

**The Lockhart Independent School District
Board of Trustees
M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street,
Lockhart, TX 78644
Regular Meeting, January 23, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that on January 23, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Lockhart Independent School District will hold a Regular meeting at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors by JROTC
3. Invocation
4. Recognitions
 - A. Academic All-State Football
 - B. January is School Board Recognition Month - "Forward Together"
 1. President Michael Wright - Lockhart Junior High School and Clear Fork Elementary
 2. Vice President Warren Burnett - Lockhart High School and Navarro Elementary
 3. Secretary Tom Guyton - Bluebonnet Elementary
 4. Trustee Sam Lockhart - PRIDE High School
 5. Trustee Rene Rayos - Alma Brewer Elementary
 6. Trustee Dr. Barbara Sanchez - Carver Early Education Center
 7. Trustee Rebecca Pulliam - Plum Creek Elementary
5. Public Comment
6. CLOSED SESSION:
 - A. Adjourned to Closed Session: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee); Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of security personnel or devices) specifically to discuss:
 1. Superintendent's Year-End Performance Evaluation
 2. Superintendent's Contract
7. Business: Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes:
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 - C. Approve Food Service Vendor Purchases in Excess of \$100,00 for the 2022-2023 School Year 10
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10. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST*	
11. BENEDICTION	
12. ADJOURNMENT	

*BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST: Items of community interest are limited to: 1) expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; 2) information regarding holiday schedules; 3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision; 4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; 5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official employee of the school district.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(Legal)]

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting
- 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting
- 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift; Closed Meeting
- 551.074 Personnel Matters; Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee; Closed Meeting
- 551.075 Conference Relating to Investments and Potential Investments Attended by Board of Trustees of Texas Growth Fund; Closed Meeting
- 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices; Closed Meeting
- 551.082 School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint
- 551.083 Certain School Boards; Closed Meeting Regarding Consultation with Representative of Employee Group
- 551.084 Investigation; Exclusion of Witness from Hearing

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or,
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

On this day of January 20, 2023, this Notice was mailed or faxed to news media who had previously requested such Notice and an original copy was posted on the display window in the School District Administration Building on said date.



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lockhart Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District was held Monday, December 12, 2022, beginning at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644.

1. Call to Order was at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Michael Wright. Other members present were Rebecca Pulliam, Warren Burnett, Tom Guyton, and Rene Rayos. Dr. Barbara Sanchez and Sam Lockhart were absent.
2. Presentation of Colors by JROTC
3. Invocation was given by Trustee Burnett
4. Recognitions
 - A. Academic All-State Football –Pulled to next month
 - B. School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating & Government Finance Officers Association Award for 2020 - 2021
5. Public Hearing
 - A. Public Hearing to Discuss the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating for 2020-2021

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

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1. Superintendent's Monthly Performance Review
2. Superintendent's Performance Goals

The Board of Trustees on Monday, December 12, 2022 convened at 6:38 PM in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing items listed under the Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding

Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee); and Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of security personnel or devices. The Board ended its closed session at 6:52 PM on Monday, December 12, 2022. No votes, decisions, or actions were taken while in closed session.

8. BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. November 28, 2022
- B. Approve Child Care Local Match Agreement
- C. Approve New Staffing for 2022 - 2023 School Year
- D. Review Tax Collection Report
- E. Review Cash Investment Report

Item 8-D was pulled.

Trustee Pulliam made the motion that the consent agenda items 8-A through A-C and E be approved as presented. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0.

9. COMMUNICATION:

The Board moved to item 9-B.

B. 2023-2024 Budget Planning Calendar

This update was given by the CFO, Nicole Dean. No action was taken.

The Board moved to item 10-A.

10. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

A. Consider and/or Approve RFP Audio Safety Systems

Trustee Guyton made the motion to approve Audio Enhancement's proposal for RFP 22-011 for Audio Safety Systems in the amount of \$3,390,931.33. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0.

The Board moved to item 9-A.

