



# BELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Meeting of the BISD Board of Trustees

January 22, 2026

<b>Subject:</b>	Consider Recommendation to Approved Joint Election Agreement with Austin County for the May 2, 2026 Board of Trustee Election
<b>Presenter:</b>	Dennis Jurek
<b>Board Policy:</b>	
<b>BISD Goal:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Develop and attain local standards for high levels of integrated learning and performance. [LEARNING]</li><li>2. Foster a connected, collaborative, and strategic approach to continuous improvement for the district. [LEADERSHIP]</li><li>3. Create a culture that attracts, develops, and retains exceptional individuals to be part of our district and community. [HUMAN CAPITAL]</li><li>4. Cultivate connections in our schools and community to ensure all feel safe, valued, and engaged in meaningful ways. [COMMUNITY]</li></ol>
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>The joint elections agreement will allow Bellville ISD to share election equipment, cost and services and participate in the county wide election polling locations.</p>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Joint Election Agreement</li></ul>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement with Austin County

**BELLVILLE BRAHMAS**  
LEARNERS TODAY. LEADERS TOMORROW.

**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT**  
**May 2, 2026**  
FOR AUSTIN COUNTY LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

**Whereas**, the undersigned local political subdivisions, collectively referred to hereafter as the "LPSs", each anticipate holding election(s) on May 2, 2026 (Uniform Election)

**Whereas**, each of the LPSs are located partially or entirely within Austin County, Texas (the "County"); and

**Whereas**, the County has contracted or is contracting with each LPS to conduct and provide election services for such LPS's election(s) on May 2, 2026.

**Whereas**, the LPSs all desire to enter into a joint election agreement for the purpose of sharing election equipment, costs, services of election officials, vote center polling locations and election ballots where appropriate.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the LPSs agree as follows:

- I. **Scope of Joint Election Agreement.** The LPSs enter this Joint Election Agreement ("Agreement") to conduct the elections to be held May 2, 2026.
- II. **Appoint Election Officer.** The LPSs appoint the Austin County Elections Official to serve as the Election Officer for each LPS in order to perform and supervise the duties and responsibilities of the Election Officer for the election on May 2, 2026.
- III. **Early Voting Polling Locations.** The Early Voting location for the election will be at Austin County Annex Room #4, 800 East Wendt Street, Bellville, Texas 77418. The costs incurred in connection with the May 2, 2026 Uniform Election will be distributed based on a pro-rata share of registered voters. Jurisdictions with fewer than 500 registered voters will incur a base fee of \$2,500.00.
- IV. **Election Day Polling Locations.** Election Day voting shall be held in common locations where appropriate. (see proposed locations)
- V. **Cost Sharing.** The LPSs agrees to share costs on a pro rata share by the number of registered voters. Jurisdictions with fewer than 500 registered voters will incur a base fee of \$2,500.00.
- VI. **Effective Date.** This Agreement becomes effective upon execution by the participating LPSs.
- VII. **Amendments.** This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing and executed by each LPS.

**COST SHARING – May 2, 2026**

The following expenses will be shared on a pro rata share based on the number of registered voters within each LPS by all LPSs holding an election unless there are fewer than 500 registered voters within the jurisdiction (see note below):

- consumable election supplies
- ballots
- ballot programming /printing costs
- election worker payroll
- county staff hours associated to prepare and conduct election
- hot spots
- election security
- mileage

The Contracting Officer shall charge a fee equal to 10% of the costs of the election or a minimum of \$75.00

NOTE: Jurisdictions with fewer than 500 registered voters will be charged a fee of \$2,500 toward the above mentioned expenses.

A cost estimate for the LPS election will be submitted upon request.

**APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **in its meeting held the**  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and executed by its authorized representative.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGED BY:**

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Kim Rinn  
Elections Official, Austin County, Texas

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Date