Notice is hereby given that on August 17, 2020, the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District will hold a Board Workshop via Webinar beginning at 5:30 PM. Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, this workshop will be conducted by videoconference or telephone call. At least a quorum of the Board will be participating by videoconference or telephone call in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the governor. Members of the public may access the live broadcast for this workshop from either Spectrum (Charter) Channel 192, the Fort Worth ISD Live channel on YouTube or by using this link: https://zoom.us/j/97990241618?pwd=cE8zWm9aeG12aktWSlZNMXJ1a2hkdz09 (Passcode: 885888). An electronic copy of the agenda is attached to this online notice. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed on the agenda which is made a part of this notice. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this workshop notice. Those individuals desiring to make a public comment can sign up by calling 817-814-1956 up until 5:30 PM the day of the workshop.

Those who need a sign language interpreter, email amanda.coleman@fwisd.org by 12 PM Monday, August 17, 2020.

Additional instructions to join this workshop:

Or iPhone one-tap:
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FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA

1. 5:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER BOARD WORKSHOP – WEBINAR
    Join the live broadcast from either Spectrum (Charter) Channel 192, the Fort Worth ISD Live channel on YouTube or the link above
2. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING  
   A. Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rates  
   B. Public Comment on the Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rates  

3. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING  

4. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS  
   A. Approve Ordinance Fixing and Levying School District Ad Valorem Taxes  
   B. Approve Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election  
   C. Approve Resolution and Order for Election Services for the November 3, 2020, FWISD Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election  
   D. Approve the Early College High School Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year  

5. PUBLIC COMMENT  
   Those individuals desiring to make a public comment can sign up by calling 817-814-1956 up until 5:30 PM the day of the meeting.  

6. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD CONSTRAINTS AND CONSTRAINT PROGRESS MEASURES AS PART OF LONE STAR GOVERNANCE  

7. RECONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION- WEBINAR  

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
   The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551  
   A. Seek the Advice of Attorneys (Texas Government Code §551.071)  
   B. Deliberation Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee, Including Action Items Related to the Recommendation to Terminate Certain Continuing Contract Employees for Good Cause, the Recommendation to Terminate Certain Term Contract Employees for Good Cause and the Recommendation to Terminate Certain Probationary Contract Employees for Good Cause (Texas Government Code §551.074)  
      1. Personnel Matters  
         a. Evaluation of Board of Trustees  

9. RECONVENE IN BOARD WORKSHOP – WEBINAR  

10. ADJOURN
ACTION AGENDA ITEM
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2020

TOPIC: APPROVE ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING SCHOOL DISTRICT
AD VALOREM TAXES

BACKGROUND:
The Board of Education (BOE) adopted the District’s 2020-2021 budgets at the June 23, 2020
BOE meeting. The adopted budgets were developed with a proposed Tax Rate of $1.0864 for
Maintenance and Operations and $0.2920 for Interest and Sinking for a Total Tax Rate of $1.3784.
The Administration is recommending the Board adopt a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of
$1.0864 and an Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of $0.2920 for a Total Tax Rate of $1.3784. The
Notice of Public Meeting on the proposed tax rates was advertised as required by law on August

Section 26.05(a) of the Property Tax Code requires the governing body to adopt an ordinance
setting tax rates to fund adopted budgets. Section 26.05(b) states, “A taxing unit may not impose
property taxes in any year until the governing body has adopted a tax rate for that year, and the
annual tax rate must be set by ordinance, resolution, or order, depending on the method prescribed
by law for adoption of a law by the governing body. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order
setting the tax rate must be separate from the vote adopting the budget.”

