

*Board of Education
Special Meeting
March 9, 2021*



Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting via Webinar

Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2021, 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/87056884032?pwd=QmdJeitPNzhmYmJxc1JoOGtpWUdQUt09> **Passcode: (618655)**. 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 Monday, March 8, 2021.

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: 870 5688 4032

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87056884032?pwd=QmdJeitPNzhmYmJxc1JoOGtpWUdQUt09>

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA

1. **5:30 PM - CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING - WEBINAR**
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. **RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. Winter Weather Recovery
4. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Internal Audit Update

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve TEA Waiver Request for “Missed School Days” Due to Inclement Weather
- B. Approve TEA Waiver Request “Other Waiver” to Receive Full Day Minutes for Days the District Used 100% Remote Instruction Due to Inclement Weather and/or Infrastructure Issues Related to Inclement Weather
- C. Approve Order Declaring Unopposed Candidate Elected to Single Member District One

6. BOARD TRAINING ON RACIAL EQUITY

7. ADJOURN

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM
BOARD WORKSHOP
March 9, 2021**

**TOPIC: APPROVE TEA WAIVER REQUEST FOR “MISSED SCHOOL DAYS”
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

BACKGROUND:

Due to an unprecedented winter storm, Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) was closed for six (6) days occurring on February 16-19, 2021 (Tuesday-Friday), and February 22-23, 2021 (Monday-Tuesday). No instruction was provided due to inclement weather conditions, power outages and damages sustained from significant flooding. The District can request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for these six (6) days to be excused.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

2 - Improve Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve TEA Waiver Request for “Missed School Days” Due to Inclement Weather
2. Decline to Approve TEA Waiver Request for “Missed School Days” Due to Inclement Weather
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve TEA Waiver Request for “Missed School Days” Due to Inclement Weather

FUNDING SOURCE

No Cost

Additional Details

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

All Schools

RATIONALE:

The waiver for the six (6) days will allow the missed instructional days to be excused.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

Karen Molinar
Michael Ball
Jerry Moore

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM
BOARD WORKSHOP
March 9, 2021**

TOPIC: APPROVE TEA WAIVER REQUEST “OTHER WAIVER” TO RECEIVE FULL DAY MINUTES FOR DAYS THE DISTRICT USED 100% REMOTE INSTRUCTION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER AND/OR INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES RELATED TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

BACKGROUND:

Due to inclement weather conditions and no available ‘bad weather days’ remaining in the 2020-2021 school calendar, the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) transitioned to 100% remote instruction on Thursday, February 11, 2021 for all campuses. Subsequently, due to power outages and damages sustained from significant flooding, FWISD transitioned to 100% remote instruction for Tanglewood, Westpark and Bonnie Brae Elementary schools on February 24-26, 2021 (Wednesday – Friday). One hundred percent (100%) remote instruction continued on March 1-2, 2021 (Monday and Tuesday), for Bonnie Brae Elementary school while the district worked to repair damages caused from significant flooding. The District can request an ‘Other’ waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to receive full day minutes for day(s) the District transitioned to 100% remote instruction due to inclement weather or infrastructure issues related to a storm.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

2 - Improve Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve TEA Waiver Request “Other Waiver” to Receive Full Day Minutes for Days the District used 100% Remote Instruction Due to Inclement Weather and/or Infrastructure Issues Related to Inclement Weather
2. Decline to Approve TEA Waiver Request “Other Waiver” to Receive Full Day Minutes for Days the District used 100% Remote Instruction Due to Inclement Weather and/or Infrastructure Issues Related to Inclement Weather
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve TEA Waiver Request “Other Waiver” to Receive Full Day Minutes for Days the District used 100% Remote Instruction Due to Inclement Weather and/or Infrastructure Issues Related to Inclement Weather

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:

All Schools

RATIONALE:

The District can receive full day minutes for day(s) the District transitioned to 100% remote instruction due to inclement weather or infrastructure issues related to the storm.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

Karen Molinar
Michael Ball
Jerry Moore

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM
BOARD WORKSHOP
March 9, 2021**

TOPIC: **APPROVE ORDER DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT ONE**

BACKGROUND:

January 26, 2021, the Board of Education ordered an election for May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing a member to represent Single Member Districts One, Four, Seven, Eight and Nine. Since that time the deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot and/or declare as a write-in candidate has expired. It was determined and certified that there is only one candidate in Single Member District One. Under current State law, holding an election in Single Member Districts with unopposed candidates is no longer required and unopposed candidates may be declared elected by order of the Board of Education.

STRATEGIC GOAL:

3 - Enhance Family and Community Engagement

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Order Declaring Unopposed Candidate Elected to Single Member District One
2. Decline to Approve Order Declaring Unopposed Candidate Elected to Single Member District One
3. Remand to staff for further study

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Order Declaring Unopposed Candidate Elected to Single Member District One

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

Division of Policy and Planning

RATIONALE:

Approving the Order Declaring Unopposed Candidate Elected to Single Member District One will allow the District to avoid having an unnecessary election with only one candidate. It is required that the Fort Worth ISD Board declare the single candidate elected.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

Karen Molinar

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 on March 4, 2021 at 2:30 PM.”



**Faye Daniels
Executive Secretary
Board of Education**