A. Progress Monitoring Data on District Achievement Targets

This presentation was given by the Assistant Superintendent of C & I, Ty Davidson. No action was taken.

10. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

B.Consider and/or Approve Rejecting all bids for CSP for Live Love Lockhart

Trustee Burnett made the motion to reject all bids for CSP 22-012 for Live Love Lockhart. Trustee Guyton seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0.

C.Consider and/or Approve Reorganization of Officers of the School Board

Trustee Pulliam made the motion that Michael Wright serve as Board President, Warren Burnett serve as Vice President, and Tom Guyton serve as Board Secretary. Trustee Guyton seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0.

11.BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST*

12.BENEDICTION was given by Trustee Guyton

13.ADJOURNMENT was at 7:21 p.m. by Board President Michael Wright

Michael Wright, Board President

Tom Guyton, Board Secretary

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2022-2023 Food Service Purchases over \$100,000

Vendor:	Est. amount	Description of goods/services
Labatt	\$ 700,000	Food, Non Food Items, Cleaning Supplies
Oak Farms	\$ 200,000	Milk
Total	\$ 900,000	

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LOCKHART I.S.D. BOARD

Tax Collection Report

NOVEMBER 2022

	November	Prior Months	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR
2022 Tax Collection	\$2,578,115.36	\$807,847.56	\$3,385,962.92	\$2,658,584.24
2021 & Prior Collection	\$104,393.04	\$582,280.00	\$686,673.04	\$573,237.19
Total Tax Collection =	\$2,682,508.40	\$1,390,127.56	\$4,072,635.96	\$3,231,821.43

note: Above figures include penalties and interest collected

2022 Original Levy \$31,092,500.44

November 30, 2022 Percent of 2022 Tax Collected	10.90%
November 30, 2021 Percent of 2021 Tax Collected	11.01%
November 30, 2020 Percent of 2020 Tax Collected	9.35%
November 30, 2022 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$2,456,653.62
November 30, 2021 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$2,270,943.75
November 30, 2020 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$2,084,491.66

Corrections made to Current Tax Roll (\$24,592.18)

Corrections made to Delinquent Tax Roll (\$10,012.64)

NOTE:

Caldwell County Appraisal District has collected and disbursed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$13,798.82

Submitted by:

Shanna Ramzinski

Shanna Ramzinski
 Chief Appraiser
 Caldwell County Appraisal District

LOCKHART I.S.D. BOARD

Tax Collection Report

DECEMBER 2022

	December	Prior Months	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR
2022 Tax Collection	\$10,763,489.20	\$3,385,962.92	\$14,149,452.12	\$12,348,140.50
2021 & Prior Collection	\$194,449.98	\$686,673.04	\$881,123.02	\$650,781.79
Total Tax Collection =	\$10,957,939.18	\$4,072,635.96	\$15,030,575.14	\$12,998,922.29

note: Above figures include penalties and interest collected

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December 31, 2022 Percent of 2022 Tax Collected 45.95%

December 31, 2021 Percent of 2021 Tax Collected 51.17%

December 31, 2020 Percent of 2020 Tax Collected 50.66%

December 31, 2022 - Balance of Delinquent Tax \$2,287,976.75

December 31, 2021 - Balance of Delinquent Tax \$2,168,857.58

December 31, 2020 - Balance of Delinquent Tax \$2,010,350.83

Corrections made to Current Tax Roll (\$280,478.54)

Corrections made to Delinquent Tax Roll (\$3,617.52)

NOTE:

Caldwell County Appraisal District has collected and disbursed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$17,164.71

Submitted by:

Shanna Ramzinski

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 Chief Appraiser
 Caldwell County Appraisal District

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LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY
For the period ending December 31, 2022

Introduction

House Bill 2459, which was passed during the 1995 legislative session, amended a section of the Education Code dealing with investments. Code Section 2256.023 as amended, requires that the Investment Officer of the District prepare a report of investment activity and position. Monthly financial reports and invested fund statements are included in Board agendas and become a part of the permanent record. However, it is prudent to provide more detailed information on a regular basis. This report covers the quarter October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Cash

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract pursuant to the School Depository Act. First Lockhart National Bank (FLNB) deposits for safekeeping and trust with the Federal Reserve System, pledged securities in an amount sufficient to protect District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of securities is waived only to the extent of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance.

