

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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Kaufman County, Texas (the *County*) hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, concurrently with the Election, the District is conducting an election for certain Board trustee positions; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.0581, as amended, Texas Education Code requires that an election for trustees positions, along with any other District election held concurrently therewith, be conducted jointly with a municipality including territory of the District on Election Day (defined herein); and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates conducting its Board election and the Election jointly with the City of Kaufman, Texas (the *City*), which is a municipality within the District, in a manner permitted under applicable Texas law; and

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

WHEREAS, the Election will be conducted by the County and held jointly with other political subdivisions for which the County is also conducting their elections (such other political subdivisions, collectively, the *Participants*), as provided pursuant to the provisions of an election agreement and/or a joint election or similar agreement between or among (as applicable) the District, the County, and/or any Participants, entered into in accordance with the provisions of Section 271.002, as amended, Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements referenced in Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition as authorized by Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code (the *Code*) because these capital improvements will be used predominantly for teaching required curriculum and/or administrative purposes and are not the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1: The Election shall be held in the KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on the 4th day of May, 2024 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION A

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Kaufman Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount not to exceed \$170,000,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities in the District (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities), and the purchase of the necessary sites for school facilities, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of such bonds; and shall 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: On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations designated by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract. The locations of such polling places on Election Day are set forth in **Exhibit A** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the Elections Administrator and to conform to the Election Contract.

The County participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code, meaning that any County voter can vote in the Election at any polling place identified in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3: Early voting shall be administered by the Elections Administrator. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the locations and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law on the dates and at the times set forth in **Exhibit B** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. **Exhibit B** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting locations designated by the Elections Administrator and to conform to the Election Contract.

SECTION 4: A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting and for election

day voting. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for a voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals. Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the Elections Administrator shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election.

SECTION 5: The Elections Administrator will appoint the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election.

An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of an Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to serve as members of each such Early Voting Ballot Board.

The District shall utilize a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, as amended, Texas Election Code. The Administrator, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Board authorizes the Administrator, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer of the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrator will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6: The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$170,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

SECTION 7: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election.

SECTION 8: Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Order and the voter information document required by law, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in three additional public places within the District's boundaries not later than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

A sample ballot shall be posted on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 9: In accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the District, as of the date of the adoption of this Order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$65,815,000.00; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$31,122,060.76; and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.3273 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of the Board's adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 6.00% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date of issuance), and the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue. The foregoing estimated maximum net effective interest rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance; they do not serve as a cap on the per annum interest rate at which any series of bonds authorized at the Election may be sold, or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of the Election.

SECTION 10: The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties, to make such modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 11: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 12: 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 shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 13: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision

SECTION 14: 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 15: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 12th day of February, 2024.

KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT



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President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

**Exhibit A**

**ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION**

Election Day: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kaufman County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters in Kaufman County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified below and on the County's website. (<https://www.kaufmancounty.net/237/Elections>). Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the County's website.

<b>VC#</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
0	Terrell Sub Courthouse	Training Room	408 E. College Street	Terrell	75160
1	St. Ann Catholic Church	Fellowship Hall	806 N. Washington St.	Kaufman	75142
3	First Baptist Church Forney	Chapel	1003 FM 741	Forney	75126
4	Talty Baptist Church	Fellowship Hall	5210 N FM 148	Crandall	75114
5	Terrell Service Ctr.	Training Room	400 Industrial Blvd	Terrell	75160
6	Ables Springs Fire Station	Lobby	30000 FM 429 N	Terrell	75161
9	The Elmo Fire Station	Lobby	12777 FM 2728	Terrell	75161
10	Scurry Rosser Admin. Bldg.	Admin Bldg.	10705 State Hwy 34	Scurry	75158
13	Mustang Creek Church	Foyer	13851 FM 548	Forney	75126
15	First Baptist Church, Kemp	Great Room	1320 S. Elm	Kemp	75143
16	Mabank City Hall	Council Chambers	129 E Market St	Mabank	75147
18	Crandall/Combine Community Ctr.	Community Center	500 W Lewis/FM3039	Crandall	75114
20	Bingo Hall - Terrell	Storeroom	14701 Hwy 205	Terrell	75160
21	Abner Baptist Church	Fellowship Hall	6877 FM 2727	Kaufman	75142
22	Post Oak Bend Community Center	Community Ctr	1175 CR 278	Kaufman	75142
25	Forney Sub Courthouse	Court Room	200 E Main St.	Forney	75126
26	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Gym	500 S Frances St.	Terrell	75160
27	East Side Church of Christ	Foyer	627 S. FM 548	Forney	75126
28	Kaufman County Library	Community Rm	3790 S. Houston St.	Kaufman	75142
29	The Oasis - Heartland Comm. Ctr.	Lobby	3558 Kirby Ln.	Heartland	75126
30	Warsaw Community Center	Lobby	6430 FM 148	Kaufman	75142

31	Keith Bell Opportunity Central	Vestibule	680 Innovation Blvd	Forney	75126
32	City of Combine - City Hall	Court Room	100 Davis Rd.	Combine	75159

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**Exhibit B**

**EARLY VOTING**

Early voting begins Monday, April 22, 2024 and ends on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Early Voting Clerk: Tandi Smith, 3001 S. Washington Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: To be appointed by Administrator.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
April 22, 2024 – April 26, 2024	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
April 27, 2024	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
April 28, 2024	12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
April 29, 2024 – April 30, 2024	7:00 am to 7:00 pm

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip</b>
01	<b>KAUFMAN COUNTY LIBRARY**</b> ** Main Location/ubicación principal	Community Room	3790 S. Houston Street	Kaufman	75142
02	<b>FORNEY SUB COURTHOUSE</b>	Court Room	200 E. Main Street	Forney	75126
03	<b>TERRELL SUB COURTHOUSE</b>	Training Center	408 E. College Street	Terrell	75160
04	<b>KEMP SUB COURTHOUSE</b>	Court Room	103 N. Main Street	Kemp	75143
05	<b>CRANDALL/COMBINE COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	Community Room	500 W. Lewis	Crandall	75114
06	<b>KEITH BELL OPPORTUNITY CENTRAL</b>	Vestibule	680 Innovation Blvd.	Forney	75126
07	<b>MABANK CITY HALL-TBD</b>	Court Room	129 E. Market St.	Mabank	75147
08	<b>SCURRY-ROSSER ADMIN. BLDG.</b>	Admin. Bldg.	10705 S. State Hwy 34	Scurry	75158

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**Early Voting By Mail**

Applications for voting by mail should be received (not post marked) no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Applications should be sent to:

Early Voting Clerk  
Tandi Smith, Kaufman County Elections Department  
PO Box 1347  
Kaufman, Texas 75142

fax: (469) 595-0395  
email: elections@kaufmancounty.net

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 application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.