

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

**\$11,900,000
SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
DAWES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0002
(Chadron Public Schools)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

Public notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Dawes County School District 0002, in the State of Nebraska, that a special election has been called and will be held in said District on the 13th day of March, 2012, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Dawes County School District 0002 the following proposition:

“Shall Dawes County School District No. 2 (Chadron Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of said District in the principal amount of not to exceed ELEVEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,900,000) for the purpose of making health and safety and related improvements to the District’s four (4) existing school buildings, which improvements may include, without limitation, roof renovations and repairs, HVAC improvements, replacement of windows, electrical and lighting system upgrades, infrastructure to support technology systems, fire sprinkler system installations and various other related building improvements, said bonds to bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Board of Education, and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by 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 said District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same become due?”



FOR

said bonds and tax



AGAINST

said bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR said bonds and tax” following said proposition, and electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition.

By-Mail Election – This election will be an election by mail. All registered voters residing within the Chadron Public School District will receive their ballot by mail at their address as it appears on the voter registration register and therefore no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the Dawes County Clerk, between February 22, 2012, and March 3, 2012.

Voter Registration Deadlines –

1. **February 24, 2012** – is the last day for mail in registrations, registrar registrations, delivered registrations and agency registrations
2. **March 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. MST** - is the last day and time for in-person voter registration in the office of the County Clerk

Voters that will be absent – Voters that will absent from their home residence may complete an “Application for Early Voter’s Ballot” which are available at the office of the Dawes County Clerk.

Applications will be accepted until March 2, 2012.

Ballot Return Deadline - Voted ballots that are sealed in the “Return Identification Envelope” may be returned by one of the following means:

1. By US Mail. Remember to apply sufficient postage on the envelope (\$ to be determined by County Clerk) to mail the ballot back.
2. Hand Delivery. Deliver the ballot to the Dawes County Clerk’s office, 451 Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337.
3. Drop-Off. Place the ballot in the drop-off Deposit Box that is located [_____].

NOTE: All ballots must be in the possession of the Dawes County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 13, 2012.

Dawes County Clerk Information:

Address: 451 Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337

Phone: (308) 432-0100

Fax: (308) 432-5179

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID DISTRICT

/s/ _____
Secretary


/s/ _____
President

[PUBLISH - 4 consecutive weeks immediately preceding election:
February 15, February 22, February 29, and March 7, 2012]

**SAMPLE BALLOT
SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
DAWES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0002**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

The following are instructions on how to vote your ballot. Please follow these instructions precisely, otherwise, your ballot may not be counted.

1. Verify that there are initials of an election official at the bottom of the ballot.
2. Verify that there are no voting marks on the ballot.
3. Fill in the oval completely  next to your choice, either “FOR” or “AGAINST”. DO NOT OVERVOTE or your vote will not count.
4. Do not cross out or erase. If you make a mistake, write “VOID” across the face of the ballot and call the Dawes County Clerk at the number listed below for instructions.
5. After voting, insert the ballot into the *Return Identification Envelope* and seal the envelope.
6. Complete and sign the *Return Identification Envelope*. Any person physically unable to sign the envelope must make his/her “mark” and be signed by a witness. NOTE: Failure to complete the Return Identification Envelope will cause the envelope to remain sealed and the ballot to be rejected.

All signatures are verified through the Nebraska State Voter Registration System.

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Contact the Dawes County Clerk at (308) 432-0100 if you have any problems or questions.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
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Publish one time (between March 3 and March 10, 2012)

REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK

**TO: The Members of the Board of Education
of Dawes County School District (0002)
(Chadron Public Schools),
in the State of Nebraska**

The undersigned County Clerk of Dawes County, Nebraska, hereby reports with respect to the special election called by the Board of Education of Dawes County School District 0002 (the "District") on March 13, 2012, to vote on the issuance of bonds of the District in the amount of \$11,900,000 (the "Bonds"): (a) that pursuant to Sections 10-702 and 10-703.01 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 2007, as amended, and Sections 32-101 to 32-1551, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 2008, as amended, (the "Election Act") there has been certified to me the resolution calling said election; (b) that pursuant to Section 32-952 of the Election Act the undersigned County Clerk determined to conduct such special election by mail and in making such determination, the following conditions were each determined to be met:

1) all registered voters of the District were eligible to vote on the question of issuing the Bonds;

2) only registered voters of the District were eligible to vote on the question of issuing the Bonds;

3) only the questions of issuing the Bonds were to be submitted at such special election;

4) a review was made of the costs and expected voter turnout which was expected to result from holding such election by mail;

5) the date of election, March 13, 2012, was not the same date for any other election in which the voters of the District were eligible to vote;

6) the Secretary of the Board of Education had certified the question of issuing the Bonds at least 50 days prior to March 13, 2012; and

7) the undersigned County Clerk submitted a written plan (a copy of which is attached hereto) for the conduct of the election on the question of issuing the Bonds to the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska for approval;

(c) that ballots for voting on the questions of issuing the Bonds were mailed by the County Clerk to all registered voters of the District at the addresses appearing on the voter registration register on the same day by nonforwardable first-class mail not sooner than the 20th day before March 13, 2012, and not later than the 10th day before March 13, 2012; (d) that each mailed ballot included a return identification envelope meeting the requirements of Subsection (2) of Section 32-947 of the Election Act and instructions for voters describing the voting process; (e) that the ballots received and counted included only those ballots returned in the identification envelope which had been signed by the registered voter to whom issued; (f) that only those ballots which were received by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on March 13, 2012 were turned over to the election counting board; (g) that all return identification envelopes received from registered voters were kept unopened in a fireproof safe or other suitable locked location until delivered to the counting board; (h) that for each ballot counted, the undersigned County Clerk verified the signature on each return identification envelope with the signature appearing on the voter registration records of the County; (i) that the undersigned County Clerk supervised the procedures for handling and canvassing the ballots to ensure the safety and confidentiality of all ballots properly cast; (j) that the undersigned County Clerk has filed with the Secretary of State and the County Board of Dawes County an election report on the form specified by the Secretary of State (a copy of which is attached hereto); (k) that the undersigned County Clerk appointed an election counting board in the same manner as required for early ballots; and (l) that the following is the report of the ballots cast at said election as counted and canvassed as provided by law:

Total Ballots Cast	_____
Ballots cast in favor of bonds and tax	_____
Ballots cast against bonds and tax	_____
Ballots rejected and not counted	_____

Witness my hands this _____ day of March, 2012.

County Clerk

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