

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
&
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

February 10, 2022

6:30 P.M.

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Thursday: 6:30 p.m.

IOLA ISD BOARD ROOM

AGENDA

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows:
(Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice.)

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Public Hearing

Public Hearing on intention of Iola Independent School District to consider designating the Grimes County
Solar Reinvestment Zone

4. Adjourn

This notice was posted and filed in compliance with the Open Meetings Law on February 7, 2022 at 3:00 P.M



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th of February, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Iola School District will hold a public hearing located at Iola ISD Board Room, Iola, Texas 77861. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to the made a part of this Notice.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Private consultation with the board's secretary.
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of the public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives follow, in consultation with representatives of employees groups.
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.
- 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic development negotiations

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 session, then the final action, 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 7th of February, 2022 original copy was posted on the front window in the School District Administration Building at 3:00 p.m. on said date.



Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent
For the Board of Education

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2022

THURSDAY: Immediately following public hearing IOLA ISD BOARD ROOM

AGENDA

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1. Call to order
2. Public Forum
3. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution designating the Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof and providing for an effective date, pursuant to chapters 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code
4. Consideration of renewal of the District of Innovation Plan as proposed by the District Advisory Committee
5. Consideration of order to calling for a bond election
6. Consideration of order to call school trustee election
7. Consideration of approving a Joint Election Agreement for the General Election for Local Subdivisions (including schools)
8. Closed Session: Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Attorney Consultation), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.082 (Student Discipline Matters), 551.072 (Purchase of Real Property) 551.076 (Student Safety) 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)
9. Adjourn

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Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

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Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent
For the Board of Education

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
From: Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent
DATE: February 10, 2022
SUBJECT: Public Forum (Item 2)

At regular meetings the Board shall allot up to 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive indicating the topics about which they wish to speak.

Public participation is limited to the designated open forum portion of a meeting. At all other times during Board meetings, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board. No presentation shall exceed 5 minutes.

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board may not deliberate, discuss, or make any decision on any subject not on the agenda.

BOARD PRESIDENT: The presiding officer shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to do so before bringing the matter to the board at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent

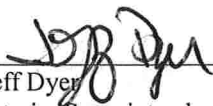
DATE: February 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action on a Resolution designating the Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof and providing for an effective date, pursuant to chapters 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code (Item 3)

The motion must be read as presented:

“Pursuant to Chapters 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code, I move that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution, as presented: designating the Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone; establishing the boundaries thereof; providing for today, February 10, 2022, as the effective date of the Resolution; and, that the Superintendent, or his designee, be authorized to take such further action as may be required to establish the Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone.”

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 313 APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION IN THE IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GRIMES COUNTY SOLAR REINVESTMENT ZONE; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Iola Independent School District desires to promote the development or redevelopment of a certain contiguous geographic area within its jurisdiction by the creation of a reinvestment zone as authorized by the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended (V.T.C.A. Texas Tax Code § 312.0025), for the purpose of authorizing an *Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes*, as authorized by Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, a public hearing before the Board of Trustees of the Iola Independent School District was held, such date being at least seven (7) days after the date of publication of the notice of such public hearing, and the delivery of written notice to the respective presiding officers of each taxing entity that includes within its boundaries real property that is to be included in the proposed reinvestment zone; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Iola Independent School District at such public hearing invited any interested person to appear and speak for or against the creation of the reinvestment zone, and whether all or part of the territory described should be included in the proposed reinvestment zone; and

WHEREAS, the proponents of the reinvestment zone offered evidence, both oral and documentary, in favor of all of the foregoing matters relating to the creation of the reinvestment zone and opponents, if any, of the reinvestment zone appeared to contest the creation of the reinvestment zone.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found and declared to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Trustees of the Iola Independent School District, after conducting such public hearing and having heard such evidence and testimony, has made the following findings and determinations based on the evidence and testimony presented to it:

- (a) That the public hearing on adoption of the *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone* has been properly called, held and conducted and that notices of such hearing have been published as required by law and mailed to the respective presiding officers

of the governing bodies of all taxing units overlapping the territory inside the proposed reinvestment zone; and

