



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
District Board Room
January 13, 2012
8:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of Public Notice
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion
 - a. Consider Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years by \$900,000 per Year for Non-Recurring Purposes
 - b. Consider Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years by \$900,000 per Year for Non-Recurring Purposes
6. Discuss Revised Proposal for Successful Referendum/Failed Referendum Programming
7. Adjournment

In partnership with our students, their families and the community, the vision of the School District of Altoona is to build a foundation for life-long learning and the emotional well-being of our students as we offer “large school opportunities with a small school approach” on our unique single campus setting.

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO
EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR FOUR YEARS BY \$900,000 PER YEAR
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District.

Adopted and recorded January 9, 2012.

Edward P. Bohn
District President

ATTEST:

Robin E. Elvig
District Clerk

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION
ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL
OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR FOUR YEARS
BY \$900,000 PER YEAR FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years by \$900,000 Per Year for Non-Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the question approved in the Revenue Limit Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 3, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 3, 2012 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Revenue Limit Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram in the issue published the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (b) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit B shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 25 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session as soon as possible after the close of the polls to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 121.91(3), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with a copy of the Revenue Limit Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Revenue Limit Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Adopted and recorded January 13, 2012.

Edward P. Bohn
District President

ATTEST:

Robin E. Elvig
District Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA
April 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Altoona on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained at the School District offices located at 1903 Bartlett Avenue, Altoona, Wisconsin 54720.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Gregory J. Fahrman, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Altoona
on March 6, 2012
Robin E. Elvig
District Clerk

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA
April 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Altoona on April 3, 2012, the following proposed Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO
EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR FOUR YEARS BY \$900,000 PER YEAR
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District.

Adopted and recorded January 13, 2012."

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND EFFECT OF VOTE

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is in favor of said Resolution and is a vote to authorize the School District of Altoona budget for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District.

A "no" vote on the question is opposed to said Resolution and is a vote to deny the School District of Altoona budget for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District.

In the event a majority of the electors voting vote "Yes" on the question, the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, in the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District; if a majority vote "No" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

[Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 1903 Bartlett Avenue, Altoona, Wisconsin 54720.]

If the information below is not included in the publication, it should be completed and made available in the District Office.

[At the election to be held on April 3, 2012 in the School District of Altoona the following polling place locations will be used for the municipalities and/or wards indicated:

<u>School District Electors</u> <u>Residing in</u>	<u>Vote at</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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ALL POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

**(NAME OF MUNICIPAL CLERK)
(ADDRESS)
(TELEPHONE)
(OFFICE HOURS)**

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.¹

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS²

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address before being permitted to vote. If an elector is not registered to vote, an elector may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the elector presents proof of identification in a form specified by law unless the elector is exempted from this requirement, and, if the document presented does not constitute proof of residence, the elector provides proof of residence. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.³ Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

On referenda questions, where **paper ballots** are used, the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square at the right of "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square at the right of "no" if opposed to the question.

On referenda questions, where **optical scan voting** systems are used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

On referenda questions, where **touch screen voting systems** are used, the elector shall depress the button next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall depress the button next to "no" if opposed to the question.

¹ THIS NOTICE MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT ABOUT THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED FOR EACH POLLING PLACE. IF ANY POLLING PLACES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD.

² This section should be adapted depending upon what type of voting procedure is used.

³ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. If the elector spoils a **paper** or **optical scan** ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.⁴ The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, properly deposit the ballot and promptly leave the polling place.

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall then deposit his folded ballot in the proper ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The elector shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is marked, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

April 3, 2012

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

⁴ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

If you desire to vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "NO" if opposed to the question.

Shall the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District?

YES

NO

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Gregory J. Fahrman, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Altoona
on April 2, 2012
Robin E. Elvig
District Clerk

EXHIBIT C

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

April 3, 2012

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "NO" if opposed to the question.

Shall the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin for the 2012-2013 school year through the 2015-2016 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 a year, for non-recurring purposes to enhance the educational programming and technology needs for the students of the District?

YES

NO

(Reverse Side of Ballot)

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
April 3, 2012
for
School District of Altoona, Wisconsin

Polling Place: _____

Ballot issued by

Initials of Inspectors of Election

Absent Voter's Ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or
Deputy Clerk

Certification of Elector Assistance

I certify that this ballot was marked by me for an elector who is authorized under the law to have assistance, upon request, and as directed by the elector.

(Signature of assisting individual)

Referendum 2012 – Proposal For Board Discussion
January 13, 2012

Proposed - Successful Referendum:	Proposed - Failed Referendum:
<p>A successful referendum will provide needed resources to increase student achievement as we offer large school opportunities with our small school approach. The following broad categories would be areas of consideration to support our Vision and Mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maintain our current educational programs and class sizes K-12▪ Additional staffing to increase support for Library Media Skills, Technology and the Curriculum▪ Increase the number of high school elective course opportunities. Areas of consideration include Foreign Language, Marketing, FACE (Family and Consumer Education formerly known as Home Ec) and Virtual Coursework.▪ Increase Technology-related purchases and staff training to enhance learning opportunities for students▪ Continue to monitor areas of past reductions and higher class sizes as we work toward optimum staffing levels of the 2007/08 school year.	<p>A failed referendum would bring budget reductions of \$350,000 to \$400,000 for 2012/13. This would result in Larger Class Sizes and Fewer Opportunities for Students. Broad Areas of consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Larger class sizes and fewer course opportunities for students K-12▪ Move from an 8-period- to 7-period-day. This would be accompanied by a reduction in the number of credits for graduation, leaving our students less prepared for post-secondary education or employment.▪ Discussion regarding the next Referendum should begin immediately for either November 2012 or April 2013 due to the severity of the next round of budget reductions.
<p style="text-align: center;">Continued Cost Saving Measures</p> <p>Regardless of the referendum outcome, the school district will continue to investigate cost saving measures on an ongoing basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transportation Services▪ Employee Health Insurance Plan as of 2012/13 (not subject to bargaining in 2013/14)▪ Energy Conservation Projects▪ Investigate and take advantage of Grant Opportunities▪ Look at all potential opportunities presented by Staff Attrition (retirements, resignations, etc.)	