

*Board of Education
Special Meeting
November 16, 2020*



Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting via Webinar

Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 2020, the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District will hold a Special Meeting via Webinar beginning at 5:30 PM. Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, this special meeting 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 special meeting from either Spectrum (Charter) Channel 192, the Fort Worth ISD Live channel on YouTube) or by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824462099?pwd=a1drcGVVcnJqSmorY05uUzFOciJwOT09> (Passcode: 452446). 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 special meeting 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 special meeting.

Those who need a sign language interpreter, email amanda.coleman@fwisd.org by 12 PM Friday, November 13, 2020.

Additional instructions to join this special meeting:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

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Webinar ID: 818 2446 2099

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824462099>

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA

1. 5:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING – WEBINAR

Join the live broadcast from either Spectrum (Charter) Channel 192, the Fort Worth ISD Live channel on YouTube or the link above.

2. 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 special meeting.

3. RECONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION-WEBINAR

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551

- A. 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)

5. RECONVENE IN SPECIAL MEETING - WEBINAR

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Canvassing Returns and Declaring the Results of Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
- B. Approve Superintendent to Authorize Purchases of Student Laptops and Services to Provide a One-to-One Student to Device

7. ADJOURN

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2020**

TOPIC: APPROVE CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

BACKGROUND:

November 3, 2020, an election was held for a Fort Worth Independent School District Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE). Pursuant to Section 67.003 of the Election Code, canvassing of votes by the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education must occur no later than the 11th day after the election date.

Pursuant to Section 67.004 of the Election Code, two members of the authority constitute a quorum for the purpose of canvassing an election.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

3 - Enhance Family and Community Engagement

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Canvassing Returns and Declaring the Results of a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
2. Decline to Approve Canvassing Returns and Declaring the Results of a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Canvassing Returns and Declaring the Results of a Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election

FUNDING SOURCE

Additional Details

No Cost

Not Applicable

COST:

No Cost

VENDOR:

Not Applicable

PURCHASING MECHANISM

Not a Purchase

Purchasing Support Documents Needed:

- Bid – Bid Summary / Evaluation
- Inter-Local (IL) – Price Quote and IL Contract Summary Required
- Sole Source – Price Quote and Notarized FWISD Sole Source Affidavit
- Emergency – Price Quote and Emergency Affidavit

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL/DEPARTMENTS

Fort Worth ISD Board of Education/Fort Worth ISD Division of Business and Finance

RATIONALE:

Pursuant to Election Code 67.002 (2), a political subdivision's governing body must conduct the canvass of precinct returns within the timeframe dictated by Election Code Section 67.003.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

Karen Molinar
Michael Ball

**AN ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF
A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION HELD IN THE
FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
TARRANT COUNTY §
FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Fort Worth Independent School District (the “District”) ordered an election to be held in the District on November 3, 2020 (the “Election”) on the PROPOSITION A hereinafter stated; and

WHEREAS, the Board has investigated all matters pertaining to the Election, including the matters set forth in paragraph 2 below; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that the results of the Election as canvassed and tabulated herein reflects the expressed desires of the resident and qualified voters of the District.

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

1. All the recitals contained in the preambles of this Order are found to be true and are adopted as findings of fact by the Board and as part of its official record.

2. It is found and determined that (a) the Election was duly ordered, (b) proper notice of the Election was duly given, (c) proper election officers were duly appointed prior to the Election, (d) the Election was duly and in all respects held, (e) the District has complied with applicable law including the Texas Election Code, (f) due returns of the result of the Election have been made and delivered, and (g) the Board has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with law and the Order calling the Election.

3. Upon consideration of the returns of the Election, it is found and determined that the following votes were cast at the Election on the submitted PROPOSITION A by the resident, qualified voters of the District, who voted at the 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 _____	

4. It is found, determined and declared that the result of the Election to be that the PROPOSITION A so submitted has received a favorable majority vote in all respects and has carried and that as a result of this canvass, the tax rate adopted by the Board and approved by the aforesaid PROPOSITION A may be levied, assessed and collected annually as voted and provided by law.

5. It is 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 said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of November, 2020.

Jacinto Ramos Jr., President
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

ATTEST:

Anael Luebanos, Secretary
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER CANVASSING VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION
ELECTION RESULT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
TARRANT COUNTY §
FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Education (the "Board") of said District convened in SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 (the "Meeting"), and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said Board, to wit:

Jacinto Ramos Jr.	President
Tobi Jackson	First Vice President
Quinton Phillips	Second Vice President
Anael Luebanos	Secretary
Daphne Brookins	Trustee
Anne Darr	Trustee
Carin "CJ" Evans	Trustee
Ashely Paz	Trustee
Norman Robbins	Trustee

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 order entitled:

**AN ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF
A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION HELD IN THE
FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

was duly introduced for the consideration of said Board and read in full. 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 present voting "AYE" except the following:

NAY: _____.

ABSTAIN: _____.

2. That 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; that said Order has been duly recorded in said Board's minutes of said Meeting; that the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from said Board's minutes of said Meeting pertaining to the passage of said Order; that the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of said Board as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of said Board was duly 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 Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED the 16th day of November, 2020.

Anael Luebanos, Secretary
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

Jacinto Ramos, President
Board of Education
Fort Worth Independent School District

(DISTRICT SEAL)

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2020**

**TOPIC: **APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASES OF
STUDENT LAPTOPS AND SERVICES TO PROVIDE A ONE-TO-ONE
STUDENT TO DEVICE RATIO****

BACKGROUND:

Student mobile devices are a crucial learning device, both for students in the classroom and for those learning virtually. Due to Covid-19 student mobile devices, namely the Chromebooks used by our students, continue to be in limited supply in the quantity the District needs to support a ratio of one device for every student. The District's best recourse is to procure these devices in varying quantities from a variety of vendors as the devices become available. Therefore, the District is asking for approval of the Superintendent to authorize student laptop purchases of up to 24,200 with the newly awarded TRE funds Interlocal at a cost not to exceed \$12,000,000.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

1 - Increase Student Achievement

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Superintendent to Authorize Purchases of Student Laptops and Services to Provide a One-To-One Student to Device Ratio
2. Decline to Approve Superintendent to Authorize Purchases of Student Laptops and Services to Provide a One-To-One Student to Device Ratio
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Superintendent to Authorize Purchases of Student Laptops and Services to Provide a One-to-One Student to Device Ratio

FUNDING SOURCE

Additional Details

TRE

199-11-6396-001-XXX-11-423-000000

COST:

Not to Exceed \$12,000,000

VENDOR:

Various

PURCHASING MECHANISM

Interlocal Agreement

Purchasing Support Documents Needed:

- Bid – Bid Summary / Evaluation
- Inter-Local (IL) – Price Quote and IL Contract Summary Required
- Sole Source – Price Quote and Notarized FWISD Sole Source Affidavit
- Emergency – Price Quote and Emergency Affidavit

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL/DEPARTMENTS

District-Wide

RATIONALE:

Providing each student with a laptop for learning will promote student achievement.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

Jerry Moore
Art Cavazos

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 November 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.”

Christian Alvarado

Christian Alvarado
Coordinator
Board of Education