- (b) That the boundaries of the *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone* be and, by the adoption of this Resolution, is declared and certified to be, the area as described in the legal description attached hereto as “**EXHIBIT A**”; and,
- (c) That the map attached hereto as “**EXHIBIT B**” is declared to be and, by the adoption of this Resolution is certified to accurately depict and show the boundaries of the *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone* which is normatively described in **EXHIBIT A**; and
- (d) That creation of the *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone* with boundaries as described in **EXHIBIT A** and **EXHIBIT B** will result in benefits to the Iola Independent School District and to land included in the reinvestment zone, and that the improvements sought are feasible and practical; and
- (e) The *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone* described in **EXHIBIT A** and **EXHIBIT B** meets the criteria set forth in Texas Tax Code § 312.0025 for the creation of a reinvestment zone as set forth in the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended, in that it is reasonably likely that the designation will contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment, and/or (i) will attract major investment in the zone that will be a benefit to the property and Iola Independent School District, and (ii) would contribute to economic development within the Iola Independent School District, and that the entire tract of land is located entirely within the Iola Independent School District.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended, the Iola Independent School District hereby creates a reinvestment zone under the provisions of Texas Tax Code § 312.0025, encompassing the area described by **EXHIBIT A** and **EXHIBIT B**, and such reinvestment zone is hereby designated and shall hereafter be referred to as the *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone*.

SECTION 4. That the *Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone* shall take effect upon adoption by the Board of Trustees and shall remain designated as a commercial-industrial reinvestment zone for a period of five (5) years from such date of designation, and may be renewed for periods not to exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 5. That if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. That it is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient notice of the date, hour, place and subject, of the meeting of the Iola Independent School District Board of Trustees, at which this Resolution was adopted, was posted at a place convenient and readily

accessible at all times, as required by the Texas Open Government Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended, and that a public hearing was held prior to the designation of such reinvestment zone and that proper notice of the hearing was published in the official newspaper of general circulation in Iola Independent School District and Grimes County, Texas, and furthermore, such notice was in fact, delivered to the presiding officer of any affected taxing entity as prescribed by the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of February, 2022.

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Jason Gooch, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By: _____
Tammy Harvey, Secretary
Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