STRATEGIC GOAL:
2-Improve Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:
1. Approve Ordinance Fixing and Levying School District Ad Valorem Taxes
2. Decline to Approve Ordinance Fixing Levying School District Ad Valorem Taxes
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:
Approve Ordinance Fixing and Levying School District Ad Valorem Taxes

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Not a purchase

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- Bid – Bid Summary / Evaluation
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- Emergency – Price Quote and Emergency Affidavit

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL/DEPARTMENTS

All District Departments and Campuses

RATIONALE:

The Tax Code requires the District to adopt tax rates for the current tax year and to notify the assessor of the adopted rates no later than September 30th annually. The adoption of tax rates is also required to generate revenue that will fund the 2020-2021 adopted budgets.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

Michael Ball
AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING SCHOOL DISTRICT AD VALOREM TAXES:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

There is hereby levied and ordered to be assessed and collected for the year 2020, and for each year thereafter until it be otherwise provided and ordained, an ad valorem tax at the rate of $1.3784 shall be levied on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) valuation. It is further ordered that, as one of the two components of the above tax rate, $1.0864/$100 is hereby separately approved and levied for the maintenance and operation of the schools within the Fort Worth Independent School District (the “District”).

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE; and

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 7.53 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $96.50; and

It is further ordered that, as the other of the two components of the above tax rate, $0.2920/$100 is hereby separately approved and levied for the purpose of paying principal and interest on debts of the District.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees, at a meeting at which a quorum was present and a majority of the Trustees voting for and at which meeting this Ordinance, in written form, was before the Board at the time of its adoption on the 17th day of August, 2020.

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPROVED: 

Tobi Jackson, First Vice President
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

ATTEST:

Anael Luebanos, Secretary
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District
TOPIC: APPROVE ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Election Code requires the governing body of a political subdivision to order an election to ratify District taxes pursuant to Section 26.08 of the Property Tax Code. On August 17, 2020, the Board of Education (BOE) of Fort Worth Independent School District will vote to authorize the proposed tax rate of $1.3784. If the BOE adopts a tax rate that exceeds the district’s voter-approval tax rate, the registered voters of the district at an election held for that purpose must determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate. Property Tax Code 26.08(a), (n), calls for a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) on November 3, 2020.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

2-Improve Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
2. Decline to Approve Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election

FUNDING SOURCE

Additional Details

No Cost Not Applicable
**COST:**

The projected cost of contracted services with the Tarrant County Elections office will be determined once all participating entities are identified and the computation of shared costs is made.

**VENDOR:**

Not Applicable

**PURCHASING MECHANISM**

Not a Purchase

*Purchasing Support Documents Needed:*

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**PARTICIPATING SCHOOL/DEPARTMENTS**

Division of Business and Finance
Division of Policy and Planning

**RATIONALE:**

The Order Calling A Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election must be approved at least 78 days prior to the scheduled election date. Approving the Order Calling A Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election is authorized by Section 26.08 of the Property Tax Code and will generate additional revenue to the Maintenance and Operations Fund.

**INFORMATION SOURCE:**

Karen Molinar
Michael Ball
ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TARRANT COUNTY
FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call an election to ratify District taxes pursuant to Section 26.08 of the Property Tax Code, as hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, the District is contracting with Tarrant County, Texas (the "County") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the County (the "Election Contract"), the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference; 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 the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Recitals. 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. Proposition. That a tax ratification election ("Election") be held in the District on November 3, 2020 ("Election Day"). At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law, and the official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the PROPOSITION, which shall be substantially expressed as follows:

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR _____ ) Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of $1.3784 in the Fort Worth Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 12.16 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional $49,011,688.

AGAINST _____ )

Section 3. 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 November 3, 2020. Election Day and early voting shall be administered by the County, as provided by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election on Election Day shall occur during the hours and 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 Contract and the Code.

Section 4. Early Voting. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 13, 2020 and conclude on October 30, 2020, and will be conducted at the early voting locations on the dates and at the times, and to be conducted by the judge and clerk, all as specified in Exhibit "A" 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 "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places, dates and times required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail must be received (not postmarked) no later than the close of business on October 23, 2020. Applications for voting by mail shall be e-mailed including a completed, signed with the voter’s original signature and scanned application to votebymail@tarrantcounty.com, faxed to (817) 831-6118, or mailed to:

Early Voting Clerk
PO Box 961011
Fort Worth, Texas 76161

If application to vote by mail is made by personal delivery, the application must be delivered by the close of business on October 23, 2020 to Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111.

