

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
ELLIS COUNTY
WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie Independent School District (the "*District*") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "*Election*"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District is contracting with Ellis County, Texas for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with Ellis County (the "*Election Contract*"); and

WHEREAS, Ellis County, acting through the Ellis County Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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

Section 2. *Election Ordered; Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017 ("*Election Day*"). The Election is to be conducted with, and administered by, Ellis County, as provided by Chapter 271 and Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code (the "*Code*"), and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 3. *Early Voting.* Early voting shall be administered by Ellis County. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 23, 2017 and conclude on November 3, 2017, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 4. *Election Officials.* The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Election Coordinator, as applicable, in accordance with the Election Contract and the Code. The Elections Coordinator may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station.

Section 5. *Voting by Mail.* Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be mailed to the address below and received (not postmarked) by October 27, 2017; if application to vote by mail is made by personal delivery, the application must be delivered by close of business on October 20, 2017.

By Mail and Personal Delivery: Jana Onyon; Elections Administrator

204 E. Jefferson Street

Waxahachie, TX 75165-3752

Fax: 972-923-5194 (and mailed within 4 days)

Email: elections@co.ellis.tx.us

Section 6. *Early Voting Ballots.* An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Coordinator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. *Qualified Voters.* All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. *Proposition.* At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$65,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating and equipping school facilities within the District; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law 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 cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new natatorium, with any surplus proceeds to be used for constructing, renovating, acquiring and equipping other school facilities in the District; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law 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 cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR)	
_____)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$65,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE
)	WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
AGAINST)	SCHOOL FACILITIES AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT
_____)	THEREOF.
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FOR)
 _____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE
) WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A
 AGAINST) NATATORIUM AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT
 _____) THEREOF.
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Section 10. *Compliance with Federal Law.* In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Election Coordinator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

Section 12. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

(a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$65,000,000 for Proposition A and \$13,000,000 for Proposition B.

(d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy 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 cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

(e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the Bonds is estimated to be 4.50%. Such estimated maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the Bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed 31 years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the District's 2016-17 fiscal year is \$230,745,693.35.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the District's 2016-17 fiscal year is \$214,902,719.21.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District for the 2016-17 fiscal year is \$0.3839 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

Academic Growth



Student Growth



August 21, 2017 – For Immediate Release

Waxahachie ISD Board of Trustees Votes to Call \$78M Bond Election

The Waxahachie Independent School District Board of Trustees voted this evening to call a \$78 million bond election to accommodate the continued growth of the district. The bond will be on the ballot for voters' consideration on November 7, 2017.

During the public hearing the Trustees listened to public comment on a potential bond election. Several community members took the opportunity to speak on topics including the district's growth and facilities to address such growth.

Board members unanimously approved asking voters to consider two propositions:

Proposition A would fund the construction of two new elementary campuses for the district, extensive renovations to Northside Elementary, and a new agriculture barn to be built near the new Waxahachie High School (\$65 million).

Proposition B would fund a natatorium to be built next to the new Waxahachie High School (\$13 million). The City of Waxahachie has committed \$100,000 annually toward the maintenance of this facility.

Trustees determined that the second elementary school would begin construction when the district reaches 90% of its functional student capacity at the elementary level. Waxahachie ISD continues to see tremendous growth. At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, Waxahachie ISD had just over 8,400 students, which is growth of more than 600 students in the past three years.

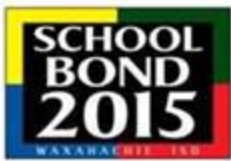
Many Waxahachie ISD campuses are currently at functional capacity, meaning they may not be able to accommodate new students as Waxahachie grows. The 2015 school bond enabled the district to accommodate growth at the secondary levels; Waxahachie ISD will open a third junior high in the 2018-2019 school year, along with larger Waxahachie High School and Waxahachie Global High School campuses. The bond called this evening will provide room to accommodate anticipated growth at the elementary level in the years to come.

For more information about Waxahachie ISD and the 2017 bond, please visit www.wisd.org.

Continuing our tradition of "Excellence in Education," the mission of the Waxahachie Independent School District is to develop, through a cooperative effort with the home and community, well-educated, responsible citizens who can excel in a complex world.

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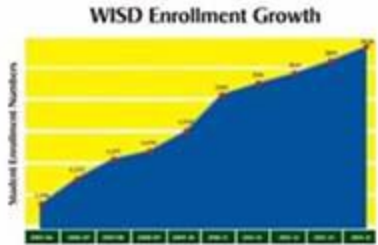
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Since 2005, WISD has grown by 32.5%, or 1,968 students. In the last five years alone, WISD's enrollment has grown by 7.8%, or 573 students, which is enough students to fill an average-sized elementary school. Current projections by Templeton Demographics estimate growth of 883 students by 2020.

Major elements of the 2015 bond:

- New Waxahachie High School - \$118,200,000 (est). The new high school will provide capacity at all grade levels through the re-purposing of campuses. The new high school will contain classroom space for 2,500 students grades 9-12. It will have a core area capacity for 3,000 students if needed. The school will also house new Career and Technical Education facilities and a new Fine Arts Center.
- Renovations to current WHS - \$5,000,000 (est). The building would be configured to address instructional needs of Coleman Junior High School in part of the facility and a separate portion will be designated for Waxahachie High School of Choice and Challenge Academy.*
- Renovations to Finley Junior High - \$800,000 (est). Renovations will provide an updated facade and a track and field.
- Renovations to Turner - \$1,000,000 (est). Renovations will prepare Turner to be used as an elementary campus to meet student enrollment growth.
- WISD will use budgeted pre-existing funds for work at Wilemon and WNGA and to purchase land for new WHS. Wilemon will be an elementary campus, potentially focused on STEM education. WNGA will be repurposed as WISD's third junior high campus.



**On August 8, 2016, the Waxahachie ISD Board of Trustees took official action to relocate Waxahachie Global High School to the current Waxahachie Ninth Grade Academy building and convert the current Waxahachie High School building into Coleman Junior High School.*

Ground Breaking Ceremony for New WHS

