

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CASS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0056 (CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT REGARDING A PROPOSITION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AND APPROVING MATTERS RELATED THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CASS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0056 (CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the “**Board**”) of Cass County School District 0056 (Conestoga Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) the District is fully organized and has been so organized for more than one year prior to the passage of this Resolution as a Class III school district under Sections 79-102 and 79-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended; the District maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education; and the District embraces territory having a population of less than 150,000 inhabitants; and

(b) it is necessary that the District finance the costs of (i) improving safety and security at each of the existing elementary and junior/senior high school buildings including, but not limited to, constructing secured entrances and storm shelters, (ii) improving existing classrooms, restrooms and other areas for students with disabilities within the junior/senior high school building, (iii) constructing additions to and renovations of the junior/senior school building including, but not limited to, general classrooms, career and technical education classrooms, and related site improvements, (iv) constructing additions to and renovations of the elementary school building including, but not limited to, general classrooms and related site improvements, and (v) purchasing certain necessary equipment, furniture and apparatus for such buildings and additions (collectively, the “**Project**”); and

(c) to finance the costs of the Project, it is necessary for the District (i) to issue its general obligation bonds in one or more series and in the total principal amount not to exceed \$33,000,000, such bonds bearing interest at such rates, maturing on such dates, being sold at such prices and having such other terms and provisions, all as shall be determined by the Board, and (ii) to levy and collect annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said bonds as the same become due; and

(d) the District has not submitted a proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purposes to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the election called by this Resolution.

Section 2. The Board hereby directs and calls for an election to be held in conjunction with the statewide primary election on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 (the “**Election**”), at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Cass County School District 0056 (Conestoga Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$33,000,000 for the purposes of financing the costs of:

- Improving safety and security at each of the existing elementary and junior/senior high school buildings including, but not limited to, constructing secured entrances and storm shelters;
- Improving existing classrooms, restrooms and other areas for students with disabilities within the junior/senior high school building;
- Constructing additions to and renovations of the junior/senior school building including, but not limited to, general classrooms, career and technical education classrooms, and related site improvements;
- Constructing additions to and renovations of the elementary school building including, but not limited to, general classrooms and related site improvements; and
- Purchasing certain necessary equipment, furniture and apparatus for such buildings and additions;

said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such prices, to bear interest at such rates, to become due at such times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the Board of Education of the District; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said bonds as the same become due?”



FOR

said bonds and tax



AGAINST

said bonds and tax

The ballots to be voted upon and cast at the Election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition, followed by the words: “FOR said bonds and tax” and “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition. Qualified electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR said bonds and tax” following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools (the “**Superintendent**”) shall certify a copy of this Resolution to the Election Commissioner of Cass County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”), being the county containing the greatest number of electors in the District entitled to vote on the proposition described herein, no later than March 1, 2024.

Section 4. The Election shall be conducted by the Election Commissioner in accordance with Sections 10-701 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “**Bond Act**”), and Sections 32-101 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “**Election Act**”). Each of the Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent is authorized and directed, in conjunction with the Election Commissioner, to do all other things and take all other action appropriate or necessary in order to cause said proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided. The District shall reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election, if any.

Section 5. As required by Section 32-802 of the Election Act, not later than 42 days prior to the Election the Election Commissioner shall publish notice of the Election and shall post such notice in the office of the Election Commissioner (which notice may be included in the notice of the Statewide

Primary Election). As required by Section 10-702 of the Bond Act, the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent shall publish, or shall cause to be published, a separate notice of the Election in the *Plattsmouth Journal* or such other legal newspaper of general circulation in the District, one time each week for four consecutive weeks, the first such publication occurring at least 20 days prior to the Election. Such notice of the Election shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such changes as may be required by the Election Commissioner.

Section 6. The Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent shall furnish the final form of the ballot for the Election to the Election Commissioner no later than 42 days prior to the date of such Election (or such earlier date as may be requested by the Election Commissioner). The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such changes as may be required by the Election Commissioner.

Section 7. If required by the Election Commissioner, the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent shall timely certify to the Election Commissioner a list of all registered electors of the District in counties other than Cass County qualified to vote on said proposition, if any.

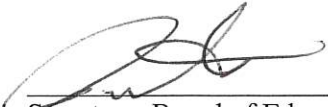
Section 8. This Resolution shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

ADOPTED February 28, 2024.

**CASS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0056
(CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA**

By: Aurison Welch
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

**SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
CASS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0056
(CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Public notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Cass County School District 0056 (Conestoga Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") that at an election to be held in said District in conjunction with the Statewide Primary Election on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

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- Purchasing certain necessary equipment, furniture and apparatus for such buildings and additions;

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Qualified electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "FOR said bonds and tax" following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "AGAINST said bonds and tax" following said proposition.

The voting places will be open continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the date of the election. The polling places for qualified electors of the District shall be at the designated polling places of the statewide primary election to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Said voting places are accessible to individuals with physical mobility limitations.

Qualified electors wishing to vote early, or by absentee ballot, as permitted by law, may do so in person or by requesting a ballot for early voting from the Election Commissioner of Cass County, Nebraska, at the Election Commissioner's office. For questions, procedures and/or deadlines regarding voter registration, early voting, absentee voting and in-person voting, please contact the Election Commissioner.

PUBLISH - 4 Times (The weeks of April 15, 22 and 29 and May 6)

EXHIBIT B
SAMPLE BALLOT

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

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RECEIPT OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Receipt of the attached Resolution on this ____ day of _____, 2024, is hereby acknowledged.

ELECTION COMMISSIONER OF CASS
COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By: _____
Name/Title: _____