In accordance with the Governor’s Proclamation of July 27, 2020, a voter may deliver a marked ballot in person to the Early Voting Clerk’s office prior to and including on Election Day.

Section 6. Early Ballot Board. An early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and the individual designated by the County is hereby appointed the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of the board.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.
IT IS SO RESOLVED.

APPROVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District, Fort Worth, Texas, on the 17th day of August, 2020.

________________________
Tobi Jackson, First Vice President
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

ATTEST:

________________________
Anael Luebanos, Secretary
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District
EXHIBIT A
POLLING LOCATIONS AND HOURS

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS
(DÍAS Y HORAS DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO POR APARICIÓN PERSONAL)
(Ngày và giờ đi bầu cử ở)
October (octubre) (Tháng Mười) 13–17 Tuesday–Saturday (Martes – Viernes) (Thứ Ba – Thứ Sáu) 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October (octubre) (Tháng Mười) 19 – 23 Monday – Friday (Lunes – Viernes) (Thứ Hai – Thứ Sáu) 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October (octubre) (Tháng Mười) 24 Saturday (Sábado) (Thứ Bảy) 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October (octubre) (Tháng Mười) 25 Sunday (Domingo) (Chủ Nhật) 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October (octubre) (Tháng Mười) 26-30 Monday – Friday (Lunes – Viernes) (Thứ Hai - Thứ Sáu) 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MAIN EARLY VOTING SITE
Tarrant County Elections Center
2700 Premier Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

*Emergency and Limited ballots available at this location only.
(Boletas de emergencia y limitadas solamente están disponibles en esta caseta.)
(Làm hiệu bầu Khẩn cấp và làm phiếu hạn chế chỉ có tại địa điểm này.)

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Order Calling a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election, this Exhibit A will be updated as more information becomes available from the Tarrant County Election Administration
ACTION AGENDA ITEM
BOARD WORKSHOP
August 17, 2020

TOPIC: APPROVE RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FORT WORTH ISD VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

BACKGROUND:
In past elections the District has contracted with the Tarrant County Elections Administration to oversee the assignment of polling sites, election equipment, judges, clerks, as well as the training of appropriate personnel, and other associated services. This has proven to be cost effective as well as more efficient than administering the election in-house. Other entities or another entity will be sharing the November 3, 2020 election date including Tarrant County. This will lower the cost of what the Fort Worth ISD normally would pay for the administration of the election for a special election such as the Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE).

STRATEGIC GOAL:
2 - Improve Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:
1. Approve Resolution and Order for Election Services for the November 3, 2020 FWISD Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
2. Decline to Approve Resolution and Order for Election Services for the November 3, 2020 FWISD Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:
Approve Resolution and Order for Election Services for the November 3, 2020 FWISD Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election

FUNDING SOURCE Additional Details
General Fund 199-41-6439-001-702-99-001-000000
**COST:**

The projected cost of contracted services with the Tarrant County Elections office will be determined once all participating entities are identified and the computation of shared costs is made.

**VENDOR:**

Tarrant County Elections

**PURCHASING MECHANISM**

Interlocal Agreement

*Purchasing Support Documents Needed:*
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**PARTICIPATING SCHOOL/DEPARTMENTS**

Division of Business and Finance
Division of Policy and Planning

**RATIONALE:**

Adoption of the Resolution to enter into a contract with Tarrant County Elections Administration would save the Fort Worth ISD funds by sharing the cost of equipment, personnel and expertise provided by Tarrant County Elections Administration with other public entities conducting elections November 3, 2020.

