

RESOLUTION OF FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Fort Smith School District Board of Directors (Board) met in an open and properly called meeting on March 13, 2023, in Fort Smith, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, _____ members were present, and a quorum was declared by the chair; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(c) authorizes the District to request that the Sebastian County Board of Election Commissioners conduct an annual school election by absentee ballot and early voting only, with no polling places open on election day, when there are no board members on the ballot, and the only issue for consideration is the local tax rate if that rate is not being changed or restructured; and

WHEREAS, in the District's upcoming May 9, 2023, election, there are no board members on the ballot, and the only issue for consideration is the local tax rate, which is not being changed or restructured; and

WHEREAS, for efficiency and cost reduction, the Sebastian County Board of Election Commissioners recommends, and the Board agrees, that the school election should be conducted as described above and as permitted by law;

NOW THEREFORE, this Board hereby requests that the Sebastian County Board of Election Commissioners conduct the May 9, 2023, annual school election by absentee ballot and early voting only, with no polling places open on election day.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the above District, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board at a regular (regular or special) meeting of the Board held on the 13th day of March 2023. The Resolution appears in the official minutes of the meeting which are in my custody. At the time of the meeting the duly elected (or appointed), qualified and serving members of the Board and their respective votes on the adoption of the Resolution were as follows:

<u>Director</u>	<u>Vote</u> <u>(Aye, Nay, Abstain or Absent)</u>
<u>Dee Blackwell</u>	_____
<u>Talicia Richardson</u>	_____
<u>Dalton Person</u>	_____
<u>Matt Blaylock</u>	_____
<u>Davin Chitwood</u>	_____
<u>Sandy Dixon</u>	_____
<u>Phil Whiteaker</u>	_____
_____	_____

I further certify that the meeting of the Board was duly convened and held in all respects according to law; that to the extent required by law due and proper notice of the meeting was given to the members of the Board and to the public; that the meeting was open to the public; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting; that all other requirements and proceedings under the law incident to the proper adoption and passage of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this Certificate.

CERTIFIED under my hand and seal of the District this 13th day of March, 2023.

Secretary