

**Approval of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Denton County
Elections Administrator and Denton Independent School District
February 27, 2024**

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Denton County Elections Administrator and Denton Independent School District for the May 4, 2024 Trustee Election.

BOARD VALUE:

Growth & Management... In pursuit of excellence, we value demonstrating effective and efficient management of district resources and providing leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.

Culture & Climate... In pursuit of excellence, we value fostering a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

On January 16, 2024, the Board ordered the Trustee election to be held on May 4, 2024.

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. On May 6, 2023, Denton ISD held trustee and bond elections.

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 Election Code Section 43.034 and 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.
- 3) Early Voting by personal appearance and on Election Day shall be conducted exclusively on Denton County's Verity voting system including provisional ballots. The Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System has been approved by the Secretary of State, pursuant to the Texas Election Code Chapter 122 as amended, and is compliant with the accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities set forth by Texas Election Code Section 61.012.

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 4, 2024 election will be calculated once all participating entities and polling locations are determined.
- 7) A programming fee of \$750 instead of \$400 now applies.
- 8) The cost for May 6, 2023 trustee and bond election services was \$ 130,721.68.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The District may proceed with the required notifications for the 2024 Trustee Election.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the Board approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Denton County Elections Administrator and Denton Independent School District for the May 4, 2024 election and authorize the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent to execute the final contract when participating entities, cost estimate and polling locations have been determined.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Deron Robinson, General Counsel
Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent

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: _____