

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 595
(EAST GRAND FORKS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

HELD: JULY 27, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 595 (East Grand Forks), State of Minnesota, was duly held in the School District on July 27, 2026, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose, in part, of calling an election to authorize the issuance of school building bonds.

Member _____ moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO INCREASING THE GENERAL EDUCATION
REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 595, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to increase its general education revenue by \$300 per adjusted pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per adjusted pupil unit" as "per pupil." The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations, and the property tax portion thereof will require an estimated referendum tax rate of approximately 0.05581% of the referendum market value of the School District for taxes payable in 2027, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten (10) years and increase each year by the rate of inflation commencing with taxes payable in 2028, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. For this purpose, the rate of inflation shall be the annual inflationary increase calculated under Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 2(b). The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Question 1 on the School District ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The School Board hereby finds and determines that it is also necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$26,400,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including safety and security improvements to building entrances, installation of updated fire alarm systems, door access and

building communication systems; the construction and installation of HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems; and updating crosswalks and other ADA accessibility improvements. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 2 on the School District ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing.

3. The School Board hereby finds and determines that it is also necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,900,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of an early childhood addition to the New Heights Elementary School. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 3 on the School District ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing. The passage of said School District Question 3 shall be contingent upon the approval of School District Question 2 as described above and herein.

4. With respect to School District Question 2 and School District Question 3, the administration of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to consult with the Minnesota Department of Education and cause a proposal to be prepared and submitted to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment on behalf of the School Board, and to take such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended. Any such actions taken by the administration prior to the date of this resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on School District Question 2 and School District Question 3 specified above shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive or unfavorable (provided applicable statutory requirements are met) Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education on the projects included in those questions.

5. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the School District within the time period specified by law prior to the date of the special election stated below.

6. The School Board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner's Review and Comment before the referendum for bonds.

7. The ballot questions specified above shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the State General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.05.

8. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the School District and which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the School District. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as those for the State General Election.

9. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given to the county auditor of each county in which the School District is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, as specified by law prior to the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

10. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the election to be mailed to each taxpayer in the School District at least fifteen (15) but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 9(b). The Clerk is also directed to cause a copy of this notice to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and to the County Auditor of each county in which the School District is located in whole or in part at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the election.

11. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted for public inspection at the administrative offices of the School District at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

12. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the School District at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballots shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

13. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the School District, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election. The notice of election so posted and published shall state each question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

14. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, the processing of absentee ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

15. The Clerk and members of the administration are further authorized and directed to cause a ballot to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color, instructions, and content as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system, to correct typographical errors, or to comply with the form and content requirements of applicable state election laws:

Special Election Ballot

Independent School District No. 595 (East Grand Forks)

November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:  .

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

School District Question 1 Approval of School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The school board of Independent School District No. 595 (East Grand Forks) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$300 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2027 and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2028, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 595 be approved?

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No

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

School District Question 2
Approval of School District Bond Issue

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Yes

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No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 595 (East Grand Forks) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,400,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including safety and security improvements to building entrances, installation of updated fire alarm systems, door access and building communication systems; the construction and installation of HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems; and updating crosswalks and other ADA accessibility improvements?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

School District Question 3
Approval of School District Bond Issue

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Yes

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No

If School District Question 2 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 595 (East Grand Forks) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,900,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of an early childhood addition to the New Heights Elementary School?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

16. Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

17. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer, at the request of the election official, shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

18. The individuals designated as judges for the State General Election shall act as election judges for this special election at the various polling places and shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit them to the School Board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The special election must be canvassed between the third and the fourteenth day following the special election.

19. The Clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the School District under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02 available on the School District's website. The Clerk must post the report on the School District's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The School District must make a report available on the School District's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The Clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by

_____. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor:

and the following voted against:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.