The District's cash balances were properly collateralized and insured at all times during the period. The highest combined balances of bank deposits at FLNB for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, occurred during the month of October 2022, in the amount of \$7,673,009. FDIC insurance for government accounts is \$250,000 for the combined amount of all time deposits, and an additional \$250,000 for the combined amount of all interest-bearing demand deposits. The total par value of U.S. Treasury notes pledged as collateral in October was \$8,032,805. FLNB provides a minimum interest rate of 0.25% on an annual basis, per the bank depository contract. Interest is credited on investments as earned on a monthly basis and is recorded on the District's books as earned. Interest accrues on investments with maturities longer than one month. As of December 31, 2022, the District General Fund has earned interest from all investments in the amount of \$299,504.

Investments

Temporary investments balances are held by Texas Local Government Investment Pools (TexPool, Lone Star, and Texas Term/TexasDaily).

TexPool Prime is a public funds investment pool created by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (the Trust Company) to provide a safe, efficient, and liquid investment alternative for the placement of local government funds in authorized, short-term, fully-collateralized investment. TexPool Prime invests in U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U. S. Government securities and AAA-rated no-load money market mutual funds, commercial paper and certificate of deposits. TexPool Prime is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's, the highest rating a local government pool can

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achieve. The weighted average maturities may be authorized longer than one year provided legal limits are not exceeded.

The State, with the authority of the Texas Legislature, created the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (the Trust Company). This is a special purpose trust company with direct access to the service of the Federal Reserve Bank to manage, disburse, transfer, safe-keep and invest public funds and securities more efficiently and economically. The Comptroller of Public Accounts is the sole officer, director and shareholder of the Trust Company. Federated Investors manage the daily operations of the pool under a contract with the State Comptroller. Federated Investors is the administrator for the TexPool program providing Participant Services and Marketing functions to TexPool participants. Federated Investors is also the investment manager and provides for accounting, custodial, and transfer agency services to TexPool. Interest is accrued daily and paid monthly.

Texas Daily/Term is a portfolio established by the Texas Term advisory board pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Term common investment contract. Texas Daily offers governmental entities such as Texas schools a convenient method of pooling funds for temporary investment. It operates as a money market fund and seeks to maintain a constant net asset value of \$1.00 per share, while offering liquidity and as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of principal. The net income of Texas Daily is calculated daily and each month is reinvested in additional shares of the Daily Portfolio.

Investment Strategy by Fund

The strategy of the Maintenance and Operations Fund, Capital Projects, Payroll, and School Nutrition Fund is to closely match projected cash needs during the year through legal, authorized investments. Only investments authorized by Board Policy CDA (Legal) and CDA (Local) will be purchased. Investments should be purchased with the intent of holding until maturity. Liquidity and safety are predominant considerations with continued emphasis on yield, but not to the impairment of the other two objectives.

Debt Service Fund - All legal authorized investments should closely match projected cash needs during the year. Investment maturities may be authorized longer than one year provided legal limits are not exceeded. Only investments authorized by Board Policy CDA (legal) and CDA (local) will be purchased, with the objective of timing maturity with the dates that the districts' debt is due. Investments should be purchased with the intent of holding until maturity. The same comments affecting M&O investment operations are applicable to the Debt Service fund investments.

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2014 Bond Proceeds - Bond funds are invested only as authorized by Board Policy CDA (legal) and CDA (local), with the objective of timing maturity with the District's bond draw schedule. While interest earned monthly is recorded on the District's books as earned interest, interest accrues on investments with maturity dates longer than one month. Investment maturities may be authorized longer than one year provided legal limits are not exceeded. Only investments authorized by Board Policy CDA (legal) and CDA (local) will be purchased.

