

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CALLED BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2024

6:30 P.M.

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2024

THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M.

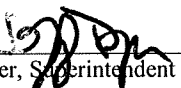
IOLA ISD BOARD ROOM

AGENDA

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

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Recognition of visitors: Public Forum
4. Consider and approval of the 2022-2023 school financial audit
5. Consideration of approving Right-of-Way easement to the City of Iola for the purpose of Wastewater Treatment Plant
6. Consideration of a retention stipend to all personnel
7. Consideration of approving a Joint Agreement for the General Election for Local Subdivision (including schools)
8. Consideration of hiring an architect firm for potential projects
9. Personnel
10. Closed Session: Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Attorney Consultation), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.082 (Student Discipline Matters), 551.072 (Purchase of Real Property) 551.076 (Student Safety) 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)
11. Adjourn

This notice was posted and filed in compliance with the Open Meetings Law on January 8, 2024 at 3:00 pm.



Jeff Dyer, Superintendent

IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th of January, 2024 the Board of Trustees of the Iola School District will hold a public hearing located at Iola ISD Board Room, Iola, Texas 77861. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to the made a part of this Notice.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

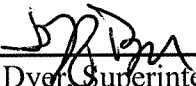
Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Private consultation with the board's secretary.
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of the public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives follow, in consultation with representatives of employees groups.
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.
- 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic development negotiations

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting;
- or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

On this 8th of January, 2024 original copy was posted on the front window in the School District Administration Building at 3:00 p.m. on said date.



Jeff Dyer, Superintendent
For the Board of Education

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent
DATE: January 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Public Forum (Item 3)

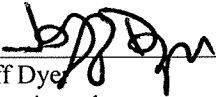
At regular meetings the Board shall allot up to 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive indicating the topics about which they wish to speak.

Public participation is limited to the designated open forum portion of a meeting. At all other times during Board meetings, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board. No presentation shall exceed 5 minutes.

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board may not deliberate, discuss, or make any decision on any subject not on the agenda.

BOARD PRESIDENT: The presiding officer shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to do so before bringing the matter to the board at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

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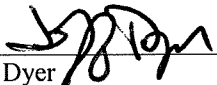
MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
FROM: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent
DATE: January 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of the 2022-2023 school financial audit
(Item 4)

Axley & Rode, LLP will have the 2022-2023 school audit completed and ready for presentation.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2022-2023 school financial audit

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

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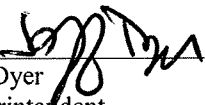
DATE: January 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of approving Right-of-Way easement to the City of Iola for the purpose of Wastewater Treatment Plant (Item 5)

The City of Iola is in need right-of-way easement in order to move forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The easement plans will be available for your review at the board meeting.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Right-of-Way easement to the City of Iola for the purpose of Wastewater Treatment Plant

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

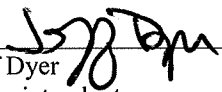
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
FROM: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent
DATE: January 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Consideration of a retention stipend to all personnel (Item 6)

Mr. Dyer will be presenting this retention stipend addition

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IOLA, TEXAS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeff Dyer

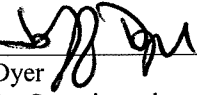
DATE: January 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of approving a Joint Agreement for the General Election for Local Subdivisions (including schools) (Item 7)

Rachel Walker of the Grimes County Elections Division will be our Elections Administrator.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a Joint Agreement for the General Election for Local Subdivisions (including schools).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Interim Superintendent



**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT
FOR
GENERAL ELECTION for LOCAL SUBDIVISIONS (including SCHOOLS)**

This contract is made and entered into this the _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between _____, hereinafter referred to as "Entity," and **Rachel Walker** Election Administrator of **Grimes** County, Texas. All contracting entities agree that elections referenced in this contract include elections scheduled for **May 4, 2024**, as well as any resulting runoffs. All election date references include early voting dates.

For the purpose of the above-mentioned Joint Election Agreement, all Entities agree to utilize Early Voting and Election Day voting locations identified by Grimes County and the Elections department.

