

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: January 27, 2025

Agenda Item: M.1

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible adoption of an Order calling for a School Building Bond Election for May 3, 2025

Administrator Responsible/Position: Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Action needed (Consent) Information only Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A
CCA (Legal and Local) Texas Election Law
Texas Education Code

C. Goal or Need Addressed: Addressing growth, maintenance and rehabilitation of district assets, and safety and security.

D. Summary:

- Previous board action relating to this item** – Hays CISD periodically seeks voter approval to issue school building bonds.
- Future action anticipated** – Future school building bonds are anticipated as the district continues to grow.
- Background information** – The 2025 bond development process began in April 2024, when the Board charged the Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee (FBOC), in accordance with policy CCA (Local) and the committee charter, with developing recommendations to present to the Board regarding the potential need for a bond election. The FBOC, which consists of a mix of citizens appointed by the Board and non-voting individuals invited by administration, studied district growth; facility and other needs identified by administration, campus leadership, or committee members; and related financial considerations. The FBOC presented its findings to the Board in November 2024, at which time the Board voted to proceed with the development process for a possible bond election to appear on the May 3, 2025 ballot. In January 2025, the Board held various workshops and public forum opportunities as it developed the framework for the bond election order.

E. Comments Received

Cabinet DLT FBOC Teacher Org Reps
 Other: Parents and students, community members, campus leadership

F. Administrative Recommendation: The administration recommends that the Board adopt an election order calling for a school building bond to appear, in accordance with the election order, on the May 3, 2025, ballot.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: The election would give voters and opportunity to consider allowing the district to sell bonds to fund the projects addressed in the bond.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: The projects listed in the bond would address growth and other needs that would directly impact students.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: The entire district would be impacted by a potential bond election in May 2025.

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: If the Board chooses not to adopt the election order, the district would not have a bond election in May 2025, since an election order is required for an election to occur.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Amount: Approximately \$70,000

Budget **Potential 2025 Bond** **Grant/Special Funds** **Other**
 Budget Amendment Needed

Should the Board call for a bond election, the approximate cost portion to conduct the election for Hays CISD is about \$55,000, depending on how many other entities in Hays, Travis, and Caldwell Counties would also be having elections on the May 3, 2025, uniform election date. Additionally, the requirement for a bond election order or notice to be printed in a newspaper, given the size of the required election order, is about \$15,000. The cost for the bond election is encapsulated within the bond as part of the bond support. However, should the bond proposition containing bond support not pass, the cost of the election would be paid using general revenue.

Prior Year Spending – Approximately \$70,000

Bid/Contract Information: N/A

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: N/

Future/Ongoing: N/A

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action— Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer

Evaluation method and timeline: N/A

Next report to the Board: N/A

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt an Election Order Calling for a School Bond election to be held on May 3, 2025, as presented.