Student Activity / Agency Funds - All legal authorized investments should closely match projected cash needs during the year. Investment maturities may be authorized longer than one year provided legal limits are not exceeded. Only investments authorized by Board Policy CDA (legal) and CDA (local) will be purchased.

Conclusion

Interest is credited on investments as earned on a monthly basis and is recorded on the District's books as earned. Therefore, the District's investment earnings will always reflect compounded interest earned in relation to capital invested, term of investment, and market conditions. The investment pools are in relatively short-term securities; consequently the risk to the District is minimal.

Compliance

We, the approved Investment Officers of Lockhart ISD, hereby certify that the above Investment Report represents the investment position of the district in compliance with the Board approved Investment Policy, the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code 2256), and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Dean, Chief Financial Officer



Michelle Wylie, Director of Finance

	First Lockhart National Bank	Texpool Prime	Texas Daily	Texas Term
<u>October-22</u>				
Average Monthly Return	1.00%	3.21%	3.04%	4.60%
Weighted Average Maturity	N/A	12	20	26
Annualized Expense Ratio	N/A	0.06%	0.08%	0.16%
Standard & Poor's Rating	N/A	AAAm	AAAm	AAAf
<u>November-22</u>				
Average Monthly Return	1.00%	3.93%	3.65%	4.94%
Weighted Average Maturity	N/A	11	21	12
Annualized Expense Ratio	N/A	0.06%	0.08%	0.16%
Standard & Poor's Rating	N/A	AAAm	AAAm	AAAf
<u>December-22</u>				
Average Monthly Return	1.00%	4.28%	N/A	N/A
Weighted Average Maturity	N/A	17	N/A	N/A
Annualized Expense Ratio	N/A	0.06%	N/A	N/A
Standard & Poor's Rating	N/A	AAAm	N/A	N/A

N/A = not applicable

n/av = not available at the time of report

Glossary:

AAAm= Extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. Safety is excellent and has a superior capacity to maintain principal value and limit exposure to loss.

AAAf/S1+ = The fund's portfolio holdings provide extremely strong protection against losses from credit. The S1+ rating indicates that bond funds possess low sensitivity to changing market conditions. The level of risk is less than or equal to a portfolio of government securities maturing within 1-3 years.

AAAV-1+ = Funds with this rating are considered to have the lowest market risk (stable value). The rating is assigned to only money market funds or local government investment pools that should not experience loss of principal value to shareholders or participants even in severely adverse interest rate environments. (Rating by Fitch IBCA, a nationally recognized rating agency.)

Quarterly Investment Report
For Quarter Ended: December 31, 2022

<u>Texpool</u>	<u>Balance on 12/31/2022</u>	<u>Balance on 09/30/2022</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$ 3,736,223	\$ 2,607,292	\$ 1,128,931
General/Operating Fund	\$ 19,481,992	\$ 21,401,462	\$ (1,919,470)
School Nutrition	\$ 2,974,183	\$ 2,667,720	\$ 306,464
C.D. Marshall JHS Scholarship	\$ 31,260	\$ 30,962	\$ 298
Burditt Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GF Hudnall Scholarship	\$ 15,343	\$ 15,197	\$ 146
J.M. Moore Scholarship	\$ 5,139	\$ 5,090	\$ 49
Latricia White Scholarship	\$ 14,347	\$ 14,210	\$ 137
Mary B. C. Sanders Scholarship	\$ 6,112	\$ 6,054	\$ 58
Hazelett Scholarship	\$ 6,774	\$ 6,710	\$ 64
Canning Engineering Scholarship	\$ 24,003	\$ 23,774	\$ 229
Mohle Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,027	\$ 1,017	\$ 10
Total Funds	\$ 26,296,403	\$ 26,779,488	\$ (483,085)
Interest Rate	4.50%	2.50%	

