

**Grant Authority to Approve Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services Between
Denton County and Denton Independent School District
February 14, 2017**

SUMMARY:

This item requests authority to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 6, 2017 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:

The Board granted the Superintendent the authority to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District on February 26, 2013 for the May 11, 2013 election. All Denton ISD Trustee Elections since May 11, 2013, have been cancelled due to unopposed candidates and contracts were not executed.

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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- 1) Voting locations will be, whenever possible, the usual voting location for each election precinct in elections conducted by each participating city, and shall be 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.
- 3) Location information for Election Day Voting Locations (referred to as Attachment A) and Early Voting Locations (referred to as Attachment B) is scheduled to be available after the deadline to cancel an election has passed. This information should be included as part of the final contract.
- 4) Denton County has requested the executed contract be received in their office by March 15, 2017. There will not be another Board meeting prior to this deadline.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 1) Participating authorities agree to share the costs of administering the Joint Election.
- 2) Costs for polling places shared by more than one participating authority shall be pro-rated among the participants utilizing that polling place.
- 3) The cost for the 2013 Trustee Election was \$13,323.53.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The District may proceed with the required notifications for the 2017 Board of Trustees Election.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the Board grant the Superintendent authority to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 6, 2017 election, upon receipt of the final contract.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

ATTACHMENT:

Draft Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services

Denton County Election Calendar

Signature page of contract

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____