

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: February 26, 2024

Agenda Item: K.2b

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution Ratifying and Adopting New Election Equipment Used in Travis County

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

BBB (Legal and Local)

☒ Law or Rule

Texas Election Code Chapter 123

☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed:

Elections

D. Summary:

☒ **Previous board action relating to this item** – This is an item that occurs whenever new election equipment is adopted for use in district elections. Hays CISD leases equipment from respective counties as part of its annual election services agreements with the counties. The district uses the equipment used by the counties.

☒ **Future action anticipated** – This is an item that is expected to continue each time election equipment systems change.

☒ **Background information** – Travis County is using a new election system as described in the attached resolution.

E. Scope of Options Reviewed:

The district must adopt the secretary of state-approved election equipment used by the respective counties.

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: N/A

F. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☒ Other: legal counsel

G. Administrative Recommendation:

☒ **Advantages/benefits of this proposal** – will allow the district to meet state law requirements.

☒ **Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement** – The election is conducted according to law.

☒ **Possible problems or disadvantages of this proposal** – none

☒ **Effect of this action on other parts of the system** – This endeavor affects all aspects of the district.

☒ **Consequences of not approving recommendation** – state law requires adoption of the equipment by the governing body of a political subdivision prior to its use in an election held by the subdivision

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Amount: Approximately N/A

☐ Budget

☐ Bond

☐ Grant/Special Funds

☐ Other

Elections have costs associated with them that are addressed in other board action items (entering into county election contracts); however, the resolution to adopt the use of election equipment has no cost or impact on the budget

I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

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

Evaluation method and time line – the resolution adoption stands until such time as a change in type of election equipment used.

Next report to the board – none.

J. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the resolution adopting election equipment used in Travis County school district elections, as presented.