

To: Board of Education

From: Bret Jimerson

Re: Consider Cancelling May 1, 2021 Trustee Election Due to Unopposed Candidates

Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

This item exists because of special circumstances that effect the regular election of members of the Board.

Summary:

The timelines passed for filing for candidacy as well as write-in candidacy in the upcoming regular May election of Board Members with only one candidate in each Place on the ballot. Incumbents Staci J. Eisner (Place 5), Jerri McNair (Place 6), and Pat Worrell (Place 7) were the only candidates to file for this election.

The Texas Election Code under § 2.051 through § 2.053 provides instruction to political subdivisions regarding the disposition of elections under these circumstances. §2.052 requires the political subdivision to officially declare through certification that all of the candidates are unopposed. §2.053 outlines the process of resolving the election results when candidates are unopposed and requires that unopposed candidates be proclaimed to hold the office filed for without conducting an election.

Given this information, there are three documents that must be considered by the Board. The first is acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates as provided by the authorized Election Officer. The second document is an Order of Cancellation which notifies the public that the duly called election will not be held and that the candidates will be certified for the offices for which they filed. The third document is a Resolution for the City of Burleson recognizing that Burleson ISD will be cancelling the election and thereby releasing the district from the contractual election obligations with them for May 1, 2021.

Consequences of the Decision:

If approved, the Board will officially cancel the duly called election of May 1, 2021 and declare the candidates certified to their respective office.

If rejected, the election duly called by the Board of Trustees will be held on May 1, 2021 with only the official candidates on the ballot and no opportunity for write-in candidates. Budgeted funds to hold the election will be spent as committed to hosting the election.

Attachments:

1. Certification of Unopposed Candidates (English, Spanish and Vietnamese)
2. Order of Cancellation (English, Spanish and Vietnamese)
3. Resolution for the City of Burleson (English)
4. Resolution for the City of Burleson (Spanish)
5. Resolution for the City of Burleson (Vietnamese)

Action Requested

Monitoring or Reporting Timeline

Board Approval

None

Contact Person(s)

Financial Impact

Bret Jimerson
Tom Dyar
Mary Ellen Burch

Potential savings of \$12,000

I recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates, the Order of Cancellation and the Resolution for the City of Burleson for the called Election of May 1, 2021.