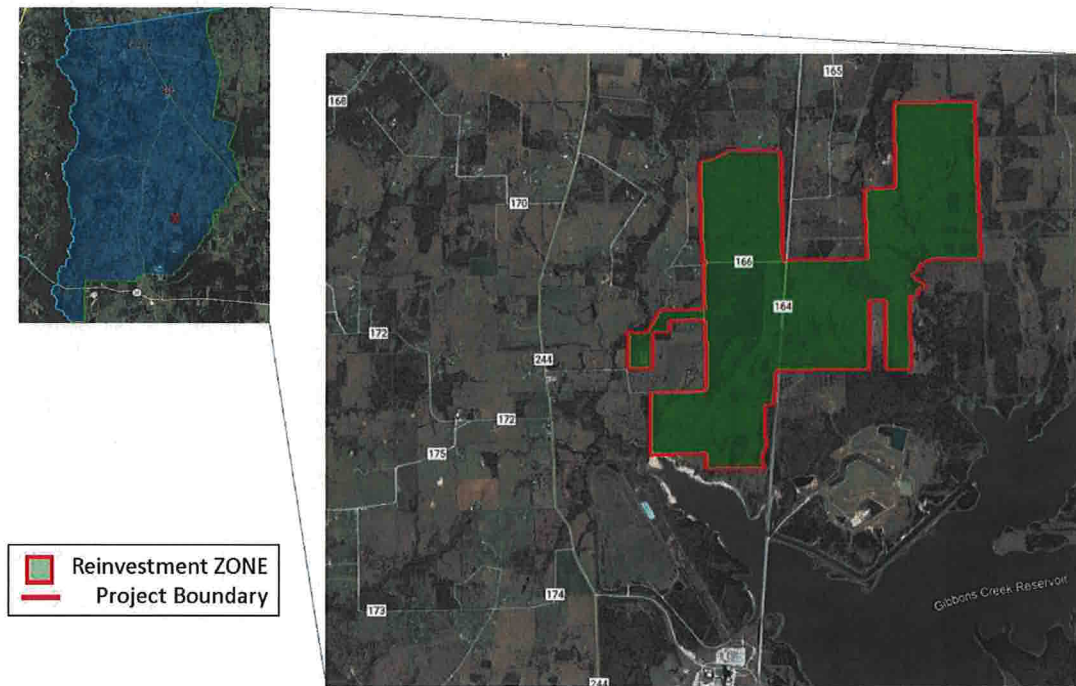
DESCRIPTION OF REINVESTMENT ZONE

The Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone includes the property described below. A map of the Grimes County Solar Reinvestment Zone is also attached as Exhibit B. In the event of a discrepancy between this Exhibit A and the attached map on Exhibit B, Exhibit B shall control.

PID	Legal Description	Acres
R19707	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 50	446.00
R19700	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24	143.62
R72366	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-4	132.55
R72365	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-3	132.55
R72371	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-9	11.07
R19704	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 40	266.00
R72367	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-5	143.62
R72364	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-2	143.62
R17977	A0312 J F MARTIN, TRACT 74	103.68
R19705	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 42	98.15
R67860	A0312 J F MARTIN, TRACT 11-5	26.14
R24459	JOHNSON SUB, LOT 96	11.00
R24455	JOHNSON SUB, LOT 94	11.00
R72369	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-7	11.07
R72370	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 24-8	11.07
R77043	A0471 T H WALKER, TRACT 25	139.62
R18473	A0369 M PETERSON, TRACT 4	76.56
	A-471	
Total		1907.315

EXHIBIT B

MAP OF THE GRIMES COUNTY SOLAR REINVESTMENT ZONE



**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
From: Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent
DATE: February 10, 2022
SUBJECT: Consideration of renewal of the District of Innovation Plan as proposed by the District
Advisor Committee (Item 4)

Local Innovation Plan for Iola ISD

It is recommended to the Board of Trustee to approve the renewal of the District of Innovation Plan as
proposed by the District Advisory Committee

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 159, Iola TX 77861
Phone: (936) 394-2361
Secondary Fax: (936) 394-4700
Elementary Fax: (936) 394-2051
Admin Fax: (936) 394-2132



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

Brian Fowler
Secondary Principal

Kristin Sajewski
Elementary Principal

Local Innovation Plan for Iola ISD

The 84th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1842 which allows public school districts to declare exemptions from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code by becoming a designated District of Innovation. We feel this is a great opportunity for our local district to create a plan based on the needs of our students and community that could remain in effect for up to five years.

On March 27, 2017 during the regularly scheduled board meeting, the Iola ISD Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to adopt a resolution to pursue becoming a District of Innovation. On April 6, 2017, after a public meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to approve pursuing designation as a District of Innovation and appointed the Local Innovation Planning Committee to begin development of the plan. The committee met on April 11, 2017 to review, discuss, and begin development of the local innovation plan and met again on April 20, 2017 to finalize the proposed plan. The proposed plan was posted online for public viewing on April 21, 2017 and remained online until May 22, 2017. The Local Innovation Committee then met on May 22, 2017 to review the plan and gain feedback in a public meeting. The final version of the plan was approved by the Local Innovation Planning Committee on May 22, 2017, with a majority of committee members voting in the affirmative. On May 22, 2017 the Board of Trustees reviewed the plan and voted to approve the local innovation plan with a vote of 6-1.

On February 2, 2022, the District Advisory Committee met to discuss the current plan and voted 11-0 to pursue the renewal of the plan.

