

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and called for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 26-31 CALLING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 656, Faribault, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is necessary for the School District to hold its general election for the purpose of electing four (4) school board members for terms of four (4) years.

2. The general election is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the statewide general election on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

3. The precincts and polling places for this election are those precincts and polling places designated by the cities, towns, or counties located in whole or in part within the School District for the statewide general election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said general election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the School District is located, in whole or in part, at least eighty-four (84) days before the date of said general election. The notice shall specify the date of said general election and the office or offices to be voted on at said general election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be published in the official newspaper of the district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be posted at the administrative offices of the School District at least ten (10) days before the date of said election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the time of the election, the location of each polling place, and the offices to be filled as set forth in the form of ballot below.

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 election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place or combined polling place on election day. The sample ballot for a polling place or combined polling place shall reflect the offices, candidates and rotation sequence on the ballot used in that polling place.

The clerk is authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place on election day.

5. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this 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 election officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

6. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cause or to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system. Language in substantially the following form shall be used for the ballot for such general election on November 3, 2026:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 656
FARIBAULT**

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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



**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR**


Candidate A


Candidate B


Candidate C

Candidate D

write-in, if any

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write-in, if any

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write-in, if any

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write-in, if any

7. Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks not 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 may include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote if approved by the secretary of state. 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.

8. The clerk shall include on the ballot the names of the individuals who file or have filed affidavits of candidacy during the period established for filing such affidavits, as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law.

9. The name of each candidate to fill the vacancy in office at this general election shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates to fill the vacancy in office in the manner specified in Minnesota law.

10. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this 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 shall, if requested by the election official, 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.

11. The School District 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.

12. The individuals designated as election judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this School District general 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 the results to the school board for canvas in the manner provided for School District elections.

13. The School District clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to ensure that this election is properly submitted to the electorate of the School District.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by _____ and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.