

**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
Special Meeting, February 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Lockhart Independent School District will hold a Special 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.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:
 - A. Consideration and Action with Respect to an "Order Calling a Bond Election" for the May 3, 2025 Uniform Election Date 3
 - B. Consider and/or Approve Borchert Loop Elementary School Furniture and other FF&E Purchases
 - C. Review Bid Release for Computer Equipment and Infrastructure Equipment for Borchert Loop Elementary School 10
 - D. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt Board Resolution Authorizing Payment of Employees during Winter-Related Closure 12
 - E. Discuss, consider, and take possible action to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of a 40 acre tract of land in Caldwell County from King Farm Partners, LP, and delegating authority to the Superintendent to further investigate the property and take all necessary actions to effectuate closing. 15
 - F. Consider and/or Approve delegating authority to the Superintendent to negotiate a Master Lease Agreement between Lockhart ISD and Upward Communities and returning the contract for final Board approval 17
4. ADJOURNMENT

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(LLEGAL)]

Texas Government Code Section:

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| 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 February 7, 2025, 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.



Superintendent

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting:

Agenda Item:

AGENDA SECTION:

READING:

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

TYPE OF ACTION:

DEPARTMENT:

DISTRICT GOAL(S) ALIGNMENT:

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AGENDA TITLE:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Caldwell County, Texas (the *County*), finds and determines that a special election (the *Election*) should be held to determine whether the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes identified in this order (the *Order*); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its elections administrator (the *Administrator*) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in Measure A and corresponding Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single measure and corresponding proposition pursuant to Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code because these capital improvements will be predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes, none of which are the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount. The Election will be held in the LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on May 3, 2025 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following legal question to the qualified voters of the District:

Measure A

Should the Board of Trustees of the Lockhart Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$93,500,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, modernizing, acquiring, and equipping school facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities), with priority given to a new middle school and the purchase of the necessary sites for school facilities, with the bonds to mature, bear interest,

and be issued and sold as permitted by law, and will the Board of Trustees of the District 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 the bonds?

SECTION 2. Ballots. The official ballots will permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure above with the following ballot language:

Lockhart Independent School District Proposition A

THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,500,000 FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING LAND AND A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on April 22, 2025. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original.

SECTION 4. Election Officials. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations will include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

A. The Administrator will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, and Election Clerks.

B. The Early Voting Clerk is: Devante Coe; mailing and physical address: 1403 Blackjack Suite A, Lockhart, TX 78644; phone: (512) 668-4347; fax: (512) 398-1821; and email: caldwellec@co.caldwell.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The Administrator is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The District is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 5. Qualified Voters. The District's qualified voters (as defined by the Code) will be entitled to vote in the Election at the dates, times, and places reflected on Exhibit A.

SECTION 6. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English, Spanish, and any other required language.

SECTION 7. Debt Obligations. The following information is calculated based on bond market conditions as of the date of the adoption of this Order; is further explained in one or more voter information documents attached to this Order as exhibits; and is not intended to serve as a cap or other restriction should the bonds be authorized at the Election.

A. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt totaled \$120,276,145.30 (including maintenance tax debt, if any).

B. The aggregate amount of the interest owed on the District's debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$64,141,289.95.

C. The District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.2577 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

D. The maturity date of the proposed bonds will not exceed the maximum number of years authorized by law.

E. The maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 4.75% (expressed as a net effective interest rate).

SECTION 8. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, or similar contracts with the County, acting by and through the Administrator, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 9. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibits to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. Additionally, the Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board as evidenced in this Order.

SECTION 10. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 11. Conflicts. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 12. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13. Open Meetings. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 14. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 15. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on February 10, 2025.

LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michael Wright
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Dr. Barbara Sanchez
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

[Signature Page to Bond Election Order]

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**LOCKHART ISD BOARD RESOLUTION
REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURE**

WHEREAS, the Lockhart Independent School District (“Lockhart ISD” or “the District”) was closed on January 21, 2025 and two hours delay start on January 21, 2025 as a result to dangerous driving conditions caused by ice accumulation from a winter storm which made it impossible to conduct District operations;

WHEREAS, the District employs approximately 789 individuals, some of whom are employed on a contract basis and others at will, each of whom contributes to the District’s work to educate the approximately 6,731 students who attend our schools and who we are charged to keep safe;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it serves the public purpose of the District that all employees who were scheduled to work during an emergency closure be compensated as usual during emergency school closures, as doing so will safeguard the health of our children, our families, our staff, and our community;

WHEREAS Lockhart ISD Board Policy DEA (Local) provides that the Board may choose to pay employees during an emergency closure for which the workdays are not scheduled to be made up at a later date; and,

WHEREAS, the Lockhart ISD Administration will take appropriate and available measures to ensure an expedient and safe return to normal school operations, as well as careful stewardship of the District’s financial resources during this time; as such, appropriate controls are in place to ensure the public purpose of the District is secured;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District that at an open meeting held on the 10th day of February 2025, the Board of Trustees voted, by a vote of ___ “for,” ___ “against,” and ___ abstaining, to approve continued compensation for all employees who were scheduled to work during an emergency closure according to normal work and salary schedules during any period of closure associated with the District’s response to the winter storm.

Adopted this 10th day of February 2025, by the Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Signed:

Attest:

Michael Wright, President

Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Secretary

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