District of Innovation Timeline

- March 27, 2017 - Board Meeting to consider the resolution. Approved a motion to pass a resolution with a vote of 6-1
- April 6, 2017 - Public Meeting to review District of Innovation with community
- April 6, 2017 - Board Meeting to vote to approve pursuing designation of District of Innovation. Approved a motion with a vote of 6-0
- April 11, 2017 - Local Innovation Planning Committee Meeting
- April 20, 2017 - Local Innovation Planning Committee Meeting
- April 21, 2017 - Post Iola ISD Local Innovation Plan for minimum of 30 days
- May 22, 2017 - Public Meeting to discuss and vote on Local Innovation Plan
- May 22, 2017 - Board Meeting to approve/reject the Local Innovation Plan
- May 30, 2017 - Iola ISD Board of Trustees notified the commissioner
- February 2, 2022 - District Advisory Committee meeting voted to pursue renewal of the current plan

Local Innovation Planning Committee/District Advisory Committee

Jeff Dyer, Superintendent/Committee Chair
Monica Hurst, Director of Technology
Kristin Sajewski, Elementary Principal
Brian Fowler, Secondary Principal
Luke Bradicich, Business Representative
Jamie Gressett, Business Representative
Kayla Ellis, Community Representative
Jennifer Scasta, Community Representative
Rachel Raley, Secondary Paraprofessional
Jessica Lemley, Parent

Katie Compian, Parent
Christy Jurney, Parent
Hillary Gustavus, Teacher
Brittney Wubbenhorst, Teacher
Christy Steinmann, Teacher
Colt Sharpton, Teacher
Paige Finke, Teacher
Ashley Doucet, Teacher
Jenna Conner, Teacher
Corey Ferguson, Teacher

Iola ISD Board of Trustees

Jason Gooch, President
Tammy Harvey, Secretary
Dedra Nevill, Member
Alec Pointer, Member

Jody Evans, Member
Mark Cunningham, Member
Carolyn Mallett, Member

Texas Education Code Exemptions

The Local Innovation Committee reviewed the subchapters of the Texas Education Code to determine which permissible exemptions may benefit Iola ISD students and staff.

Uniform Start Date (TEC §25.0811)

Current Law

State law currently prohibits school districts from starting class before the fourth Monday in August, unless they are year-round districts.

Proposed

Iola ISD would like to exempt TEC 25.0811, thus allowing us to start school prior to the fourth Monday of August. Iola ISD would not start school before the third Monday of August and teachers would not have to report before the second Monday of August.

How does this benefit Iola ISD Children?

Starting one week earlier adds more instructional days prior to state testing in the spring. It balances the fall and spring semester minutes and allows periodic breaks throughout the school year. It ensures the school year will end before the Grimes County Fair in June. It also allows our calendar to better align with local colleges so our graduating class has time to prepare for their upcoming summer college courses. Professional development for teachers throughout the school year can be focused directly on what the students need at that point in time.

How does this benefit Iola ISD Teachers?

Professional development will be spread throughout the year, rather than having all of it before school starts. This way, professional development can be designed to meet the needs of teachers

at various points during the year.

Rationale for Exemption

The restriction of flexibility in the annual calendars prohibits the balance of days in the academic calendar. The flexibility to begin instruction earlier in August, based on the needs of the district and community, will allow a better balance between semesters, as well as more instructional days in the fall semester. The exemption would allow the district to determine locally, on an annual basis, what best meets the needs of the students, the school, and the community. Iola ISD would also have the flexibility to align the academic calendar to accommodate those students in dual credit courses, thus working with our local colleges.

Teacher Certification (TEC §21.003, §21.044, §21.053, §21.055 and §21.057)

Current Law

State law states that a person may not be employed as a teacher by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued by the appropriate state agency. In the event a district cannot locate a certified teacher for a position or a teacher is teaching a subject outside of their certification, the district must request emergency certification from the Texas Education Agency and/or State Board of Educator Certification.

Proposed

Iola ISD would like to have flexibility to hire teachers in Career Technical Education (CTE), Technology, Engineering, and Arts courses who are not certified in situations in which a suitable, certified applicant cannot be found. All teaching positions in these areas shall be posted for a minimum of two weeks and interviews shall be conducted of certified applicants first. If no suitable applicant is found or if none apply, administration will place an agenda item for the next Board meeting to seek permission to interview non-certified applicants with a background in that specific profession/industry. If a suitable candidate is identified, administration will recommend that person for approval to the Board of Trustees. Any non-certified hires will be required to attend professional development in classroom management, components of effective instruction, and differentiating instruction for learners. They will also be assigned a mentor teacher with a minimum of 5 years of teaching experience. Any non-certified hires will be required to meet the same requirements of all employees (background checks, reference checks, etc.)