<u>Texas Term/Texas Daily</u>	<u>Balance on 09/30/2022</u>	<u>Balance on 09/30/2022</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Texas Term CD Program Top Ten	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Texas Daily/Texas Term General Funds	\$ 286,617	\$ 286,008	\$ 609
Texas Daily School Nutrition Funds	\$ 738,813	\$ 6,715	\$ 732,097
Texas Daily/Texas Term Debt Svce	\$ 6,776	\$ 458,635	\$ (451,858)
Total Funds	\$ 1,032,206	\$ 751,358	\$ 280,848
Interest Rate	4.54%	3.00%	

<u>First Lockhart National Bank</u>	<u>Balance on 09/30/2022</u>	<u>Balance on 09/30/2022</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$ 630,568	\$ 223,546	\$ 407,023
General/Operating Fund	\$ 3,111,814	\$ 1,201,915	\$ 1,909,900
Redemption Account	\$ 2,180	\$ 2,174	\$ 5
Payroll	\$ 1,022,102	\$ 1,229,192	\$ (207,090)
School Nutrition	\$ 254,839	\$ 268,054	\$ (13,214)
Fiduciary Funds	\$ 6,942	\$ 17,640	\$ (10,698)
Top Ten Scholarship Funds	\$ 161,737	\$ 161,330	\$ 407
Roland Endowment Funds	\$ 20,644	\$ 20,592	\$ 52
Maintenance Proceeds	\$ 1,602	\$ 1,598	\$ 4
Total Funds	\$ 5,212,429	\$ 3,126,041	\$ 2,086,388
Interest Rate	1.00%	1.00%	

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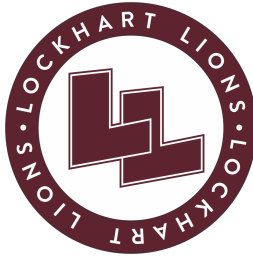
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**Lockhart Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Proclamation**

WHEREAS: February 1-28, 2023, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month[®] by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness

WHEREAS: students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS: leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity and information technology; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS: the Lockhart ISD CTE Department is committed to organizing and maintaining highly competitive career and technical education student organizations and to creating a culture focused on collegial relationships and effective collaboration with industry partners; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael Wright, Board President of the Lockhart Independent School District, do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2023, as

Lockhart ISD Career and Technical Education Month

in Lockhart, Texas, and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity. Congratulations and best wishes to all the talented young students who have chosen career and technical education as a way to achieve their long-term professional goals.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the District of _____ this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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FUND EDUCATION BASED ON ENROLLMENT:

Lockhart ISD supports an adequate and equitable school finance system, including:

- Advocating for enrollment vs. attendance as the standard for school funding.
- Raising Texas' per pupil funding to the national average.
- Sustainable state funding for HB 3 (2019).
- Local spending discretion to ensure that the needs of students, staff, and communities are met.

ADDRESS TEACHER SHORTAGE:

Lockhart ISD supports all efforts to combat the statewide teacher shortage crisis, including:

- Providing more substantial financial aid and other programs to incentivize students to enter the field, increasing educator and staff compensation, improving staff health and retirement benefits, and decreasing the burdensome mandates that increase an educator's workload.

INCREASE SCHOOL SAFETY & FACILITIES FUNDING:

Lockhart ISD supports increased funding for student safety and school facilities, including:

- Increased funding of the School Safety Allotment and local flexibility to ensure districts can adequately meet student and staff safety needs.
- Adequate funding and updates to the state's current facilities programs OR the creation of a statewide funding mechanism to assist school districts with building new facilities that accommodate student enrollment changes, reduce the need for additional debt, and renovate aging facilities with safe and efficient buildings that are conducive to meeting the needs of students in a modern classroom.
- Additional funding for the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA), Existing Debt Allotment (EDA), and the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA).
- Excess "revenue in excess of entitlement" must be returned to the basic allotment and not into the general fund or other fund not benefitting traditional public education.

UPDATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR ACCURACY:

Lockhart ISD supports honest, accurate, and transparent ballot language, including:

- Allowing school district bond and voter-approved tax ratification propositions to include ballot language that accurately informs voters of what the measure seeks to accomplish.

