RESOLUTION NO. 06172024

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024; APPROVING A JOINT ELECTION SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TARRANT COUNTY; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES; APPOINTING AN ELECTION JUDGE AND AN ALTERNATE JUDGE; AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR PRE-CLEARANCE APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; ESTABLISHING OTHER PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, state law and Lake Worth Independent School District require that a School Board Trustee election be held; and

WHEREAS, all of Lake Worth Independent School District and its voting precincts are located within only the County of Tarrant; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the Lake Worth Independent School Board to designate all requirements of an Election Order and Notice of Election in accordance to state law, and authorize a contract with Tarrant County for joint election services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LAKE WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1

GENERAL ELECTION CALLED: A general election shall be held in the Lake Worth Independent School District, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at which time the following officers will be elected:

TRUSTEE, PLACE 6

TRUSTEE, PLACE 7

SECTION 2

TERM OF OFFICE: In accordance with the Lake Worth Independent School Board, the candidate for each office receiving the highest number of votes for such office shall be elected to a three (3) year term beginning November 2024, and ending November 2027, or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 3

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT: Any eligible and qualified person shall have his/her name printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the offices herein set forth by filing his/her sworn application with the Superintendent's Office not earlier than July 20, 2024 (note: falls on a Saturday; the office of the Superintendent is not required to be open on Saturday or Sunday; first date office shall be open is Monday, July 22, 2024) and not later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2024. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing by the Superintendent's Office as provided by state law. Notice of the time and place for such drawing shall be given in accordance with the Code.

SECTION 4

JOINT ELECTION SERVICE CONTRACT APPROVED: The Joint Election Service Contract between Tarrant County and Lake Worth ISD (the "Contract") will be presented to the Lake Worth Independent School Board after it is available in late September 2024. In the event of a conflict between this Resolution and the Contract, the Contract shall control.

SECTION 5

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE: The Election Day polling place for the general election shall be in the Lake Worth Council Chambers located at 3801 Adam Grubb, Lake Worth, Texas between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 6

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGE AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGE:

The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as indicated in the Contract and authorized by Chapter 271 of the Code.

SECTION 7

PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ELECTION: Notice of the election shall be published at least once in the newspaper in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

SECTION 8

EARLY VOTING:

- a. Early voting by personal appearance. The Tarrant County Election Administrator ("Elections Administrator") is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Lake Worth ISD School Board Election, as so indicated in the Contract. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence October 21, 2024, and shall continue until November 1, 2024. Specific days, times and locations shall be designated by the Elections Administrator and included in the Contract and shall be in compliance with state law. On at least two weekdays during the early voting period, the location for early voting shall be open for at least twelve (12) hours as mandated by state law.
- b. Early voting by mail. The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for the Early Voting applications and ballots. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to County of Tarrant, Elections Administrator, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, not later than close of business on Friday, October 25, 2024 (regular ABBM and FPCA) if delivered in person or by mail. Early voting by ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator at the same address. The Superintendent's Office is directed to forward applications and ballots she may receive to the Elections Administrator as provided in the Contract.
- c. Early Voting Ballot Board. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail shall be canvassed by the Early Voting Ballot Board which is hereby created. The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge, as appointed according to Section 6, shall serve as the presiding officer and alternate presiding officer, respectively, of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The other election officers serving at the election shall serve as the other members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 9

METHOD OF VOTING: The Hart InterCivic eScan (Optical Scan Voting System) shall be used for voting by personal appearance on election day and the Hart InterCivic eSlate (Direct Recording Electronic Voting System) for early voting by personal appearance and election day. The Lake Worth Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Hart InterCivic eScan for Election Day and the eSlate DRE for early voting and Election Day. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials, therefore, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Contract and Election Code.

SECTION 10

SUBMISSIONS TO THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: The Superintendent's Office of the Lake Worth Independent School District, is authorized to make such submissions as are necessary to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance as required by law.

SECTION 11

NOTICES: This Resolution shall serve as the Order of Election (as required by Section 3.001 of the Election Code) and as the Notice of Election (as required by Section 4.001 of the Election Code). A copy of the resolution and the Contract shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Lake Worth Independent School District at least twenty-one (21) days before the election. Notice shall be published in the newspaper in accordance with state law.

SECTION 12

NECESSARY ACTIONS: The Lake Worth Independent School Board and Superintendent's Office, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 13

PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE on this 17th day of June 2024.

APPROVED:

LAKE WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT

Armando Velazguez, Pre