION INFORMATION

Please email a completed copy of this page to:

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Questions: Please email or call (612-337-9204)

1. Motion made by: *Director Helen Bassett*
2. Motion seconded by: *Director John Vento*
3. School Board directors present: *Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long, and Vento*
4. School Board directors absent: *None*
5. School Board directors voting for: *Directors: Bassett, Brooks, Evans-Becker, and Vento*
6. School Board directors voting against: *Directors: Bowman, Holmes, and Long*

School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Special Business Meeting – July 21, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: Operations

ITEM: 3.B. Designating Deputy Treasurer

COMMENTS BY: Dr. Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Chair

The law allows a board to combine and delegate the duties of the offices of clerk and treasurer to a single person who is employed by the district in its business office. A resolution is required if the duties of the clerk and treasurer are delegated. The resolution is a one-time requirement, not an annual one. Even so, the law still requires that an elected school board member hold each of the offices of chair, clerk, and treasurer.

Due to the departure of the District’s Executive Director of Finance it is recommended that Virginia Verbrugge, Assistant Director of Finance, be designated as the Interim Deputy Treasurer until an Executive Director of Finance is hired.

Recommended Action: Approve designation of Virginia Verbrugge, Assistant Director of Finance, to the position of Interim Deputy Treasurer.

	Yes	No	Abstention
Helen Bassett			
ReNae Bowman			
Sharon E. Brooks			
Dr. Greta Evans-Becker			
Kim Holmes			
Caroline Long			
John Vento			

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Special Business Meeting – July 21, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda
ITEM: 4. Approval of Consent Agenda
PRESENTER: Dr. Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Chair

Description: Consent Agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which the item will be removed as a Consent Agenda item and addressed. Consent Agenda items include administrative, personnel matters and financial matters.

Recommended Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda items.

	Yes	No	Abstention
Helen Bassett			
ReNae Bowman			
Sharon E. Brooks			
Dr. Greta Evans-Becker			
Kim Holmes			
Caroline Long			
John Vento			

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____

***Approved July 21, 2023*

A Business Meeting of the School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools (RAS) was held Tuesday, June 20, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Robbinsdale Area Schools Education Service Center. A recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.rdale.org/discover/school-board> under "Watch School Board Meeting Webcasts."

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Evans-Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present: Helen Bassett, ReNae Bowman, Sharon Brooks, Greta Evans-Becker, Kim Holmes, Caroline Long, and John Vento; and David Engstrom, Superintendent. Director(s) absent: none. There was a quorum; and the meeting was called to order.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Evans-Becker asked for a motion to accept the Business Meeting agenda. Director Vento moved to accept the agenda, and Director Bassett seconded the motion. Director Brooks made a motion to remove items 3.(Registration and travel expenses) and 9. (Special program speakers fees, consulting fees and contracted personnel service fees) from the Resolution Authorizing Payment of Specific Statements in Advance for 2023-2024 under Operations, Item 5.D. for discussion. Chair Evans-Becker requested that the motion be revisited once we reach Operations Item 5.D. on the agenda. Upon vote being taken thereon to approve the agenda as posted, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed. 27

Arts Showcase - Timothy Guillaume - Armstrong High School (AHS) Student, Pianist and Composer

Timothy Guillaume, along with an ensemble of his peers, performed "Growing Cycle," an original piece he composed especially for this School Board meeting, conducted by Kevin Martin, the AHS Orchestra Director. Timothy is an accomplished, award-winning composer who will begin his junior year at AHS in the fall.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Engstrom noted that tonight's meeting had been postponed from Monday, June 19 due to Minnesota's first official observation of the Juneteenth holiday.
- Monday, June 5, 2023 commencements for Armstrong, Cooper, Robbinsdale Academy - Highview and Robbinsdale Virtual Academy were held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Congratulations to all of our 2023 graduates!
- 2023 Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Track and Field Championships yielded the following successes from Armstrong:
 - Senior Noah Breker placed 1st in the 3200 meter with a new state all time record of 8:52.44. He also placed 2nd in the 1600 meter event.
 - Kendall Thurston placed 8th in discus with an outdoor personal best of 128'3", and placed 10th in shot put with another personal best of 36'7.25"
- Robbinsdale PI Robins placed 2nd in the MSHSL softball tournament vs. Dakota United
- Congratulations to Cooper Senior Connor Brynteson, National Semi-Finalist in Congressional Debate out of 600 students, his best finish in this tournament - and the best finish by any Cooper student in this event. He was also named as Minnesota District Student of the Year, and awarded the Karl E. Mundt medal for excellence
- Congratulations to Armstrong Junior Lucy Dreyer in Extemporaneous Debate for reaching elimination rounds in a field of 1,040 competitors - finishing in the top 300

Operations

A. Action: FY24 Budget and Resolution

MOTION: Director Vento moved approval, and Director Brooks seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Brooks, Evans-Becker and Vento. And the following voted against the same: Directors Bowman, Holmes and Long. Said motion was declared duly passed.