A-F RATINGS, HIGH-STAKES TESTING & ACCOUNTABILITY

Lockhart ISD supports revising the accountability system by looking beyond standardized testing to meaningful assessments with value for students, parents, and teachers, including:

- Opposing A-F campus and district ratings that oversimplify the complex work of schools and incentivize teaching to the test.
- Exemption from A-F accountability ratings for first-year campuses.
- Prohibiting standardized tests from serving as the primary indicator of school and student performance.

SUPPORT STUDENT & STAFF MENTAL HEALTH:

Lockhart ISD supports measures that positively impact student and staff mental health, including:

- Access to evidence-based mental health services and mental health professionals either within a district or a collaborative network
- Development of higher education incentive programs and state agency grants to recruit and prepare licensed professional counselors, preferably bilingual, to meet the needs of students and staff significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL & PARENT PARTNERSHIPS/RIGHTS:

Lockhart ISD supports increased local control of school districts and parental rights, including:

- Support for measures that embrace parents as partners with educators, administrators and school trustees in their children's education as outlined in Chapter 26 of the Texas Education Code and encourage productive engagement between them without undue involvement from the state.
- The same rights for charter school parents that parents of students in community-based public schools are entitled to, including due process rights relating to student discipline and expulsion.

REVIVE TAX CODE CHAPTER 313:

Lockhart ISD supports certain measures related to Chapter 313, including:

- Reviving Tax Code Chapter 313 to continue providing an incentive program to attract businesses to Texas, benefitting school districts in selected investment areas.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS:

Lockhart ISD supports holding charter schools to the same standards as traditional districts, including:

- Restricting the expansion of charter schools (including increases in the number of campuses under existing charters), unless charter schools are subject to the same accountability and transparency laws and regulations as community-based public schools.
- Reducing the impact charter schools and other educational institutions receiving public funds have on the state budget and local public schools by limiting funding to a rate no higher than that of local districts.
- Increase the transparency and accountability of charter schools and other educational institutions receiving public funds, especially with regard to student enrollment processes / recruitment, student expulsion practices, business operations, expenditures, special education requirements, public notices, school discipline, financial dealings (leases, mortgages, bond debt, contracts) transportation, bilingual programs, policy notices, employment contract policies, parental rights, lobbying and political expenditure restrictions, student data privacy, efficiency audits, lunch programs, and nepotism.
- Tying the charter school "small and midsize allotment" to the same 5,000-student cap as the district small and midsize allotment.

OPPOSE COMMUNITY CENSORSHIP:

Lockhart ISD supports freedom from censorship, including:

- Opposing legislation or measures seeking to limit school districts' or administrators' ability to have representation before the Texas Legislature, state agencies, and the executive branch.
- Supporting statutory duty and right of local school boards to advocate and associate for the educational needs of all students and communities.

VOUCHERS, TAXPAYER SAVINGS GRANTS, & VIRTUAL VOUCHERS:

Lockhart ISD supports the use of public tax dollars for public education rather than private education, including:

- Opposing any state plan that would use vouchers, tax credits, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements, or any other means to divert public tax dollars to private entities, virtual instruction corporations, homeschooled students or parents, with little or no academic or financial accountability or transparency to the state, taxpayers, or local communities.

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In Lockhart ISD, we are building a legacy of excellence.

- 6,500** students are enrolled in Lockhart ISD.
- 9** campuses across our district.
- 300** total square miles in Lockhart ISD.
- \$73M** total budget for the 2022-2023 year.
- 32%** of students are emergent bilingual.
- 73%** of families are economically disadvantaged.

When challenges arise, Lockhart ISD rises to meet them because of our unwavering commitment to the families we serve. During the pandemic, we built our own internet towers to reach the 60% of Lockhart ISD students without internet access. In 2022, Lockhart ISD's School Board was selected as Region 13 School Board of the Year and passed a historic staff compensation package that puts our employees first. In 2021, Superintendent Mark Estrada was selected as Region 13 Superintendent of the Year for his decisive leadership throughout the pandemic. We are #LockhartLeading.

"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education." -JFK



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