

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Board Room
January 15, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Frigo at 6:00 p.m. as duly posted under State Statutes §19.84(1)(2)(c).

Roll Call of the Board

Board of Education Present: Eric Armstrong, Allison Fuelling, Mike Rateike, Staci Abrahamson, Justin Rodriguez, Debbie Frigo and Erin Egan.

Administration Present: Dan Grady

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented, was made by Armstrong, and seconded by Egan. Carried 7 - 0.

Proof of Giving Public Notice

A motion that all public notices were duly posted and was provided to The Courier on January 10, 2025 was made by Rateike and seconded by Fuelling. Carried 7 - 0.

District Vision and Values

Read by Student Representative Gabe Armstrong

Board Spotlight

Dr. Grady wanted to acknowledge and give a special thank you to community members and area churches and businesses that have helped with student lunch balances. It is appreciated.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes: January 8, 2025
- B. Approve Resignations/Retirements:
 - i. Kryston Whitley - Paraprofessional at ELC (Transitioning to different position at ELC)
 - ii. Sam Hernandez - Head Baseball Coach
- C. Offer Contracts / Letters of Employment
 - i. None

Motion made by Fuelling and seconded by Rodriguez to approve consent agenda. Carried 7 - 0.

Reports

- A. **Legislative and Advocacy**
 - i. WASB State Convention

Justin is our delegate at the State Convention. There is a Google form available with the sessions. Please complete by Friday so data can be reviewed and information sent out to know who is attending which sessions. There was discussion around final travel arrangements to and from Milwaukee.

B. District Leadership

i. Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) Convention

Eric Armstrong presented information gathered from CESA 2, collective for educational service agencies.

C. Student Representative Report

Gabe Armstrong gave reports on each of the current athletic programs. They also gave updates on all activities, service projects, and upcoming plans for each of the student groups, clubs, and organizations. Community members are encouraged to visit the District website (www.marshallschools.org) and attend many of the MHS activities. There are many competitive, educational, fun, and resourceful activities that our high school students are participating in.

D. Superintendent Reports

i. 2016 energy efficiency debt converted on December 1, 2024

With the 2016 energy efficiency debt we refinanced in February 2022 to 2.02%, then also had the opportunity (and did) to convert to 1.77%, saving the District approximately \$548,000.

ii. District social media engagement summary

Michele Miller provided the Board in their packets a Social Media Summary for the District Facebook page for 2024. Page views increased over 70,000 and page content interaction increased 47.4%. The goal is to continue to build our social media presence district wide.

New Business

a. Discuss and potential action to approve and adopt Initial Resolution:

Initial Resolution Authoring General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,355,000 (Complete Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,355,000 attached to minutes).

Motion to adopt initial resolution, was made by Rateike, and seconded by Egan.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

b. Discuss and potential action to approve and to adopt Referendum

Resolution: Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the

Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance

of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to exceed \$5,355,000 (Complete Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,355,000 attached to minutes).

Motion to adopt resolution providing for referendum on question of approval of initial resolution, was made by Armstrong, and seconded by Rateike.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

c. Discuss Capital Referendum next steps

Our District needs a new roof and window replacement at the elementary school and most importantly to make our school entrances as safe as possible. Information to go out to municipalities, communication to staff and community and mailers.

d. Discuss staff unused personal days

The Board is looking for an idea of how many staff use this option, and what is the financial impact? The District Office will gather some figures and bring this back to the Board later in February.

Items e, f, and g were all pulled to earlier in the meeting to prevent presenting teachers and students from having to sit through reports.

