RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL OF INITIAL RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $13,500,000

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Initial Resolution Number I Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed $4,500,000" and "Initial Resolution Number II Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed $9,000,000" (collectively, the "Initial Resolutions"); 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 Initial Resolutions to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 1, 2025.

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 1, 2025 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the propositions of whether the Initial Resolutions shall be approved.

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

(a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the Marshfield News Herald within ten days after the date hereof.

(b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in the Marshfield News Herald in the issue published on the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.

(c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be published in the Marshfield News Herald 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 C 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 D.

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 no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election 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 120.115(1), 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 copies of the Initial Resolutions within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolutions 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 20, 2025.

Susan Raab
District President

ATTEST:

Sheila Cherney
District Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE
WOOD, MARATHON AND PORTAGE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of the School District of Auburndale, at a meeting duly called, noticed, held and conducted on January 20, 2025, adopted Initial Resolutions entitled:

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $4,500,000

Said Initial Resolution was adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes to authorize a borrowing in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $9,000,000

Said Initial Resolution was adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes to authorize a borrowing in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Copies of said Initial Resolutions and a detailed breakdown of the school facility improvement program and the school building and facility improvement program to be financed with the proceeds of the proposed Bond issue are on file in the District Office located at 10564 School Avenue, Auburndale, Wisconsin and may be inspected weekdays except holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The School Board has called for a referendum election on the Initial Resolutions to be held on April 1, 2025.

Dated January 20, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
Sheila Cherney
District Clerk

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE
APRIL 1, 2025

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of Auburndale on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the questions set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 10564 School Avenue, Auburndale, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Kevin Yeske, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Auburndale
on March 4, 2025
Sheila Cherney
District Clerk

EXHIBIT C

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE
APRIL 1, 2025

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the School District of Auburndale on April 1, 2025, the following proposed Initial Resolutions of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION NUMBER I

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $4,500,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

RESOLUTION NUMBER II

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $9,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Ballot Text

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

Explanation

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

A "yes" vote on Question Number I is a vote to approve the borrowing of $4,500,000 by the School District of Auburndale through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the School District of Auburndale the authority to borrow $4,500,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose

of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number I vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school facility improvement program described in Question Number I and borrow not in excess of $4,500,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number I set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

A "yes" vote on Question Number II is a vote to approve the borrowing of $9,000,000 by the School District of Auburndale through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the School District of Auburndale the authority to borrow $9,000,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number II vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school building and facility improvement program described in Question Number II and borrow not in excess of $9,000,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number II 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 10564 School Avenue, Auburndale, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.[1]

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

[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 ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

(Name Of Municipal Clerk)	(Name Of Municipal Clerk)
(Address)	(Address)
(Telephone)	(Telephone)
(Office Hours)	(Office Hours)

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors[2]

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if 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 enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot 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.

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 advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

[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.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their 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.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, 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.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE")* to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

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 deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may 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. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

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

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they 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 before the ballot is cast.

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

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

April 1, 2025

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: ☒ To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: ☒
School District
Question Number I: Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Question Number II: Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Kevin Yeske, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Auburndale
on March 31, 2025
Sheila Cherney
District Clerk

EXHIBIT D

Official Referendum Ballot

April 1, 2025

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: ☒ To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: ☒

School District

Question Number I: Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question Number II: Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(Reverse Side of Ballot)

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
April 1, 2025
for
School District of Auburndale, Wisconsin

Municipality and ward number(s): _____

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Ballot issued by

_____
Initials of Election Inspectors

_____
Absentee Ballot issued by

_____
Initials of Municipal Clerk or
Deputy Clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

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Signature of assistor