

9. C- Resolution to Revoke Existing Capitol Projects Levy Authorization of the School District, Approve a New Authorization, and Call an Election Thereon (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SCHOOL BOARD
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278
(ORONO PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 278 (Orono Public Schools), State of Minnesota, was held in said school district on March 9, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present:

Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Mike Bash, Martha Van de Ven, Laura Wallander, and Ali Howe

and the following were absent:

None

Member Mike Bash introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO REVOKING THE EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY
AUTHORIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING A NEW
AUTHORIZATION, AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 278, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to submit a capital project levy authorization to the voters for their approval. The proposed authorization would revoke its existing capital project levy authorization of 2.539% times the net tax capacity of the school district and replace that authorization with a new authorization of 4.516% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed authorization will raise approximately \$1,988,720 for taxes payable in 2021, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded by the proposed capital project levy authorization during that time period is approximately \$19,987,203. The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to provide funds for the replacement and maintenance of core technology infrastructure to improve teaching and learning.

The program will be commenced prior to November 1, 2025, which date is not more than five (5) years from the date of the special election authorizing the approval of the capital project levy. The question on the approval of the capital project levy authorization shall be School District Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The ballot question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and the polling places for this special election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as those for the state general election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place on Election Day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state each question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with state, city, township and county election authorities conducting the state general and other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

5. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

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Special Election Ballot

Independent School District No. 278
(Orono Public Schools)

November 3, 2020

Instructions to Voters:

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

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

School District Question 1
Revoking Existing Capital Project
Levy Authorization; Approving
New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 278 (Orono Public Schools) has proposed to revoke its existing capital project levy authorization of 2.539% times the net tax capacity of the school district and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of 4.516% times the net tax capacity of the school district.

The proposed new authorization will raise approximately \$1,988,720 for taxes payable in 2021, the first year it is to be levied and would be applicable for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$19,987,203.

The money raised by the proposed authorization will be used to provide funds for the replacement and maintenance of core technology infrastructure to improve teaching and learning.

Yes

Shall the school district's existing capital project levy authorization be revoked and the new capital project levy authorization to fund technology proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 278 be approved?

No

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

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

6. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election at the various polling places and shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The election must be canvassed by the school board between the third and the tenth day following the election.

7. If the capital project levy authorization proposed in School District Question 1 is approved, a capital project referendum account shall be created as a separate account in the general fund of the school district. All proceeds from the capital project levy must be deposited in the capital project referendum account. Interest income attributable to the capital project referendum account must be credited to the capital project referendum account. Money in the capital project referendum account may be used only for the costs of acquisition and betterment of the approved projects. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, subdivision 5, the Board hereby determines that the funds approved by the voters will only be used as authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.10, Subd. 14. The funds in the capital project referendum account may be accumulated and not be expended until sufficient funds are available, may be accumulated and not be expended until additional funds from a bond issue are available, or may be expended on an ongoing basis for approved project costs. Any funds remaining in the capital project referendum account that are not applied to the payment of the costs of the approved projects before their final completion shall be transferred to the school district's debt redemption fund.

8. The School District clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the school district under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02 available on the school district's website. The clerk must post the report on the school district's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The school district must make a report available on the school district's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Martha Van de Ven

and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Mike Bash, Martha Van de Ven, Laura Wallander and Ali Howe

and the following voted against the same:

None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.