

## Special Meeting

**Mission:** "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Special Meeting started at 12:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024. The meeting was held at Columbus Public Schools Administration Building  
2508 27th St.  
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Mark Brown: Absent

Michael Jeffryes: Present

Doug Molczyk: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Absent

### I. Board Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Roll Call of Board

I.C. Pledge of Allegiance

I.D. Notice of Open Meeting Posted

I.D.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings

I.E. Mission Statement

I.F. Opportunity for Public to be Heard

I.G. Board Special Functions

I.G.1. Resolution for Bond Issue Vote on May 14, 2024

II. Adjourn

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Friday, March 1, 2024.

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President

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Secretary

**A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION IN PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001 (COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001 (COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Education (the “**Board**”) of Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is duly organized as a Class III school district under Sections 79-102 and 79-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, maintaining both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education and embracing territory having a population of more than 1,000 and less than 150,000 inhabitants.

(b) It is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of the following: additions, renovations and improvements to the District’s existing buildings and facilities, which may include (1) safety and security improvements in the District’s existing buildings to include installation of bullet resistant window coverings, cameras, and secure and controlled entrances, (2) additions and improvements to existing elementary buildings to include dining areas and kitchens at Centennial, Emerson, North Park and West Park elementary schools, (3) addition and improvements to the existing middle school building to include a classroom addition and remodeling of dining facilities, and (4) providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such additions, renovations and improvements (collectively, the “**Building Project**”).

(c) To pay the costs of the Building Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty-six Million Dollars (\$26,000,000).

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

**Section 2.** An election is hereby called and shall be held in conjunction with the Statewide Primary election in the District on May 14, 2024, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Twenty-six Million Dollars (\$26,000,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of additions, renovations and improvements to the District’s existing buildings and facilities, which may include (1) safety and security improvements in the District’s existing buildings to include installation of bullet resistant window coverings, cameras, and secure and controlled entrances, (2) additions and improvements to existing elementary buildings to include dining areas and kitchens at Centennial, Emerson, North Park and West Park elementary schools, (3) addition and improvements to the existing middle school building to include a classroom addition and remodeling of dining facilities, and (4) providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such additions, renovations and improvements; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or

rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; 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 and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at such election on such proposition shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition with the words “YES, for such Bonds and tax” and “NO, against such Bonds and tax” following the proposition.

Qualified electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “YES, for such Bonds and tax” following such proposition, and qualified electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “NO, against such Bonds and tax” following such proposition.

**Section 3.** Notice of such election shall be published in the *Columbus Telegram* at least 42 days prior to such election by the Election Commissioner of Platte County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”). Notice of such election shall also be given to the qualified electors of the District 20 days prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in the *Columbus Telegram*, a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

**Section 4.** The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution not later than March 1, 2024 to the Platte County Election Commissioner, which county has the greatest number of voters entitled to vote on the proposition, who shall conduct the election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the election.

**Section 5.** The form of ballot and form of notice for such bond election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for such election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause such proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

**Section 6.** Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as the President or Secretary of the Board, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on May 14, 2024.

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**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

**PASSED:** March 1, 2024.

**PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001  
(COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE  
STATE OF NEBRASKA**

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

**PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001  
(COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

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“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 and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

YES, for such Bonds and tax

NO, against such Bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “YES, for such Bonds and tax” following such proposition, and electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “NO, against such Bonds and tax” following the proposition.

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

**PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001  
(COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) that an election to be held in conjunction with the Statewide Primary election has been called and will be held in the District on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Twenty-six Million Dollars (\$26,000,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of additions, renovations and improvements to the District’s existing buildings and facilities, which may include (1) safety and security improvements in the District’s existing buildings to include installation of bullet resistant window coverings, cameras, and secure and controlled entrances, (2) additions and improvements to existing elementary buildings to include dining areas and kitchens at Centennial, Emerson, North Park and West Park elementary schools, (3) addition and improvements to the existing middle school building to include a classroom addition and remodeling of dining facilities, and (4) providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such additions, renovations and improvements; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and

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YES, for such Bonds and tax

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Electors voting in favor of such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “YES, for such Bonds and tax” following such proposition, and electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “NO, against such Bonds and tax” following the proposition.

The polls will be open continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on such date. The voting places for qualified electors of the District will be the same as the voting places designated for the Statewide Primary Election.

The polling places are accessible to individuals with physical mobility limitations.

Ballots for early voting may be obtained from the Election Commissioner of Platte County, Nebraska in Columbus, Nebraska.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001  
(COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE  
STATE OF NEBRASKA