

**Approval for the Authority to Execute an Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services Between
Denton County and Denton Independent School District**

June 27, 2017

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval for the authority to execute the Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the September 9, 2017 Tax Ratification Election.

BOARD GOAL:

IV. Parent and Community Involvement.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- a. Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students

VI. Growth & Change.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- a. Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Beginning with the May 8, 2010 trustee election, Denton County began offering a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services to all political subdivisions that are within the boundaries of Denton County. The Denton County Elections Administrator has offered to provide election services for the September 9, 2017 election.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- 1) Any qualified voter of the election may vote early by personal appearance at any of the Denton County early voting locations.
- 2) Location information for both Early Voting and Election Day Voting, referred to in "Exhibit A", is tentative. We are working with administrators at the Denton County Elections office and the City of Denton to determine availability of additional Election Day sites.
- 3) On June 20, 2017, the Denton County Commissioners Court voted to purchase a new voting system for the residents of Denton County. Once the new equipment contract is signed with the County, we have a better idea of the implementation dates and will know if the new system will be used for the September 9th election.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

In past elections, additional entities have utilized common polling locations and we have shared in the costs of those locations. Currently, we will be the only entity holding Early Voting and Election Day voting at the locations planned. Therefore, our estimated elections costs will be approximately \$ 52,540. This amount will change based on the actual number of polling places available.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The District may proceed with the required notifications for the 2017 Tax Ratification Election.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

In consideration of pending location and voting equipment information amendments, it is requested that the Superintendent be granted the authority to execute the Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the September 9, 2017 Tax Ratification Election when all terms have been resolved and agreed upon.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

ATTACHMENT:

Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services

APPROVAL:

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____