

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 20, 2021

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on December 20, 2021 in the media center at the high school at 6PM. Board members present: Jon Karger, Anne Peterson, Brenda Olson, and Brittany Dokken, and Greg Larson.

Board Members Absent: Molly Welch

Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Emily Evenson, Lou Hoglund, Becky Wontor, Marni Neubauer, Cary Haugrud, Shelly Sjolie, Janae LaFerriere, Eva Rustand, Zane Biles, Alicia LaFerriere, and Derrick Nelson.

Others Present via Zoom: Brian Stavenger, Lauren Siebels, and Karla Breen

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Jon Karger.

Brenda Olson moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and carried with all members present voting in favor.

Truth in Taxation Presentation

### Acknowledgements

SADD - Posters and positive messages to staff and students around PRHS

Brenda Olson - Board Member completing the MSBA Leadership Development Program

### Administrative reports

A. Elementary Principal/AD

Mr. Derrick Nelson

B,. Finance Director

Mr. Rudy Martinez

C. Superintendent/HS Principal

Mr. Brian Korf

2020-21 Audit Presentation - Brian Stavenger from EideBailey

Greg Larson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

A. Approve board minutes - November 15, 2021 Regular & December 8, 2021 Special

B. Financial claims - November bills

C. Treasurer's report

D. Personnel

Approve the resignation of Jim Christenson as Assistant Boys Golf Coach

Approve the resignation of Lauren Siebels as Head Girls Soccer Coach

Approve the hire of Montserrat Moreno Sanchez as Paraprofessional at VES

Approve the hire of Adriana Robles as Paraprofessional at VES

Approve the hire of Laura Januszewski as Head Girls Track Coach

Approve the hire of Jeff Peter as Long Term Music Teacher Substitute

Approve hire of Tammy Anderson as Special Education Testing

E. Approval the Renewal of the Jostens Yearbook Agreement for the 22-23 School Year

F. Approve MOU

The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Anne Peterson motioned to approve the second reading of the 721 Federal Procurement Policy. The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Anne Peterson motioned to approve the World's Best Workforce Summary and Achievement & Integration Progress Report. The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Greg Larson motioned to approve the Levy Limitation and Certification Report 2021 Payable 2022. The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Greg Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; GRANTING THE ABATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation approving the abatement referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said abatement; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

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School District Clerk

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; GRANTING THE ABATEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 548 (Pelican Rapids), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

Section 1. Authorization and Recitals.

1.01. The District, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, as amended (the Act), is authorized to grant an abatement of the property taxes imposed by the District on parcels of property by the adoption of a resolution specifying the terms of the abatement.

1.02. The District intends to undertake a parking lot reconstruction project between the Viking Elementary School and the District's athletic complex and construction of a new parking lot across Highway 59 from the school performance auditorium (the Improvements) and benefiting certain properties within the District boundaries identified on Exhibit A attached hereto (collectively, the Property).

1.03. The District has proposed to finance the Improvements by granting an abatement of the property taxes imposed by the District on the Property (the Proposed Property Tax Abatement).

1.04. Pursuant to the Act, this Board, on December 20, 2021, conducted a public hearing on the desirability of granting the Proposed Property Tax Abatement. Notice of the public hearing was duly published as required by law in the *Pelican Rapids Press*, the official newspaper of the District, on November 24, 2021.

Section 2. Findings. On the basis of the information compiled by the District and elicited at the public hearing referred to in Section 1.04, it is hereby found, determined and declared:

- 2.01. The District expects that the benefits to the District associated with granting the Proposed Property Tax Abatement are at least equal to or exceed the associated costs to the District.
- 2.02. The granting of the Proposed Property Tax Abatement is in the public interest because it will finance and provide public infrastructure and help provide access to services for District residents.
- 2.03. The nature and extent of the public benefits which the District expects to result from the Proposed Property Tax Abatement are the reconstruction of the parking lot between the Viking Elementary School and the District's athletic complex and construction of a new parking lot across Highway 59 from the school performance auditorium which will enable District residents to continue to conveniently and safely access District facilities that are regularly utilized by the public for community events.
- 2.04. The Property is not located in a tax increment financing district.
- 2.05. The granting of the Proposed Abatement will not cause the aggregate amount of abatements granted by the District under the Act to exceed, in any year, the greater of (i) ten percent (10%) of the District's net tax capacity for the taxes payable year to which the abatement applies, or (ii) \$200,000.
- 2.06. It is in the best interests of the District to grant the tax abatement authorized in this resolution.
- 2.07. Under Section 469.1813, subdivision 9 of the Act, it is not necessary for the District to obtain the consent of any owner of the Property to grant an abatement.

