

**AGENDA OF RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, February 9, 2023**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Oak Independent School District will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM at Red Oak High School Performing Arts Center, 220 South SH 342, Red Oak, TX 75154.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC HEARING - DISCUSSION OF ACTIONS NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GROWTH AND FACILITIES
Brenda Sanford, Superintendent; Kevin Freels, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; and Dr. Bill Johnston, CPA, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services / CFO
5. OPEN FORUM 3
6. ACTION ITEMS
A. Consideration and Approval of Adoption of an Order Calling a Bond Election on May 6, 2023 5
Dr. Bill Johnston, CPA, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services / CFO
7. CLOSED SESSION
A. Texas Government Code 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any and all subjects or matters authorized by law.
B. Texas Government Code 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
C. Texas Government Code 551.073 - For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.
D. Texas Government Code 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
1. Personnel Matters
E. Texas Government Code 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.
F. Texas Government Code 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.
G. Texas Government Code 551.0821 - Personally identifiable information of Public School students.
H. Texas Government Code 551.083 - For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representative of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.
I. Texas Government Code 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

- J. Texas Government Code 551.086 - For the purpose of considering economic development negotiations.
- 8. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO CLOSED SESSION
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Any person with a disability or special accommodation need should call 972-617-2941 no later than 10:00 a.m. on the scheduled meeting date.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Brenda Sanford, Superintendent
(For the Board of Trustees)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP SHEET

Any person wishing to address the Board about a topic related to District business during the period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting must sign up to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL):

1. Each participant will be limited to two (2) minutes to make comments to the Board.
2. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for tonight's meeting.
3. The Board has adopted complaint policies that are designed to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and concerns. Each of these processes provides that, if a resolution cannot be achieved administratively, the person may appeal the administrative decision to the Board as a properly posted agenda item. For further information on those policies, please contact Kevin Freels, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations, for student issues, and Michelle Ailara, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, for employee issues at 972-617-2941. If the subject of your comment involves a pending grievance, please continue to seek resolution through the grievance process and address the Board only at the appropriate stage of that process.
4. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board may exercise its authority to discuss certain subject matters in closed session, including matters involving individual District staff members and individual students. If your comment concerns one of these subjects, please address your concern through the complaint policies described above.
5. Finally, please be aware that rules of decorum will be enforced during the public comment period. Personal attacks, name-calling, and rude or slanderous remarks will not be tolerated. Each participant is legally responsible for the content and consequences of his or her own statements.

Please fill in the information requested below if you wish to address the Board during the public comment period:

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

ROISD Campus Your Child(ren) attends _____

School District of Residence _____ Telephone _____

Topic/ Agenda Item _____

Limit on Participation	Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.
Public Comment	At regular Board meetings, the Board shall permit public comment, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.
Regular Meetings	
Special Meetings	At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.
Procedures	Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board. Public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting. Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed two minutes per meeting.
Meeting Management	When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, reordering agenda items, deferring public comment on nonagenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.
Board's Response	Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.
Complaints and Concerns	The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employee complaints: DGBA• Student or parent complaints: FNG• Public complaints: GF
Disruption	The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.

Order Calling a Bond Election

Presented for:

Board Action X

Report/Review Only

Supporting documents:

None

Attached X

Provided Later

Contact Person:

Dr. Bill Johnston, CPA, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services/Chief Financial Officer

Background Information:

After the November Bond Election, community feedback was received indicating the District should consider calling for a bond election solely for a new second Middle School. With the current Middle School being the priority focus due to overcrowding and continual projected growth, the District recommends that a May Bond Election be called in the amount of \$97,500,000 that consists of only one Proposition for a new second Middle School with a 1,200-student capacity, using the renderings already paid for by ROISD.

Fiscal Implications:

None.

Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends the School Board approve the Order Calling a Bond Election on May 6, 2023.

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ELLIS
RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees of Red Oak Independent School District (the “District”) deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered (the “Election”); and

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

WHEREAS, Ellis County, acting through the Ellis County Elections Administrator (the “Elections Administrator”) in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District; 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 RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. 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 May 6, 2023 (“Election Day”). The Election is to be conducted by the Contracting County, as provided by Chapters 31 and 271, 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 Code and the Election Contract.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the Contracting County. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 24, 2023 and conclude on May 2, 2023, and will be conducted at the designated 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 any other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract and the Code. The Elections Administrator 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. 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 Contracting County.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed or emailed to the applicable addresses below by April 25, 2023.

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

By Mail, Personal Delivery or Email
in Ellis County:

Jana Onyon
204 E Jefferson Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165-3752
Phone: 972-825-5195
Fax: 972-923-5194
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 Administrator. 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:

RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Red Oak Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$97,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring and equipping a new middle school 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. Ballot. The official ballot 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 ballot to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.3481 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(j) The websites at which additional information pertaining to the election may be found are:

for the District - <https://www.redoakisd.org/>; and

for the Ellis County - <https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/312/Elections>

EXHIBIT A

POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times:

April 24 – April 28, 2023	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 29, 2023	Saturday	8:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 1- 2, 2023	Saturday, Sunday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Locations

Main Early Voting Location
Ellis County Elections Office
204 E. Jefferson Street
Waxahachie, Texas 75167

Early Voting Location
Red Oak Municipal Center (Evelyn Pitts Room)
200 Lakeview Parkway
Red Oak, Texas 75154

Red Oak Independent School District voters may vote at any additional Early Voting locations established and open under full contract services with the Ellis County Elections Administration, which list may be found at <https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/312/Elections>.

Election Day Locations Dates and Times:

May 6, 2023 7:00AM to 7:00PM

Eastridge Baptist Church (Gym)
732 E. Ovilla Road
Red Oak, Texas 75154

Red Oak Municipal Center (Evelyn Pitts Room)
200 Lakeview Parkway
Red Oak, Texas 75154

Lifepoint Community Church
201 Louise Ritter Rd.
Red Oak, TX 75154

Red Oak Independent School District voters may vote at any additional Election Day Vote Centers established and open under full contract services with the Ellis County Elections Administration, which list may be found at <https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/312/Elections>.