



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Consider and Take Action on an Order Calling a Bond Election in the District on May 6, 2023

PRESENTER: Susan Bohn, Superintendent and Earl Husfeld, Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- During the February 13, 2023 Special Meeting of the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees, the Aledo Growth Committee (AGC) made a presentation and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for a May 6, 2023 bond election in the amount of \$123,800,000.
- Based upon the AGC's recommendation, and feedback from the Board of Trustees, the Administration requested the District's bond counsel, McCall, Parkhurst, and Horton L.L.P., to prepare the following Order Calling A Bond Election (Order) for your review and consideration.

FISCAL NOTE:

Successful passage of the May 6, 2023 bond election will subsequently increase the District's bond debt by the principal amount of \$123,800,000 when the bonds are issued.

ATTACHMENTS:

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Order Calling A Bond Election in the District on May 6, 2023 as presented.

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF PARKER AND TARRANT
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Trustees (the “*Board*”) of the Aledo Independent School District (the “*District*”), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board convened in a regular meeting on February 13, 2023, at the designated meeting place, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Hoyt Harris, President
Jessica Brown, Vice President
Forrest Collins, Secretary
David Lear, Board Member
Jennifer Loftin, Board Member
Jennifer Taylor, Board Member
Julie Turner, Board Member

and all of said persons were present except _____, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business the following was transacted at said meeting: a written

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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that said Order be passed; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of said Order, prevailed and carried, with all members of the Board shown present above voting “Aye,” except as noted below:

NAYS: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____

2. A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Order passed at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; said Order has been duly recorded in the Board’s minutes of said meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board’s minutes of said meeting pertaining to the passage of said Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place, and purpose of the aforesaid meeting, and that said Order would be introduced and considered for passage at said meeting, and each of said officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of said meeting for such purpose; and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

3. The Board has approved the Order, and the President and Vice President of the Board hereby declare that their signing of this certificate shall constitute the signing of the attached and following copy of said Order for all purposes.

SIGNED AND SEALED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

Vice President, Board of Trustees

President, Board of Trustees

(District Seal)

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF PARKER AND TARRANT
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Aledo Independent School District (the “District”) deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code (the “Code”), and the District is contracting with each of Parker County, Texas and Tarrant County, Texas (individually, a “County” and jointly, the “Counties”) for the administration of the Election pursuant to separate interlocal agreements with each County (individually, an “Election Contract” and jointly, the “Election Contracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Counties, acting through each of the Parker County Elections Administrator and the Tarrant County Elections Administrator (individually, an “Elections Administrator” and jointly, the “Elections Administrators”) in accordance with each respective Election Contract, will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. *Election Ordered; Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2023 (“Election Day”). The Election is to be conducted by the Counties, as provided by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the “Code”), and the Election Contract. On Election Day, voting for the Election shall occur during the hours stated above at the designated polling places as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

Section 3. *Early Voting.* Early voting shall be administered by the Counties. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 24, 2023 and conclude on May 2, 2023, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. **Exhibit B** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

Section 4. *Election Officials.* The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrators in accordance with the Election Contracts and the Code. The Elections Administrators may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer, and the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contracts with the Counties.

Section 5. *Voting by Mail.* Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted as follows:

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District residing in Parker County shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) mail to Parker County Elections Office, PO Box 639, Weatherford, Texas 76086; (ii) facsimile to (817) 598-6183; or (iii) email to j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytexas.com. If submitted by facsimile or email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the address shown in clause (i) within four days of sending the facsimile or email.

(b) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District residing in Tarrant County shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) mail to Tarrant County Elections, PO Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011 or (ii) email to votemail@tarrantcounty.com. If submitted by email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the foregoing address within four days of sending the email. Applications for voting by mail for all Tarrant County residents of the District may also be submitted by Express Courier Delivery to Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011.

Section 6. *Early Voting Ballots.* An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrators. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. *Qualified Voters.* All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

Section 8. *Proposition.* At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$123,800,000 for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school facilities in the District (including, but not limited to, improvements to enhance safety and security), including the acquisition of land therefor and the acquisition of new school buses, with said bonds to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold, within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Section 9. *Ballots.* The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid PROPOSITION, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

) THE ISSUANCE OF \$123,800,000 OF BONDS BY THE ALEDO
) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
) RENOVATION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL
FOR	_____) FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
) TO, IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY),
AGAINST	_____) INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND THEREFOR AND
) THE ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND LEVYING
) THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX
) INCREASE.

Section 10. *Compliance with Federal Law.* In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”) and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrators in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in the Election.

Section 11. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

(e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.50%. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations secured by debt service taxes as of the date of this Order is \$270,192,277.85.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations secured by debt service taxes as of the date of this Order is \$164,630,604.83.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.425 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(j) The website for the District (as the authority conducting the Election) is <https://www.aledoisd.org> and the websites for the Counties (as the entities administering the Election) are <https://www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections> (Parker County) and <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html> (Tarrant County).

Exhibit A

Election Day Hours

May 6, 2023
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Election Day Polling Locations

To be updated to reflect information in Election Contracts

Exhibit B

Early Voting Polling Locations, Dates and Hours

To be updated to reflect information in Election Contracts

Voter Information Document – Aledo Independent School District Special Election
Proposition A

The following information is prepared to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019). The information is not a part of the proposition to be voted on and does not create a contract with the voters.

Ballot Information: At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR _____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$123,800,000 OF BONDS BY THE ALEDO
) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
) RENOVATION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL
) FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
) TO, IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY),
AGAINST _____) INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND THEREFOR AND
) THE ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND LEVYING
) THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX
) INCREASE.

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Estimated Combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Principal of District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 2/13/23)	Remaining interest on District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 2/13/23)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay District's Outstanding Debt (as of 2/13/23)
\$123,800,000.00	\$148,853,642.50	\$272,653,642.50	\$270,192,277.85	\$164,630,604.83	\$434,822,882.68

⁽¹⁾ The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 5.50% based on market conditions as of February 13, 2023, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$15.00. This estimate assumes growth of the District's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 12.50% in tax year 2023 and 0.00% thereafter. The District assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively overall consistent levels of debt service in each year, while taking into account the District's existing debt amortization schedule.