

ORDER CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE COLMESNEIL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTIES OF TYLER, ANGELINA AND JASPER §

COLMESNEIL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Colmesneil Independent School District (the “District”) hereby finds that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold a tax ratification election under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 26, as amended; seeks to ensure a high quality education program for all of its students; and

WHEREAS, the meeting of this Board of Trustees at which this Order was adopted was open to the public and public notice of the date, time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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

1. An election shall be held on the 21st day of August, 2018, in the Colmesneil Independent School District, which date is not less than thirty (30) days nor later than ninety (90) days from the date on which the District adopted its tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019, for the purpose of submitting the following measure and proposition to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Colmesneil Independent School District be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of such Board adopted on July 12, 2018, an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.12 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.00 for Debt Service, for a total tax rate of \$1.12 per \$100.00 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the Colmesneil Independent School District for the 2019 tax year, being a rate that is \$0.00 higher per \$100.00 of such taxable assessed valuation than the school district rollback tax for such year, calculated pursuant to Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code?

2. The election shall be held, and notice is hereby given that an election will be held, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on August 21, 2018, in the Colmesneil Independent School District, for the purpose stated herein, at the following designated polling place within the District:

COLMESNEIL I.S.D. CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
610 W. Elder
Colmesneil, Texas 75938

Said polling place shall constitute a single election precinct for said election.

2. The following election officers are hereby appointed to hold said election:

PRESIDING JUDGE: Connie Wigley

ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE: Ashley Adaway Rowden

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge in the election precinct.

3. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted from August 6, 2018, through August 17, 2018, inclusive. The Central Administration Office of the Colmesneil Independent School District, 610 W. Elder, Colmesneil, TX 75938, which is a public place within the District, is hereby designated as the main early voting place where early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted. The early voting clerk and Presiding Judge shall be Ashley Adaway Rowden, whose business address is 610 W. Elder, Colmesneil, TX 75938, and whose email address is Ashley.rowden@colmesneilisd.net. Connie Wigley and Robyn Bass are hereby appointed as deputy early voting clerks. Such office or place of early voting by personal appearance shall be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day for voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or an official state holiday.

4. The Central Administration Building of the Colmesneil Independent School District, 610 W. Elder, Colmesneil, TX 75938, Room 1B shall be the voting place for all early voting by mail. The Presiding Judge for early voting by mail shall be Ashley Adaway Rowden, whose mailing address is Colmesneil Independent School District, PO Box 37, 610 W. Elder, Colmesneil, TX 75938 to which all ballot applications and early voting ballots shall be sent. Early voting by mail shall be conducted during the same period as early voting by personal appearance, except that envelopes containing mailed ballots must arrive at the address on the carrier envelope before the polls are required to close on Election Day, unless otherwise determined to be timely pursuant to Article 86.007, Texas Election Code.

5. The conduct and manner in which said election shall be conducted shall be governed by and in accordance with the Texas Education Code, the Texas Election Code, the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1975, and the rules of the Department of Justice.

6. An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created for the purpose of processing early voting results and shall consist TBD, whose address is 610 W. Elder, Colmesneil, TX 75938 as Presiding Judge, and two other qualified members to be appointed, in accordance with Article 87.001, et seq. of the Texas Election Code.

7. Connie Wigley, a duly qualified person, is hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge, Central Counting Station, and she shall perform the duties and assume the responsibilities inherent in that office. The manner in which said election shall be conducted shall be governed by the Texas Education Code and the Texas Election Code and this Board of Trustees will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

8. All resident, qualified electors of the Colmesneil Independent School District shall be entitled to vote at said election, and, on the day of the election, such electors are to vote at the designated polling place.

9. Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with the Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot.

10. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper Notice of said election and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause said Notice to be published in English and Spanish 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 and of general circulation in said District, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall also cause this Order to be posted where notices are customarily posted in the Colmesneil Independent School District and also posted on the District's website at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election.

11. The official ballots for said 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:

PROPOSITION

APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.12 PER \$100 VALUATION IN THE COLMESNEIL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT IS \$0.00 HIGHER PER \$100 VALUATION THAN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ROLLBACK TAX RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING STATE FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY

12. In all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

13. 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 of Trustees of the District.

14. 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 are and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

15. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

16. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances is nevertheless be valid, and this Board of Trustees hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

17. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which the 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 Texas Government Code chapter 551, as amended.

18. This Order is in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

19. 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 of Trustees of the District.

20. To the extent permitted by law, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, or the respective designees thereof, to negotiate, enter into on the District's behalf and execute any necessary election agreements and make such technical modifications to this Order, and to make changes to polling places, election judges and officers, that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2018.



President
Board of Trustees
Colmesneil Independent School District

ATTEST:



Secretary
Board of Trustees
Colmesneil Independent School District

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