B. Action: District 281 Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Plan

MOTION: Director Vento moved approval and waived reading of the resolution, Director Bassett seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Brooks,

Evans-Becker and Vento. And the following voted against the same: Directors Bowman, Holmes and Long. Said motion was declared duly passed.

- C. Action: District 287 LTFM Plan
MOTION: Director Bowman moved approval and waived reading of the resolution, Director Bassett seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors: Bassett, Bowman, Evans-Becker, Long and Vento. The following voted against the same: none. And the following abstained from voting: Directors Brooks and Holmes. Said motion was declared duly passed.
- D. Action: Resolution Authorizing Payment of Specific Statements in Advance for 2023-2024
MOTION: Director Vento moved approval and waived reading of the resolution, Director Bassett seconded the motion. Director Brooks requested that items 3. (Registration and travel expenses) and 9. (Special program speakers fees, consulting fees and contracted personnel service fees) be removed for further discussion. Director Long requested further discussion, since the resolution did not come for non-action first. Director Bowman requested to also remove item 2. (Contracted transportation invoices) for further discussion. Chair Evans-Becker asked if it would be amenable to Director Vento and Brooks to vote on the resolution as is to allow for business to continue through September 1, 2023, to allow for discussion in August of 2023 to clarify and discuss at a work session - then vote before the end of August of 2023 on the agreed resolution. Both were amenable. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes and Long. And the following voted against the same: Director Vento. Said motion was declared duly passed through September 1, 2023.
- E. Action: Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A
Director Bassett requested removal of maximum percentage parameter, and trust best judgment. Director Long requested further discussion, since the resolution did not come for non-action first. Item was tabled for further discussion, and final vote at a Special Business Meeting on Friday, July 21, 2023 - to allow for district to have submission to MDE prior to the July 31, 2023 deadline.
- F. Action: Resolution Designating Brokers for Investment of District Funds for 2023-2024
MOTION: Director Bowman moved approval and waived reading of the resolution, Director Vento seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was duly passed.
- G. Action: Resolution Designating Depositories for School District Funds for 2023-2024
MOTION: Director Bowman moved approval of the resolution, Director Brooks seconded the motion. Upon vote being take thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.
- H. Action: Approval of May 2023 Donations
MOTION: Director Bowman moved to accept the \$54,459.59 in donations to the district, and Director Vento seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.
- I. Non-Action: Human Resources Staffing Update
Amy O'Hern provided the first edition of the permanent agenda addition "Human Resources Staffing Update," and was available for questions and discussion.

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Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items include administrative, personnel matters, and financial matters.

Director Bowman requested Item A. Administrative Items 1.a. (Appoint Legal Counsel) and 1.b. (Appoint Financial Advisor) for further discussion (fresh eyes on them) and separate vote. Director Bassett requested A. Administrative Item 1.c. (Designation of Newspaper as the Official Publication for RAS) for further discussion and separate vote. MOTION: Director Vento moved approval of going ahead with the vote for the remaining items on the Consent Agenda as one vote, Director Bassett seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.

A. Administrative

- 1.a. Appoint Legal Counsel: Director Bowman requested that this topic be discussed by the Board next year in non-action prior to bringing for vote at the last Business Meeting. MOTION: Director Vento moved approval, Director Bassett seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Brooks, Evans-Becker and Vento. And the following voted against the same: Directors Bowman, Holmes and Long. Said motion was declared duly passed.
- 1.b. Appoint Financial Advisor: Director Bowman requested that this topic be discussed by the Board next year in non-action prior to bringing for vote at the last Business Meeting. MOTION: Director Vento moved

approval, Director Evans-Becker seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Brooks, Evans-Becker and Vento. And the following voted against the same: Directors Bowman, Holmes and Long. Said motion was declared duly passed.

- 1.c. Designation of Newspaper as the Official Publication for RAS: Director Bassett requested further discussion in regard to adding additional diverse publications, and researching costs to do so, Director Vento supported this discussion. MOTION: Director Vento moved approval and waived reading, Director Bowman seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento.

B. Personnel Matters

2. Non-Licensed Staff Personnel Report: Director Long requested reason for termination of Service Employee. Information will be provided to Board confidentially.

Board Reports

Each month Board Members share updates from their different committee assignments and attendance at district and community events. Before the Business Meeting, Director Bassett facilitated the listening time held at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Education Service Center. Three community members spoke in regards to:

- Policy 206: Public Complaints and Participation in School Board Meetings/Proceedings - with concerns regarding unconstitutional items 10-11, per two U.S. Supreme Court cases - and public officials per the 1st Amendment cannot suppress free speech 29
- Transparency, Accountability, Follow through, Consistency - protection of his daughter's education and physical safety
- Community Connect Committee Meetings - disappointment that district excludes community involvement, no community and no connect.
- Commencements outside of district community - why wasn't community involved in the decision to move them?