Now, therefore it is agreed that a joint election will be held by the Entity and Grimes County under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Entity will contract with the Elections Administrator of Grimes County ("the Contracting Officer") to perform various responsibilities for voters residing in Grimes County to include election staffing for Early Voting, Election Day, Tabulation, and Ballot related duties in connection with the election on behalf of each of the entities participating in the election.
- 2) Each entity agrees to share the cost of the election based on the percentage of registered voters within their district or city limits. Including, but not limited to, Early Voting and Election Day polling locations, to include staffing, supplies, equipment, and other related cost as well as the expense of ballot production, programming, shipment, and equipment predefinition.
- 3) Entities agreeing to participate in the Joint Election agree that the Elections Administrator is the responsible party for determining election staff, polling locations, and possible consolidation of said polling locations for the Joint Election being held.
- 4) If one entity cancels its election, the remaining entities holding an election will be responsible for all election costs incurred in the Joint Election.
- 5) Each entity will identify a person(s) (limit of 2) to be the point of contact for the Contracting Officer. This person(s) will address concerns, follow up and questions from/for the Contracting Officer. Said person(s) will also serve as the point of contact to receive and then distribute the Joint Election results on Election Day. Each entity agrees that no other staff members will be given results or directed questions.

The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing the following duties in relation to the Joint Election for Local Subdivisions:

- 1) Contact owners or custodians of designated polling locations to arrange use in the Joint Election.
- 2) Procure and distribute all necessary election supplies: required documents, maps, supplies needed to operate the election, equipment, signs, and ballots.
- 3) Procure and prepare all necessary equipment for the election including:
 - Know Ink iPad for Voter Check In,
 - Verity Duo: Voting Booth & Ballot Scanner, and
 - Controller: Election Judges operating booth.
- 4) Serve as the early voting clerk, and provide deputy voting clerks to assist with early voting.
- 5) Arrange, notify, and host training classes for all election staff working in said Joint Election.
- 6) Arrange for use of Central Counting Station, Early Voting Ballot Board, including the Ballot By Mail team.
- 7) Publish all required notices of Logic and Accuracy Testing and Election notices, as required by the Secretary of State posted guidelines.

- 8) Assist in the general supervision of the election and provide advisory services as requested by the entities participating in the election.

Whereas, upon agreement of the above stated terms of the contract for the Joint Election the Entity, agrees to the following conditions regarding election costs and billing:

- 1) The entity ***agrees to provide payment in full***, upon receipt of the final invoice and cost breakdown within ***90 days of receipt***.
- 2) The entity agrees to receive the receipt and any additional cost evidence via email statement at the email address provided to the Contracting Officer by the entity.
- 3) The Entity agrees that contract costs will include a ***10% administrative fee*** to be paid directly to Grimes County-Elections Administration for administration and oversight of the Joint Election.
- 4) Should the entity request an early voting location that is not a regularly used location for early voting purposes, the requesting entity agrees to pay for all staffing and rental costs for the early voting period unless otherwise agreed on by the Contracting officer.

The Contracting Officer agrees to provide the following:

- 1) Immediate notice to all parties involved should any change in costs result in a higher rate of 5% or more of all costs related to the elections being held in the current contract year.
- 2) Notice of Ballot drafts- schedule and review ballot drafts prior to ballot printing or programming with each entity participating in the joint election. (Said review may occur via electronic correspondence or, at the request of the entity, in person.)

In the event of an emergency or severe circumstance such as a natural disaster, weather related emergencies, pandemic or health related occurrences that could affect Grimes County, its voters, and employees- Grimes County reserves the right to terminate the participation of its personnel in the election. In such case, the county will provide all the necessary tools, equipment, and materials for the entity to host an election, but will not be responsible for staffing or administering said election. Any such determination will be made by Grimes County, in its sole discretion, with the input of the Texas Secretary of State.

The parties hereto acknowledge that the Contracting Officer may enter a separate elections' services contract with another political subdivision for any election conducted on the same day.

APPROVED by the following parties, also identified as the participants of said election:

Signature

Date

Political Subdivision

Signature

Date

Grimes County Elections Administrator

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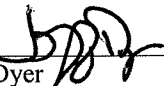
MEMORANDUM

TO: Iola ISD Board of Trustees
From: Jeff Dyer, Superintendent
DATE: January 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Consideration of hiring an architect firm for potential projects
(Item 8)

Goodwin, Lasiter and Strong (GLS) architect firm will be present at the meeting.

It is recommended to the Board of Trustees to hire GLS Architect Firm for potential projects.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Superintendent

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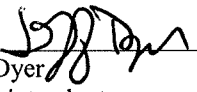
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SUBJECT: Personnel (Item 9)

a. resignation

b. employment

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Dyer
Superintendent