**INFORMATION SOURCE:**

Karen Molinar
Michael Ball
WHEREAS, the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education has ordered a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) to take place November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Election Code, Section 31.092, permits the Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator’s office for conducting and supervising the VATRE election November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by entering into a contract for election services with Tarrant County, the Fort Worth Independent School District will realize a reduction in expense in conducting said election should the Fort Worth Independent School District have conducted the election on its own;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District:

1. That the Fort Worth Independent School District enters into a Joint Election Agreement with the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, to conduct the VATRE election on behalf of the school district November 3, 2020, and that the terms of said contract shall be negotiated by the school district staff.

2. That the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District hereby authorize the Board President, Jacinto Ramos Jr., to enter into and sign said Joint Election Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education and the Fort Worth Independent School District. Motion was made by ______________________ and seconded by ______________________ that the Resolution above and foregoing be adopted.

   FOR: ______________________  AGAINST: ______________________

The above Resolution was voted on at a Board Workshop of the Board of Education held on the 17th day of August, 2020.

________________________
Tobi Jackson, First Vice President
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

ATTEST:

_________________________
Anael Luebanos, Secretary
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District
ACTION AGENDA ITEM  
BOARD MEETING  
August 17, 2020

TOPIC: APPROVE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

BACKGROUND:
Every year the Fort Worth ISD Board of Trustees approves school calendars. The change to our school calendar in response to the COVID – 19 pandemic requires that we also adjust the Early College High School calendar. Our Early College High School standalone campuses are on the Tarrant County College calendar and classes will begin online on August 24th.

The recommended 2020-2021 Early College High School calendar meets the 75,600 minutes’ state requirement. The calendar is designed to meet the instructional needs of the students in our schools. Testing dates, staff development (waiver days), holidays, snow days, fall, winter, and spring breaks were considered and discussed when developing the calendar.

Attached is a copy of the recommended Early College High School calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

STRATEGIC GOAL:
1 - Increase Student Achievement

ALTERNATIVES:
1. Approve Early College High School Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year  
2. Decline to Approve Early College High School Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year  
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the Early College High School Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year

FUNDING SOURCE   
Annual Details
No Cost   Not Applicable
**COST:**

No Cost

**VENDOR:**

Not Applicable

**PURCHASING MECHANISM**

Not a Purchase

*Purchasing Support Documents Needed:*
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**PARTICIPATING SCHOOL/DEPARTMENTS**

Early College High Schools

**RATIONALE:**

Approval of the Early College High School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year will provide advanced information for school personnel, parents, students, and the community regarding events for the coming school year.

**INFORMATION SOURCE:**

David Saenz
# FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
## 2020-2021 Early College High School Calendar
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- **STUDENT/DISTRICT HOLIDAY**
- **NO STUDENTS**
- **CLASSROOM TEACHER FLEX OPPORTUNITY**
- **STAFF DAY - NO STUDENTS**
- **SEMESTER MILESTONE**
- **START/END OF GRADING PERIOD**
- **TESTING**

**DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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182 + 5 (FLEX DAYS) = 187 TEACHER DAYS
174 STUDENT DAYS

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Statutory Requirements

“Under the authority of Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Board, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, may enter into closed or executive session for any of the following reasons:

1. To consult with the Board’s attorney with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, or settlement offers, or on matters where the attorney’s duty to the Board, pursuant to the Code of Professional Responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law. Sec. 551.071
2. To discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. Sec. 551.072
3. To discuss negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations. Sec. 551.073
4. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against a public officer or employee, unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing. Sec. 551.074
5. To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. Sec. 551.076
6. To deliberate a case involving discipline of a public school child or children, unless an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the child; or to deliberate a case in which a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the District by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing, unless the employee complained of or charged requests an open hearing. Sec. 551.082
7. To exclude a witness from a hearing during the examination of another witness in an investigation when the Board is investigating a matter. Sec. 551.084

“All final votes, actions, or decisions on any matter discussed in closed or executive session shall be taken or made in open session.

“This notice is posted and filed in compliance with the Open Meetings Law August 13, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.”

Christian Alvarado
Coordinator
Board of Education