



ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Tradition of Excellence, One Student at a Time

Agenda for December 18, 2023

5:45 PM

District Board Room

6051 Ash Street

Rockford, MN 55373

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
 - A. Board Roll Call
2. Public Hearing - Renewal of Existing Operating Levy 2
3. Public Comments
4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Our Mission: *In partnership with our communities and families, Rockford Area Schools provides challenging opportunities to engage, inspire, and educate globally-minded citizens.*

Our Vision: *Rockford Area Schools provides a supportive, rigorous, and relevant learning culture producing courageous learners prepared to enter a global society.*

Rockford Board of Education

Jamie Hillstrom

Eric Gordee

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Amy Edwards

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Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover



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Subject: Public Hearing – Renewal of Existing Operating Levy

Meeting Date: December 18, 2023

Prepared by: Superintendent’s Office

Date Prepared: December 7, 2023

Information Briefing Action Enclosure Item(s)

Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover to give an overview of the Renewal of an Existing School Operational Levy



Renewal of an Existing School Operational Levy

Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover
Superintendent
December 18, 2023



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- Fall 2018
 - Voters approved an operating levy question to support the general operational revenue of Rockford Area Schools
 - Levy term set at 7 years
 - Statutory, allowable inflationary increases approved as well
 - Expires after taxes payable in 2025

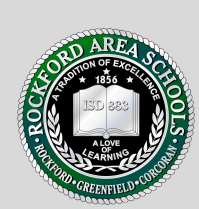


Statistics



- Statewide voter renewal data
 - $132/133 = 99.2\%$
 - Passage rate $> 71\%$
 - Statewide survey (Morris Leatherman) demonstrated overwhelming and bipartisan support of permitting local school boards to renew an existing operating levy

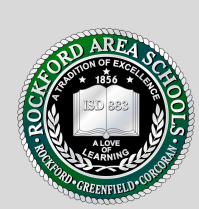
With these statistics, the legislature recognized the costs (time and monetary) associated with elections and provided board authority under MN Statute 126.17, Sub. 9b



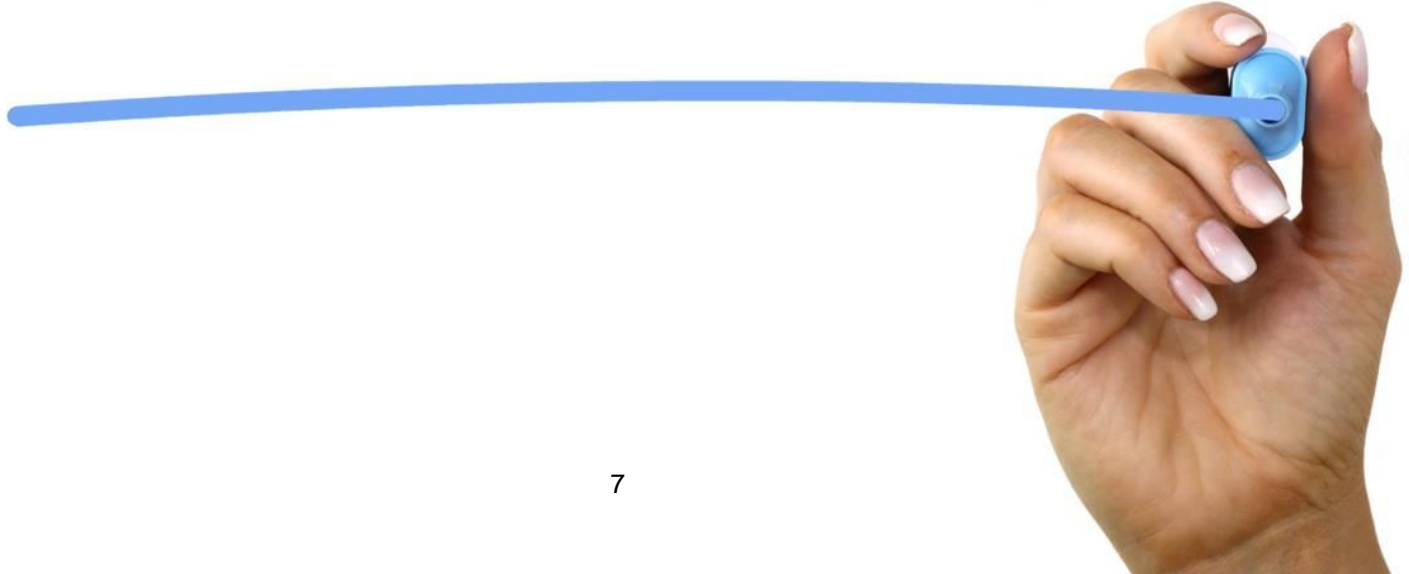
New Legislation 2023

- MN Statute 126C.17, Sub. 9b
 - Majority Board Vote
 - Same terms
 - Years
 - Fiscal amounts
 - Written resolution
 - One time only authority





QUESTIONS





THANK YOU