

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS DENTON COUNTY PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Ponder Independent School District (the "District") has heretofore approved an order (the "Original Order") calling a bond election in the District for May 2, 2020, which election was postponed due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it advisable to modify the Original Order, and to adopt this order to provide for the calling of the bond election on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the information to be provided to the voters and included herein, the date of adoption of this order shall be deemed the date of calling the November 3, 2020 bond 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 PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. A bond election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on November 3, 2020, in the District at the designated polling places for registered voters of the District. In accordance with the provisions of an election services contract (the "Contract") with the Denton County Elections Administrator, the locations for voting on election day shall be as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Exhibit A shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the election day voting polling places provided by the County for the County precincts that overlap the District, as may be required to conform this Order to the Texas Election Code and/or the Contract, as applicable. As so completed, Exhibit A, shall be used in the notices of the election.

2. Early voting shall be conducted for all voters by personal appearance and mail during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being October 13, 2020 through October 30, 2020, at the designated early voting polling places and during the hours set forth in Exhibit B hereto. Frank Phillips, Denton County Elections Administrator, or any successor to such office, is hereby appointed early voting clerk and shall appoint and designate deputy clerks for early voting in accordance with the Contract. For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Exhibit B shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the early voting polling places provided by the County, as may be required to conform this Order to the Texas Election Code and/or the Contract, as applicable. As so completed, Exhibit B, shall be used in the notices of the election.

3. Eligible Denton County registered voters of the District (with an effective date of registration on or before October 5, 2020) may vote on election day at the locations and during the early voting period at the locations shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively.

4. Applications for early voting by mail must be received by October 16, 2020 at the following address:

Denton County Elections Administrator
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208
elections@dentoncounty.com

If application to vote by mail is made by personal delivery, the application must be delivered by the close of business on October 23, 2020.

5. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at the election.

6. At the election the following PROPOSITION, setting forth the purpose for which the bonds shall be authorized, shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of Ponder Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially within the maximum number of years authorized by law, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in the aggregate principal amount of \$75,000,000 for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings 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?

7. 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:

- (i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is \$0.4978 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

9. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees or the Superintendent to execute or attest on behalf of the District a contract with Denton County for election administration services.

10. In accordance with provisions of the Code, a substantially complete voter information document pertaining to the Proposition to be voted on at the election is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" (the "Voter Information Document"). This order (the "Bond Election Order") and the Voter Information Document, as may be modified without further Board action in a manner that is consistent with the calling of the election by the Board and the election notice requirements of the Code applicable to the election, shall serve as proper notice of the election and the voter information document required by Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code. The President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Bond Election Order and the Voter Information Document to be posted and published as follows:

- (a) The Bond Election Order shall be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District;
- (b) The Bond Election Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees, and at three other places in the District, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election;
- (c) The Bond Election Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted on election day and during early voting by personal appearance, in a prominent location at each polling place; and
- (d) The Bond Election Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted during the 21 days before the election, on the District's Internet website.

Each of the Bond Election Order and the Voter Information Document shall be published and/or posted, as provided above, in both English and Spanish translations.

Exhibit "A"

ELECTION DAY VOTING

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day, which is November 3, 2020. On election day, qualified voters of Ponder Independent School District shall vote at their assigned precinct polling place, as follows:

Denton Co Precinct Number	Location	Address	Room	City	Zip Code
4001	Plainview Baptist Church	12215 FM 1173	The Family Life Center or Fellowship Hall	Krum	76249
4002	Ponder Town Hall	102 W. Bailey St.	Council Chambers	Ponder	76259
4003	Robson Ranch Clubhouse	9428 Ed Robson Cir.	Legacy Room	Denton	76207
4035	Northlake Town Hall	1500 Commons Cir., Ste. 300	Chamber Room	Northlake	76226
4036	Justin Municipal Complex	415 N College Ave.	Council Room	Justin	76247

Questions about precinct assignment and voter registration is available at the Denton County Elections website, at <https://www.votedenton.com/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch>.

Exhibit "B"

EARLY VOTING

Early voting for qualified voters of Ponder Independent School District shall be conducted between October 13, 2020 and October 30, 2020 at the following days and hours:

<u>Early Voting Period:</u>		
Monday - Saturday	10/13/20 - 10/17/20 & 10/19/20 - 10/24/20	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday	10/26/20 – 10/30/20	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/18/20 & 10/25/20	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Any qualified registered voter may vote at any early voting location established by Denton County at any time during the early voting period when polls are open.

The main early voting location is at the Multipurpose Room of the Denton County Elections Administration Building, located at 701 Kimberly Drive, Denton, Texas.

An early voting location is also established in the Council Chamber Room of the Ponder Town Hall, located at 102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, Texas.

In addition to the early voting locations listed above, there are other locations in Denton County where any qualified voter may vote early during the early voting period. The complete list of Denton County early voting locations is available online at <https://www.votedenton.com/upcoming-election-information>. Such list is subject to revision and voters wanting to vote at another location in Denton County are advised to consult the online list prior to going to vote.

estimate assumes (i) three annual issuances of bonds under Proposition A, (ii) that the bonds of each series that may be approved under Proposition A would be sold with an annual amortization of 31, 30 and 15 years, respectively, (iii) growth of District's taxable assessed valuation of \$37,500,000 per year for five years and no assumed growth thereafter and (iv) that the average interest rate on the bonds does not exceed 3.50%. The District reserves the right not to issue all of the bonds should the bond market and economic outlook in the District change after the election.

The information provided in this Document is to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019), which requires a voter information document for each proposition to be submitted to the voters.