

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 2, 2024**

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the River Valley School District on April 2, 2024, 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 \$19,500,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: renovations at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools; construction of safe and secure entrances/offices at the Elementary and Middle Schools; construction of an addition for a replacement gymnasium at the Middle School, to create a single River Valley School District campus; building infrastructure, site improvements, ADA accessibility updates and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

RESOLUTION NUMBER II

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,500,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building project at the High School consisting of: construction of a performing arts center addition and a safe and secure entrance; remodeling and ADA compliance updates, including to the performing arts commons and stage areas; site improvements and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Ballot Text

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: renovations at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools; construction of safe and secure entrances/offices at the Elementary and Middle Schools; construction of an addition for a replacement gymnasium at the Middle School, to create a single River Valley School District campus; building infrastructure, site improvements, ADA accessibility updates and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building project at the High School consisting of: construction of a performing arts center addition and a safe and secure entrance; remodeling and ADA compliance updates, including to the performing arts commons and stage areas; site improvements and other associated work; 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 \$19,500,000 by the River Valley School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: renovations at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools; construction of safe and secure entrances/offices at the Elementary and Middle Schools; construction of an addition for a replacement gymnasium at the Middle School, to create a single River Valley School District campus; building infrastructure, site improvements, ADA accessibility updates and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the River Valley School District the authority to borrow \$19,500,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: renovations at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools; construction of safe and secure entrances/offices at the Elementary and Middle Schools; construction of an addition for a replacement gymnasium at the Middle School, to create a single River Valley School District campus; building infrastructure, site improvements, ADA accessibility updates and other associated work; 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 building and facility improvement program described in Question Number I and borrow not in excess of \$19,500,000 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 \$14,500,000 by the River Valley School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building project at the High School consisting of: construction of a performing arts center addition and a safe and secure entrance; remodeling and ADA compliance updates, including to the performing arts commons and stage areas; site improvements and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the River Valley School District the authority to borrow \$14,500,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building project at the High School consisting of: construction of a performing arts center addition and a safe and secure entrance; remodeling and ADA compliance updates, including to the performing arts commons and stage areas; site improvements and other associated work; 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 program described in Question Number II and borrow not in excess of \$14,500,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number II set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

**Notice of Spring Election and
Sample Ballots
April 2, 2024**

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
TO THE VOTERS OF THE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the River Valley School District on April 2, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballots below.

Information to Electors

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.

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.

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 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.

After Voting the Ballot

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.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils an **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.

The following are samples of the official ballots:

Official Referendum Ballot
April 2, 2024

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
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).</p> <p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: <input type="radio"/></p>
School District
<p>Question Number I: Shall the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: renovations at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools; construction of safe and secure entrances/offices at the Elementary and Middle Schools; construction of an addition for a replacement gymnasium at the Middle School, to create a single River Valley School District campus; building infrastructure, site improvements, ADA accessibility updates and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question Number II: Shall the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building project at the High School consisting of: construction of a performing arts center addition and a safe and secure entrance; remodeling and ADA compliance updates, including to the performing arts commons and stage areas; site improvements and other associated work; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

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 for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this:

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this:

**River Valley School District
School Board Member from Area 5
Vote for 1**

Elisabeth Minich

Write-in:

**River Valley School District
School Board Member from Area 7
Vote for 1**

Frederic H. Iausly

Write-in:

**River Valley School District
School Board Member from Area 8
Vote for 1**

Kiley P. Cates

Write-in:

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Municipality

Location

Town of Spring Green	Town Hall – E4411 Kennedy Road
Village of Spring Green	Spring Green Community Library – 230 E. Monroe Street
Village of Plain	Plain Municipal Office-510 Main Street
Town of Bear Creek	Bear Creek Town Hall – CTH G
Town of Troy	Troy Town Hall – S10371 Cty. Rd. C
Village of Lone Rock	Village Office, 314 E. Forest Street
Town of Buena Vista	Buena Vista Town Hall - Gotham
Village of Arena	Arena Village Hall – 345 West Street

Town of Arena	Arena Town Hall – Hwy. 14
Town of Wyoming	Wyoming Town Hall – Hwy. 23
Town of Clyde	Clyde Community Center – Hwy. 130
Town of Black Earth	Black Earth Village Office – 1210 Mills Street
Town of Honey Creek	Honey Creek Town Hall – E8721 Cty. Rd. C
Town of Franklin	Town Shop Office Rm., 550 Main Street, Plain
Town of Ridgeway	Ridgeway Town Hall - 6300 Town Hall Road
Town of Ithaca	Ithaca Town Garage – Willow Creek Rd.

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.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, or wish to obtain office hours for your local municipality, contact your local municipal clerk:

Stephanie Zwettler
 Town of Black Earth
 P. O. Box 426
 Black Earth, WI 53515-0426
 608-444-6425

Cheryl Schmidt
 Town of Arena
 P. O. Box 126
 Arena, WI 53503-0126
 608-753-2185

Leah Spicer
 Town of Clyde
 6281 State Road 130
 Avoca, WI 53506-9516
 608-217-1137

Wendy Crary
 Village of Spring Green
 P. O. Box 158
 Spring Green, WI 53588-0158
 608-588-2335

Nicole Wieczorek
 Town of Ridgeway
 6300 Town Hall Rd.
 Ridgeway, WI 53582-9686
 608-924-2247

Mary Lloyd-Jones
 Town of Wyoming
 6514 Hillside School Road
 Spring Green, WI 53588
 608-588-4335

DaNean Naeger
 Village of Arena
 345 West Street
 Arena, WI 53503-9613
 608-753-2133

Van Nelson
 Town of Buena Vista
 29440 US Hwy 14
 Lone Rock, WI 53556
 608-583-2406

Sheila Kitsembel
Town of Ithaca
29475 Nebraska Rd.
Richland Center, WI 53581
608-585-2610

Tammy Christianson
Village of Lone Rock
P. O. Box 338
Lone Rock, WI 53556-0338
608-583-0088

Sheila A. Carver
Town of Bear Creek
E3892 Marble Quarry Road
Plain, WI 53577-9680
608-588-5554

Christine Elliot
Town of Franklin
E4898 County Road GG
Loganville, WI 53943-9744
608-415-8516

Jennifer Evert
Town of Honey Creek
S8382 Denzer Rd.
North Freedom, WI 53951
608-393-7454

Vicki Terpstra
Town of Spring Green
P. O. Box 216
Spring Green, WI 53588-0216
608-588-3235

Mary Zins
Town of Troy
E9699 Fuchs Rd.
Sauk City, WI 53583-9683
608-544-3549

Sheila Carver
Village of Plain
510 Main Street
Plain, WI 53577
608-546-2047

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.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Loren G. Glasbrenner, District Administrator.



Done in the River Valley School District
on March 27, 2024
Sara L. Carstensen
District Clerk