

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM
ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF
INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500,000 AND PROVIDING
FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF
THE APPROVAL OF INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT
TO EXCEED \$14,500,000

WHEREAS, the School Board of the River Valley School District, Sauk, Iowa, Richland and Dane Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Initial Resolution Number I Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,500,000" and "Initial Resolution Number II Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$14,500,000" (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 2, 2024.

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 2, 2024 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 Home News 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 Home News in the issue published immediately prior to 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 Home News 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 December 14, 2023.

Kathy Jennings
District President

ATTEST:

Sara L. Carstensen
District Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAUK, IOWA, RICHLAND AND DANE COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of the above-named School District, at a meeting duly called, noticed, held and conducted on December 14, 2023, adopted Initial Resolutions entitled:

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500,000

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 \$19,500,000 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 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.

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

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 \$14,500,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District 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.

Copies of said Initial Resolutions and a detailed breakdown of the school building and facility improvement program and school building program to be financed with the proceeds of the proposed Bond issue are on file in the District Office located at 660 West Daley Street, Spring Green, 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 2, 2024.

Dated December 14, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
Sara L. Carstensen
District Clerk

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF ELECTION RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 2, 2024

Referendum Details

At an election in the River Valley School District on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people:

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?"

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 660 West Daley Street, Spring Green, 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 Loren G. Glasbrenner,
District Administrator.

Done in the River Valley School District
on February 28, 2024
Sara L. Carstensen
District Clerk

EXHIBIT C

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.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 660 West Daley Street, Spring Green, 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)
(Address)
(Telephone)
(Office Hours)

(Name Of Municipal Clerk)
(Address)
(Telephone)
(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 Electors²

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 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	
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
School District	
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?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
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?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

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

EXHIBIT D

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

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 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?

Yes

No

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?

Yes

No

(Reverse Side of Ballot)

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
April 2, 2024
for
River Valley School District, Wisconsin

Municipality and ward number(s): _____

Ballot issued by

Initials of Inspectors of Election

Absentee Ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or
Deputy Clerk
(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

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.

Signature of assistor