Announcements (can be found on our website)

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Bowman moved to adjourn the Business meeting, and Director Brooks seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Holmes, Long, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Meeting was adjourned.

Prepared and submitted by:

Molly Olson

Assistant Clerk, Robbinsdale Area Schools

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board

Signed: _____

School Board Clerk, Independent School District 281

Date: _____

July 22, 2023

Minutes of Special Work Session
The School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

***Reviewed July 21, 2023*

A Special Work Session of the School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools was held Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Complete agendas, reports, and presentations are available at the office and on our website. **Work session summary minutes are not approved by the School Board.**

Director(s) present: Helen Bassett, ReNae Bowman, Sharon E. Brooks, Greta Evans-Becker, Kim Holmes, Caroline Long and John Vento; and David Engstrom, Superintendent. Director(s) absent: none.

Graduation Rates Data and Intervention Strategies

Presented by John Groenke - Executive Director of Student Services, Dr. Cheryl Videen - Director of Research Evaluation and Assessment and Matt Pletcher - Director of Secondary Curriculum and Multilingual Programs

A video link was provided of the presentation, along with the PowerPoint presentation posted to the public for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Groenke, Dr. Videen and Mr. Pletcher participated in discussion with the Board. 30

District 281 10-Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Plan

Presented by Alissa Pier, Interim Executive Director of Facilities, Operations and Transportation and Ukee Dozier, Executive Director of Finance

Ms. Pier presented an outline of the maintenance projects scheduled for this summer and beyond, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Board Topics

Presented by Dr. Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Chair

A. Minnesota Open Meeting Laws

Presented by Christian Shafer from Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney

Mr. Shafer presented information regarding Minnesota Open Meeting Laws, and responded to questions from the Board.

B. Board Governance Policy 1.10 - Board Committees was tabled to Monday, July 24, 2023 in a Special Work Session

C. Land Acknowledgement Discussion was tabled to Monday, July 24, 2023 in a Special Work Session

D. Policy 206: Public Complaints and Participation in School Board Meetings/Proceedings was tabled to Monday, July 24, 2023 in a Special Work Session

E. Transportation Priorities was tabled to Monday, July 24, 2023 in a Special Work Session

F. Other

There were no other topics brought forth for discussion.

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Minutes of Closed Session

The School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools



***Approved July 21, 2023*

A Closed Session of the School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools, ISD 281, was held Monday, June 26, 2023, beginning at 6:14 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Robbinsdale Area Schools Education Service Center, 4148 Winnetka Avenue North, New Hope, Minnesota.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Evans-Becker called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Directors present: Helen Bassett, ReNae Bowman, Sharon E. Brooks, Greta Evans-Becker, Kim Holmes, Caroline Long and John Vento 31

Directors absent: None

Other attendee: David Engstrom, Superintendent

2. School Board

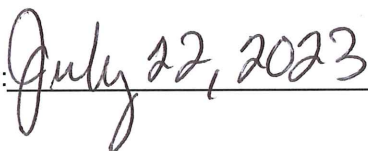
A. Closed Session pursuant of Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(a) for the Superintendent's Evaluation

Keeping with District Administrative Policy 205, the proceedings were recorded.

3. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Signed: 
School Board Clerk, Independent School District 281

Date: 

***Approved July 21, 2023*

A Special Business Meeting of the School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools (RAS) was held Friday, July 14, 2023, beginning at 5:04 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Robbinsdale Area Schools Education Service Center. A recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.rdale.org/discover/school-board> under "Watch School Board Meeting Webcasts."

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Evans-Becker called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Directors present: Helen Bassett, ReNae Bowman, Sharon Brooks, Greta Evans-Becker, Kim Holmes, Caroline Long, and John Vento. Director(s) absent: none. David Engstrom, Superintendent, was unable to attend due to an emergency medical issue. There was a quorum; and the meeting was called to order.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Evans-Becker asked for a motion to accept the Business Meeting agenda. Director Vento moved to accept the agenda, and Director Brooks seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Evans-Becker, Holmes, Long and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.

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Operations

- A. Review of District job vacancies, recently created positions and future created positions was brought forth by Directors Holmes, Bowman and Long for Board discussion.

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Bowman moved to adjourn the Business meeting, and Director Brooks seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Bowman, Brooks, Holmes, Long, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Meeting was adjourned.

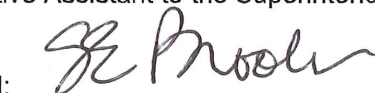
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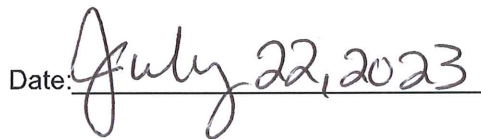
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board

Signed: _____



School Board Clerk, Independent School District 281

Date: _____





School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Special Business Meeting – July 21, 2023

AGENDA SECTION: Adjournment

ITEM: 5. Adjournment of Special Business Meeting

COMMENTS BY: Dr. Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Chair

Recommended Action: Call the Special Business meeting to a close.

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____