

**Approval of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services Between Denton County
and Denton Independent School District
March 2, 2021**

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 1, 2021 election.

BOARD GOAL:

Culture & Climate.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- Foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships

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

- Adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

April 24, 2018

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 last Trustee election held by Denton ISD was May 5, 2018.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- 1) Voting locations are, where possible, the usual voting locations for each election precinct in elections conducted by each participating city and are compliant with the requirements established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- 2) Any qualified voter of the joint election may vote early by personal appearance at any of the Denton County early voting locations. On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 1) Participating authorities agree to share the costs of administering the Joint Election.
- 2) Allocation of general expenses, which are not directly attributable to an individual polling location, will be expensed by each participating authority's percentage of registered voters of the total registered voters of all participating authorities.
- 3) Expenses for Early Voting by personal appearance shall be allocated based upon the actual costs associated with each early voting location, with each participating authority being responsible for an equal portion of the actual costs associated with the early voting locations within their jurisdiction.
- 4) Election Day location expenses will be allocated based on each participating authority's percentage of registered voters assigned to each polling place.
- 5) In the event participating authorities with overlapping boundaries cannot make an agreement on Early Voting and/or Election Day locations, the requesting participating authority agrees to bear the entire expense of the location.
- 6) The estimated expense for the May 1, 2021 Election will be calculated once all participating entities and polling locations are determined.
- 7) The cost for May 5, 2018 election services was \$ 51,967.82.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The District may proceed with the required notifications for the 2021 Board of Trustees Election.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the Board approve the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 1, 2021 election and authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract when participating entities and polling locations have been determined.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. J. Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENT:

Draft - Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____