How does this benefit Iola ISD Students?

This exemption will allow flexibility to add coherent sequences using local practitioners and business people as instructors. Therefore, students would benefit from the knowledge and expertise of an instructor with real-life professional or industry experience. Additionally, students may have the opportunity to earn certifications or internships through their CTE, Technology, Engineering, or Arts experiences in Iola ISD.

How does this benefit Iola ISD Teachers?

Teachers who are certified in a specific content area may have professional experience from another field, prior to their teaching experience. This exemption would possibly allow these teachers to share their expertise with students in our district and add to our course offerings. The

added benefit of hands-on experiences will open discussion between students and teachers, allowing the teacher to exemplify the relevance of their instruction in all classes.

Rationale for Exemption

As a rural community and school, the current requirements for certification inhibit the District's ability to hire personnel with professional and/or industry experience to teach academic courses that have limited certified applicants, Career Technical Education (CTE) course, and Technology, Engineering, & Arts courses. In order to provide more students the opportunity to take such courses and obtain professional certifications, the District seeks to establish its own local qualification requirements for such courses.

Contract Service Days (TEC §21.401)

Current Law

Current education law located in Chapter 21 defines a teacher contract as a ten month contract equivalent to 187 days.

Proposed

Iola ISD would like to more closely align teacher contract days with the student calendar by reducing the number of teacher days, by up to five days, from 187 with no effect on teacher salaries. The exact number of days would be dependent upon the specific calendar for that school year, but would not exceed 187 days.

How does this benefit Iola ISD Students?

The number one predictor of student success is an outstanding classroom teacher, and this added benefit will assist with the recruitment and retention of outstanding teachers. The added stability in instructional staff is beneficial to student learning.

How does this benefit Iola ISD Teachers?

This proposal will increase the daily rate the district pays teachers. This will enhance teacher recruitment and retention, therefore putting the district on a more level playing field with surrounding districts. It will also align the required number of teacher days more closely with the number of required student minutes.

Rationale for Exemption

With the passage of §25.081 which changed the required days of instruction to minutes the law did not address contract days for 10-month contract employees. The determination of how many days are required to fulfill an employee's contract should be a local decision.

2022 District of Innovation Plan Renewal **TENTATIVE** Timeline

Feb 2, 2022 DAC meets to go over current plan and CONSIDER renewal of plan. If committee decides to move forward with renewal, then...

Feb 10, 2022 Board meeting to VOTE for renewal of plan

Feb 11, 2022 Post plan on district site for 30 days AND notify commissioner of intent in pursuing renewal of DOI

Mar 12, 2022 30 days expires.

Mar 28, 2022 Schedule public hearing for input on DOI. DAC VOTES to approve plan Board votes to approve DOI designation status.

Mar 29, 2022 Submit plan to TEA

BOARD MEETING SIGN IN

DATE 2/2/22

NAME	TOPIC	SPEAK (PLEASE CIRCLE)
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K. Sajewski DAC Mtg. YES OR NO

Rachael Raley DAC Mtg. YES OR NO

Katie Campan "8" YES OR NO

YES OR NO

Paige Finke " " YES OR NO

Christina Steinmann " " YES OR NO

Kayla Ellis (Zoom) YES OR NO

Colt Sharpton (Zoom) YES OR NO

Jeff Dyer YES OR NO

Fowler YES OR NO

Monica Hurst " YES OR NO

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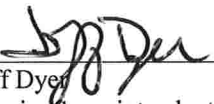
**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
FROM: Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent
DATE: February 10, 2022
SUBJECT: Consideration of order to calling for Bond Election (Item 5)
See Bond Proposition as presented

Motion must say: "I move that the board approve the Order calling school bond election."

