

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION
ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL
OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,100,000
AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
BY \$500,000 A YEAR FOR SIX YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$29,100,000" (the "Initial Resolution"); and "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$500,000 a Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit Resolution"); 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 questions approved in the Initial Resolution and the Revenue Limit Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 4, 2014.

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 November 4, 2014 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the propositions of whether the Initial Resolution and Revenue Limit Resolution 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 Ripon Commonwealth Press 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 Ripon Commonwealth Press 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 Ripon Commonwealth Press 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 52 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) and 121.91(3), 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 Resolution and Revenue Limit Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolution and Revenue Limit Resolution 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 August 18, 2014.

David Scott
District President

ATTEST:

Barbara Schultz
District Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF
RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOND DU LAC, WINNEBAGO AND GREEN LAKE 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 August 18, 2014, adopted an initial resolution entitled:

INITIAL RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,100,000

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 \$29,100,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Copies of said Initial Resolution and a detailed breakdown of the school improvement program to be financed with the proceeds of the proposed Bond issue are on file in the District Office located at 1120 Metomen Street, Ripon, Wisconsin 54971 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 Resolution together with the Revenue Limit Resolution also adopted on August 18, 2014 to be held on November 4, 2014.

Dated August 18, 2014.

BY ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD

Barbara Schultz
District Clerk

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF ELECTION
RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Ripon Area School District on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,100,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles?"

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 at the School District offices located at 1120 Metomen Street, Ripon, Wisconsin 54971.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Mary Whitrock, District Administrator.

Done in the Ripon Area School District
on October 2, 2014
Barbara Schultz
District Clerk

EXHIBIT C

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Ripon Area School District on November 4, 2014, on the following proposed Initial Resolution and Resolution Authorizing School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit of the School Board, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION NUMBER I

INITIAL RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,100,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,100,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

RESOLUTION NUMBER II

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO
EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$500,000 A YEAR FOR SIX YEARS
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles.

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,100,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND EFFECT OF VOTE

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 \$29,100,000 by the Ripon Area School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the Ripon Area School District the authority to borrow \$29,100,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring 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 improvement program described in Question Number I and borrow not in excess of \$29,100,000 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 authorize the Ripon Area School District budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the Ripon Area School District budget the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question II vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

At the election to be held on November 4, 2014 in the Ripon Area School District the following polling place locations will be used for the municipalities and/or wards indicated:

<u>School District Electors</u> <u>Residing in</u>	<u>Vote at</u>
City of Ripon	Municipal Building 100 Jackson Street Ripon, Wisconsin
Village of Fairwater	Civic Center 104 Main Street Fairwater, Wisconsin
Town of Metomen	Town of Metomen Garage N6971 Wisconsin Highways 44-49
Town of Ripon	Town Office N8191 Douglas Street Ripon, Wisconsin

Town of Rosendale	Rosendale Town Hall N8742 County Highway M
Town of Springvale	Springvale Town Hall County Trunk T
Town of Berlin	Berlin Town Hall N9291 Willard Road Corner Willard Rd/Hwy 91
Town of Brooklyn	Town Hall N5988 Cty Rd A Green Lake, Wisconsin
Town of Green Lake	Town Hall Intersection of County K & Horner Road Highways K & N
Town of Nepeuskun	Town Hall 1475 County Highway E North of Rush Lake
Town of Utica	Town Hall 1730 County Road FF Fisk, Wisconsin

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

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

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

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.¹

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS²

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the

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 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD.

² This section should be adapted depending upon what type of voting procedure is used.

initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.³ Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth or machine and cast his or her ballot except that 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 in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

On referenda questions, where **paper ballots** are used, the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square at the right of "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square at the right of "no" if opposed to the question.

When using a *tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD)* to mark a paper ballot, the elector shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. 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.

On referenda questions, where **optical scan voting** systems are used, 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")* to mark an **optical scan** ballot, 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.

On referenda questions, where **touch screen voting systems** are used, the elector shall depress the button next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall depress the button next to "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in casting his or her vote 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.

If the elector spoils a **paper** or **optical scan** ballot, he or she 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, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector.

After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, properly deposit the ballot and promptly leave the polling place.

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

³ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

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elector shall then deposit his folded ballot in the proper ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and promptly leave the polling place.

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

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her 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.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

November 4, 2014

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

If you desire to vote on any question, make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "NO" if opposed to the question.

QUESTION NUMBER I

Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,100,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

YES

NO

QUESTION NUMBER II

Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles?

YES

NO

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Mary Whitrock, District Administrator.

Done in the Ripon Area School District
on October 30, 2014
Barbara Schultz
District Clerk

EXHIBIT D

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

November 4, 2014

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square at the **RIGHT** of "NO" if opposed to the question.

QUESTION NUMBER 1

Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,100,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

YES

NO

QUESTION NUMBER II

Shall the Ripon Area School District, Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 a year for the 2015-2016 school year through the 2020-2021 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles?

YES

NO

(Reverse Side of Ballot)

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
November 4, 2014
for
Ripon Area School District, Wisconsin

Polling Place: _____

Ballot issued by

Initials of Inspectors of Election

Absent Voter's Ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or
Deputy Clerk

Certification of Elector Assistance

I certify that this ballot was marked by me for an elector who is authorized under the law to have assistance, upon request, and as directed by the elector.

(Signature of assisting individual)