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.

Town of Arpin
Shelly Grimm
P.O. Box 96
Arpin, WI 54410
715-305-1118
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Auburndale
Cal Fehrenbach
P.O. Box 176
Auburndale, WI 54412
715-897-4506
Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment

Town of Carson
Annette Stashek
5286 Lone Elm Road
Junction City, WI 54443
715-457-2170
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Day
Dave Kraus
123208 Griesbach Road
Stratford, WI 54484
715-387-8917
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Eau Pleine
Susan Skrzeczkoski
3191 State Hwy 34
Junction City, WI 54443
715-498-9882
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Green Valley
Dana Solinsky
133276 Acorn Drive
Mosinee, WI 54455
715-496-1786
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Hansen
Diane Kohls
5846 County Road C
Vesper, WI 54489
715-569-4750
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Milladore
Leslianne Ruesch
P.O. Box 46
Blenker, WI 54415
505-600-9393
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Richfield
Paula Rustad
8478 Richfield Drive
Marshfield, WI 54449
715-650-3611
Office hours: By appointment only

Town of Sherry
Sandra Lobner
9285 2nd Street
Milladore, WI 54454
715-305-6448
Office hours: By appointment only

Village of Arpin
Jill Richardson
P.O. Box 38
Arpin, WI 54410
715-652-2010
Office hours: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Village of Auburndale
Lynn Lingford
P.O. Box 36
Auburndale, WI 54412
715-652-2244
Office hours: By appointment only

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