

**Approval of Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services  
Between Denton County and Denton Independent School District  
February 25, 2014**

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests the authority for the Superintendent to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 10, 2014 election, if submitted agreement is determined to be in the best interest of the District.

**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.

**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. This agreement and contract eliminated the need to contract with the City of Denton and the City of Corinth.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

- 1) The Denton County Elections Administrator shall conduct criminal background checks on relevant employees upon hiring as required.
- 2) 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 ADA.
- 3) Any qualified voter of the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at any of the Denton County early voting locations. All Early and Election Day Voting will be conducted exclusively on Denton County's eSlate electronic voting system.
- 4) The Elections Administrator shall notify all election judges of the eligibility requirements of Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code, and will take the necessary steps to insure that all election judges appointed for the Joint Election are eligible to serve.
- 5) At each polling location, joint participants shall share voting equipment and supplies to the extent possible. The participating authorities shall share a mutual ballot in those polling places where jurisdictions overlap. However, in no instance shall a voter be permitted to receive a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote.
- 6) Final lists of Election Day Voting Locations and Early Voting Locations are not included in the contract. Location information is scheduled to be available after March 1, 2014.

**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) If any participating authority makes a special request for extra Temporary Branch Early Voting by Personal Appearance locations, that entity agrees to pay the entire cost for that request.
- 4) The cost for the 2013 Trustee Election, including candidate packet materials and required newspaper publications, was \$13,323.53.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

The District may proceed with the required notifications for the 2014 Board of Trustees Election.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

Denton County has requested the executed signature page for the joint contract be returned to their office by Friday, March 14, 2014. (This deadline is prior to the next scheduled board meeting). Frank Phillips, the Denton County Elections Administrator, will then sign the contracts and our copy will be returned by email.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend the Board give authority for the Superintendent to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract between Denton County and Denton Independent School District for the May 10, 2014 election.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

**ATTACHMENT:**

Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services  
Signature page of contract

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_