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Iola Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code") will enter into an agreement with Grimes County (the "County") for the provision of election services (the "Election Services Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this order (the "Election Order") is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; Now Therefore,

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

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

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Taxes; Proposition. An election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, May 7, 2022 ("Election Day"). At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District:

IOLA ISD PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$24,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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 THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS

Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to appear and permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Proposition which shall appear and be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

IOLA ISD PROPOSITION A

[] FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$24,000,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND
SCHOOLS SITES. TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND
INTEREST ON THE BONDS WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS IS A PROPERTY
TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precinct, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting locations for voting on Election Day shall be the countywide polling locations set forth in **Exhibit A**, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Election Officer in accordance with the Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. Exhibit A and the notices of the Election shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the final locations designated by the County Election Officer. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times; Appointment of Early Voting Elections Administrator. (a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in **Exhibit B** or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Election Officer in accordance with the Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. Exhibit B and the notices of the Election shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the final locations designated by the County Election Officer.

(b) The Board of Trustees hereby appoints Lucy Ybarra, Grimes County Clerk, as Early Voting Clerk and applications for ballot by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at the following address: Elections / Early Voting Clerk, P. O. Box 375, Anderson, TX 77830.

Section 7. Election Services Contract; Joint Election. The District will contract with the County for election services and will conduct a joint election with other participating governmental entities in the County who are holding elections on Election Day. The President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, or their designees, are authorized to negotiate and enter into the Election Services Contract and one or more joint election agreements, or similar

contracts or agreements with the County and any joint election participants, if desired or required to comply with applicable law.

Section 8. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 10. Required Information.

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 2 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 2 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over not to exceed 35 years from their date of issuance, (v) based on market conditions at the time of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate on any series of the bonds is estimated to be 2.75%, (vi) as of the date of this Election Order, (A) the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$170,000.00, (B) the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$175,950.00, and (C) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate is \$0.0943 per \$100 assessed valuation of taxable property.

(b) The statements contained in this Section (i) are based on information available to the District on the date of adoption of this Election Order, including projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) necessarily consist of estimates and projections that are subject to change based on facts, circumstances and conditions at the time that bonds approved pursuant to this Election Order are issued and (iii) are not intended to limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with other terms contained in this Election Order. Accordingly, actual tax rates, interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate outstanding indebtedness and interest on such debt will vary and will be established after the bonds are issued. To the extent of any conflict between this subsection and other terms of this Election Order, such other terms control.

(c) The Early Voting Clerk's website is:
<https://www.grimescountytexas.gov/page/Elections>. The District's website is:
<https://www.iolaisd.net>.

Section 11. Voter Information Document. The form of Voter Information Document for Proposition A is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. The Voter Information Document shall be posted in the same manner as is required for the posting of this Election Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.003(f), Texas Election Code, and may be posted as part of this Election Order.

Section 12. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and all other appropriate officers, agents, and representatives of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this Election Order and to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 13. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Election Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Election Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the District in adopting this Election Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Election Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 14. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 10th day of February, 2022.

President, Board of Trustees
Iola Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Iola Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS

[To follow from Grimes County pursuant to Election Services Contract]

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING LOCATION, DATES AND TIMES

[To follow from Grimes County pursuant to Election Services Contract]

EXHIBIT C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

- (1) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition A is set forth below:

IOLA ISD PROPOSITION A

☐ FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$24,000,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND SCHOOLS SITES. TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

☐ AGAINST

- (2) Certain information regarding District debt is provided in table below:

Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 10, 2022):	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 10, 2022):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 10, 2022):
\$24,000,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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 bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$[0.00], assuming: (i) the bonds are issued in 2022, (ii) an amortization of the bonds over 25 years, (iv) an interest rate of 2.75% on the bonds, and (v) a 2.5% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District for fiscal years 2035, decreasing to 0.0% thereafter. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

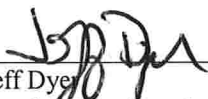
MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
FROM: Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent
DATE: February 10, 2022
SUBJECT: Consideration of order to call for School Board Election (Item 6)

The election laws require the order to call for the school trustee election for May 7, 2022 election by February 18, 2022. Please review the statement from our Elections Administrator, Lucy Ybarra, for election information.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees call for the order of General Election on May 7, 2022 for the election of school board members.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on **Saturday 05/07/2022** for the purpose of:
(date)

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: **02/18/2022.**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
Grimes County Courthouse 100 S. Main St. Anderson TX
(location)

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5p.m. beginning on **04/25/2022**
and ending on **05/03/2022.**

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Lucy Ybarra
Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 375
Anderson, TX 77830

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 .
(date)

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location Date Hours:
04/25/22-05/03/22
Monday – Friday: 8a -5 p,
Navasota Center 101 Stadium Dr. Navasota TX
Iola Community Center 7264 Main St. Iola TX

Issued this the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Member Signature of Presiding Officer

Member Member

Member Member

Member Member

Instruction Note: A copy of this election order must be delivered to the County Clerk/Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar not later than 60 days before election day.

ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA OTRA SUBDIVISION POLITICA

Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el **sábado 05/07/2022**
con el propósito de: _____ (fecha)

Solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta serán presentadas por: **02/18/2022** .

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en
Grimes County Courthouse 100 S. Main St. Anderson TX
(sitio)

Entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el **04/5/2022** y terminando el **05/03/2022**.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:
Lucy Ybarra
Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 375
Anderson, TX 77830

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las
horas de las horas de negocio el **Martes, 26 de abril de 2022** .
(fecha)

La votación adelantada además se llevará a cabo de tal manera:
Sitio Fecha Horas

04/25/22-05/03/22

Lunes - Viernes: 8a -5 p,

Grimes County Courthouse 100 S. Main St. Anderson TX

Navasota Center 101 Stadium Dr. Navasota TX

Iola Community Center 7264 Main St. Iola TX

Emitida este día _____ de _____, 20_____
_____.

Miembro Firma del Oficial que Preside

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Miembro Miembro

**Nota de instrucción: Se deberá entregar una copia de esta orden de elección al/a la Secretario(a)
del Condado/Administrador(a) de Elecciones y el/la Registrador(a) de Votantes a más tardar 60
días antes del día de elección.**

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeff Dyer, Interim Superintendent

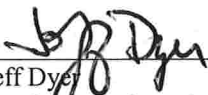
DATE: February 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of approving a Joint Agreement for the General Election for Local Subdivisions (including schools) (Item 7)

Lucy Ybarra of the Grimes County Elections Division will be our Elections Administrator.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a Joint Agreement for the General Election for Local Subdivisions (including schools).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent



**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT
FOR
GENERAL ELECTION for LOCAL SUBDIVISIONS (including SCHOOLS)**

This contract is made and entered into this the 10th day of February, 2022, by and between Tola ISO, hereinafter referred to as "Entity," and Lucy Ybarra County Election Administrator of Grimes County, Texas. All contracting entities are in agreement that elections referenced in this contract include elections scheduled for May 7, 2022, as well as any resulting runoffs. All election date references include early voting dates.

For the purpose of the above-mentioned Joint Election Agreement, all Entities agree to utilize Early Voting and Election Day voting locations identified by Grimes County and the Elections Administrator.

Now, therefore it is agreed that a joint election will be held by the Entity and Grimes County under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Entity will contract with the Elections Administrator of Grimes County ("the Contracting Officer") to perform various responsibilities to include election staffing for Early Voting, Election Day, Tabulation, and Ballot related duties in connection with the election on behalf of each of the entities participating in the election.
- 2) Each entity agrees to share equally the expense of Early Voting and Election Day polling locations, to include staffing, supplies, equipment, and other related cost.
- 3) Each entity agrees to share equally, the expense of ballot production, programming, shipment, and equipment predefinition.
- 4) Entities agreeing to participate in the Joint Election agree that the Elections Administrator is the responsible party for determining election staff, polling locations, and possible consolidation of said polling locations for the Joint Election being held.
- 5) If one entity cancels its election, the remaining entities holding an election will be responsible for all election costs incurred in the Joint Election.
- 6) Each entity will identify a person(s) (limit of 2) to be the point of contact for the Contracting Officer. This person(s) will address concerns, follow up and questions from/for the Contracting Officer. Said person(s) will also serve as the point of contact to receive and then distribute the Joint Election results on Election Day. Each entity agrees that no other staff members will be given results or directed questions.