Section 3. Granting of Tax Abatement.

- 3.01. A property tax abatement (the Abatement) is hereby granted in respect of property taxes levied by the District on the Property for ten (10) years, commencing with taxes payable in 2023 and concluding with taxes payable in 2032. The total Abatement amount shall not exceed \$1,650,000 over ten (10) years.
- 3.02. The District shall retain the Abatement and apply it to payment of all or a portion of the costs of acquiring or constructing the Improvements or to the payment of bonds of the District issued to finance costs of acquiring or constructing the Improvements, whether such bonds are issued pursuant to the Act, or other law, as authorized by Section 469.1815, subdivision 2 of the Act.
- 3.03. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board in accordance with the Act.

The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and upon a vote being taken the following board members voted in favor:

Greg Larson, Anne Peterson, Jon Karger, Brenda Olson, Brittany Dokken

And the following voted against:

None

The resolution is approved.

Brittany Dokken introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,470,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX ABATEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022A**

**TERMS OF PROPOSAL**

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the bonds referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said bonds; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

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School District Clerk

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,470,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX ABATEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022A**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 548 (Pelican Rapids), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the District to issue its General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2022A, in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$1,470,000 (the Bonds), subject to adjustment in accordance with the Terms of Proposal. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used, together with any additional funds of the District which might be required, to finance a parking lot reconstruction project between the Viking Elementary School and the District's athletic complex and construction of a new parking lot across Highway 59 from the school performance auditorium which will enable District residents to continue to conveniently and safely access these facilities.

SECTION 2. TERMS OF PROPOSAL. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, in St. Paul, Minnesota (Baker Tilly), municipal advisor to the District, has presented to this Board a form of Terms of Proposal for the Bonds which is attached hereto and hereby approved and shall be placed on file by the Clerk. Each and all of the provisions of the Terms of Proposal are hereby adopted as the terms and conditions of the Bonds and of the sale thereof. Baker Tilly, as independent municipal advisor, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, paragraph (9), is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds on behalf of the District on a competitive basis without requirement of published notice.

SECTION 3. SALE MEETING. This Board shall meet at the time and place shown in the Terms of Proposal for the purpose of considering proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and of taking such action thereon as may be in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 4. STATE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and upon a vote being taken the following board members voted in favor:

Greg Larson, Anne Peterson, Jon Karger, Brenda Olson, Brittany Dokken

And the following voted against:

None

The resolution is approved.

Greg Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

## **Resolution in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act**

**Re-introduced on November 16, 2021**

H.R. 5984 and S. 3213

**WHEREAS**, the Pelican Rapids School District recognizes the need for a strong investment in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was first enacted in 1975 to help ensure that all students with disabilities will have access to a free appropriate public education and IDEA's enactment more than 45 years ago, the current federal investment in IDEA is less than 14 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, with the enactment of IDEA, the United States Congress committed to fund up to 40 percent of the additional cost of special education, thereby promising to provide up to 40 percent of the national average per pupil expenditure, which is currently estimated at \$13,828 by the U.S. Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's school districts face an increased demand for greater resources to fulfill the needs of students under IDEA, including those for students affected by multiple disabilities whose individual education plans require more resources; and

**WHEREAS**, with each increase in the IDEA child count, the ISD 548 [School Board] and others throughout the country continue to adjust their budgets to accommodate this increased need and ensure that each child educated through IDEA receives the appropriate supports, with some school districts dedicating forty percent or more of their general education budgets to special education services; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pelican Rapids school district has a \$444,500.00 cross-subsidy for FY 20. (Link to MDE Special Education Cross-Subsidy Report FY 2020), which is a one part of the statewide cross-subsidy that was more than \$673 million in FY 20, and is expected to grow to \$806 million in FY 25.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ISD 548 [School Board] supports the IDEA Full Funding Act that will help strengthen the federal investment in special education by authorizing a ten-year plan to fully fund the federal share of IDEA; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ISD 548 [School Board] urges Congress' strong bipartisan support for and passage of the IDEA Full Funding Act; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the ISD 548 [School Board] remains committed to providing students with disabilities and their families the supports they need.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

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School Board Chair

The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and upon a vote being taken the following board members voted in favor:

Greg Larson, Anne Peterson, Jon Karger, Brenda Olson, Brittany Dokken

And the following voted against:

None

The resolution is approved.

Brittany Dokken made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

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Board Chair

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Board Clerk