- e. Discuss and potential action to approve high school student participation in Jostens Renaissance Global Conference, June 27-30, 2025, in Chula Vista, California.**

Motion to approve high school student participation in Jostens Renaissance Global Conference, June 27-30, in Chula Vista, CA, made by Rateike, and seconded by Rodriquez.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

- f. Discuss and potential action to approve high school student participation in Dorian Band Festival at Luther College on March 2-3, 2025.**

Motion to approve high school student participation in Dorian Band Festival at Luther College on March 2-3, 2025, made by Frigo, and seconded by Abrahamson.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

- g. Discuss and potential action to approve high school student participation in Marshall Music Trip, March 29-31, 2025 in Chicago, IL.**

Motion to approve high school student participation in Marshall Music Trip to Chicago, IL March 29-31, 2025, made by Rateike, and seconded by Fuelling.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

- h. Discuss and potential action to approve 2025-2026 District Calendar**

Dr. Grady did a final review with the Board of the calendar and shared that it had been discussed and reviewed by staff who attended the Roundtable Discussion meeting and with the Admin Team twice. No additional questions were raised.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 District Calendar, made by Fuelling, and seconded by Armstrong.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

- i. Discuss and potential action to change Salaried Support Staff Employment Contracts liquidated damages language to reflect the same as Certified Staff.**

The Board had asked for a comparison of area contract language and liquidated damages, which led to the discussion of Salaried Support Staff Employment Contracts.

Motion to approve changing Salaried Support Staff Employment Contracts liquidated damages language to reflect the same as Certified Staff, made by Frigo, and seconded by Rateike.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

- j. Discuss and potential action to designate Michele Miller as District Election Clerk.**

Motion to approve Michele Miller as District Election Clerk, made by Fuelling, and seconded by Egan.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

- k. Discuss and potential action to renew District and Building Administrator Contracts.**

Motion to approve renewal of District and Building Administrator Contracts, made by Rateike, and seconded by Rodriquez.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

1. Discussion of future board agenda items

A reminder of the upcoming March 12th WASB Day at the Capitol, let Michele know if you'd like to attend. Policy update with Neola (Dr. Grady is meeting with our Rep. on Monday), that will be scheduled as a future agenda item.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Frigo and seconded by Fuelling. Carried on a voice vote 7 - 0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk

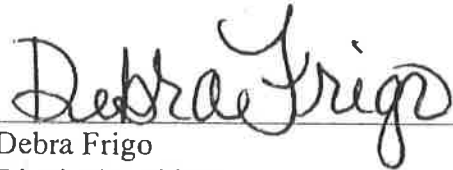

President



INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,355,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Joint School District Number 2, Village of Marshall, Towns of Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Medina, Sun Prairie and York, Dane County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,355,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide safe and secure school entrance improvements; capital maintenance improvements, including roof and window replacements at Marshall Elementary School; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Adopted and recorded January 15, 2025.



Debra Frigo
District President

ATTEST:



Staci Abrahamson
District Clerk

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Marshall
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Schools



RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM
ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF AN
INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$5,355,000

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Joint School District Number 2, Village of Marshall, Towns of Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Medina, Sun Prairie and York, Dane County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,355,000" (the "Initial 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 Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 1, 2025.

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 1, 2025 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Initial 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 Courier 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 Courier 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 Courier 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.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 2, VILLAGE OF MARSHALL, TOWNS OF
COTTAGE GROVE, DEERFIELD, MEDINA, SUN PRAIRIE AND YORK
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of the Joint School District Number 2, Village of Marshall, Towns of Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Medina, Sun Prairie and York, at a meeting duly called, noticed, held and conducted on January 15, 2025, adopted an Initial Resolution entitled:

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,355,000

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 \$5,355,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide safe and secure school entrance improvements; capital maintenance improvements, including roof and window replacements at Marshall Elementary School; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Copies of said Initial Resolution and a detailed breakdown of the school facility improvement program to be financed with the proceeds of the proposed Bond issue are on file in the District Office located at 617 Madison Street, Marshall, Wisconsin and may be inspected weekdays except holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

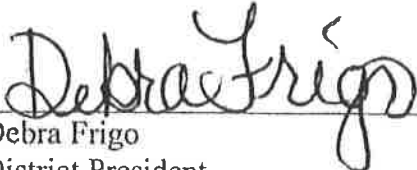
The School Board has called for a referendum election on the Initial Resolution to be held on April 1, 2025.

Dated January 15, 2025.


BY ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
Staci Abrahamson
District Clerk

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 Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial 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 January 15, 2025.


Debra Frigo
District President

ATTEST:


Staci Abrahamson
District Clerk

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