The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing the following duties in relation to the Joint Election for Local Subdivisions:

- 1) Contact owners or custodians of designated polling locations to arrange use in the Joint Election.
- 2) Procure and distribute all necessary election supplies: required documents, maps, supplies needed to operate the election, equipment, signs, and ballots.
- 3) Procure and prepare all necessary equipment for the election including:
 - Know Ink iPad for Voter Check In,
 - Verity Duo: Voting Booth & Ballot Scanner, and
 - Controller: Election Judges operating booth.
- 4) Serve as the early voting clerk and provide deputy voting clerks to assist with early voting.

- 5) Arrange, notify, and host training classes for all election staff working in said Joint Election.
- 6) Arrange for use of Central Counting Station, Early Voting Ballot Board, including the Ballot By Mail team.
- 7) Publish all required notices of Logic and Accuracy Testing and Election notices, as required by the Secretary of State posted guidelines.
- 8) Assist in the general supervision of the election and provide advisory services as requested by the entities participating in the election.

Whereas, upon agreement of the above-stated terms of the contract for the Joint Election, the Entity agrees to the following conditions regarding election costs and billing:

- 1) The entity *agrees to provide payment in full* upon receipt of the final invoice and cost breakdown within *90 days of receipt*.
- 2) The entity agrees to receive the receipt and any additional cost evidence via email statement at the email address provided to the Contracting Officer by the entity.
- 3) The Entity agrees that contract costs will include a *10% administrative fee* to be paid directly to Grimes County- Elections Administration for administration and oversight of the Joint Election.
- 4) Should the entity request an early voting location that is not a regularly-used location for early voting purposes, the requesting entity agrees to pay for all staffing and rental costs for the early voting period unless otherwise agreed on by the Contracting officer.

The Contracting Officer agrees to provide the following:

- 1) Immediate notice to all parties involved should any change in costs result in a higher rate of 5% or more of all costs related to the elections being held in the current contract year.
- 2) Notice of Ballot drafts- schedule and review ballot drafts prior to ballot printing or programming with each entity participating in the joint election. (Said review may occur via electronic correspondence or, at the request of the entity, in person.)

In the event of an emergency or severe circumstance such as a natural disaster, weather related emergencies, pandemic or health-related occurrences that could affect Grimes County, its voters, and employees- Grimes County reserves the right to terminate the participation of its personnel in the election. In such case, the county will provide all the necessary tools, equipment, and materials for the entity to host an election, but will not be responsible for staffing or administering said election. Any such determination will be made by Grimes County, in its sole discretion, with the input of the Texas Secretary of State.

The parties hereto acknowledge that the Contracting Officer may enter a separate elections services contract with another political subdivision for any election conducted on the same day.

APPROVED by the following parties, also identified as the participants of said election:

Signature

February 10, 2022

Date

Isla ISD

Political Subdivision

Signature

Date

Grimes County Elections Administrator



Election Name : General Election: City & Schools

Election Administrator: Lucy L. Ybarra

Election Date: Saturday May 7 2022

COST ESTIMATE for 2022 ELECTION

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Cost Type</u>	<u>Minor District Name</u>
HART	Ballot Printing & Programming	\$1,750.00
TX Voting Systems	Tech & Site Support	\$1,083.34
Grimes County	Election Kits/Documents	\$11.90
	Precinct Supplies	\$8.95
	Equipment Rental	\$75.00
	Equipment Delivery- Staff	\$41.70
	Interpreter	\$64.17
	Pct Election Staff	\$1,827.92
Grimes Cty-Central CT Staff	Tabulation Supervisor	\$0.00
	Central Count Staff-EVBB	\$63.75
	Ballot By Mail Team	\$202.92
	Provisional Ballot Staff	\$0.00
	Postage	\$33.22
Verizon	Curbside Contacts/Mifis	\$53.43
Grimes County	Election Day Mileage	\$10.00
Navasota Examiner	Legal Notices & Ads: LAT, Election Not. & Polling	\$113.50
Grimes County	Shipping & Handling	\$160.00
	Fuel	\$10.00
Anderson Baptist Church Planters Ma...nic Lodge	Polling Place / Training Rental	\$25.00
Total		\$5,534.80

Lucy L. Ybarra
Grimes Co. E/A - L. Ybarra



COST Sample ONLY