

# ***IOWA PARK CISD BOARD OF EDUCATION***

## ***Special Called Meeting***

**Monday, March 30, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS ISSUED ON MARCH 16, 2020. THE BOARD PRESIDENT, PRESIDING OFFICER, OR TRUSTEES WILL NOT BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT ONE LOCATION BUT A QUORUM OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AND WILL BE AUDIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.**

All public comments must be sent in writing to the District two hours prior to the beginning of the meeting, if you wish to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda item at the special meeting. All public comments shall be submitted in writing and distributed to the Board of Trustees for consideration. All comments must be mailed to the following email address [cbartow@ipcisd.net](mailto:cbartow@ipcisd.net) and include the following in the subject line: **Public Comment for March 30, 2020 Board Meeting.**

**Join Zoom Meeting – <https://zoom.us/j/2495423904>**

**Join by Telephone – 1-346-248-7799**

**Meeting ID: 249 542 3904**

## **AGENDA**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Announcement by the Board President whether a quorum is present, and that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required by law.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – See Above.**

### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

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 this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

A. COVID-19 Preparedness Report

B. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Adoption of Board Resolution Authorizing Payment and Leave for Personnel, Authorizing the Superintendent to Apply for Waivers, and Authorizing the Superintendent to Address other Operational Issues in Order to Accommodate Emergency School Closures and Delivery of Remote Instruction Due to COVID-19.

C. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Postponing the May 2, 2020, General Election to November 3, 2020, including Adoption of an Order under the Authority or the Texas Governor's Proclamation.

### **IV. 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 conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't. Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

Information on special accommodations for disabled patrons can be obtained by calling 592-4193.

**ORDER TO POSTPONE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION TO THE  
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE**

The Board of Trustees of the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") previously ordered an election to be held on May 2, 2020 for the purpose of: electing two members to the Board of Trustees of said District.

Pursuant to the proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas dated March 18, 2020 (the "Proclamation"), the School District is authorized to postpone its election date to November 3, 2020, and the District's Board of Trustees, by majority vote, is exercising this authority to postpone its election to November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office.

The District hereby confirms that the candidate filings for the May 2, 2020, election will remain valid for the election held on the November 3, 2020, date and the filing period will not be re-opened for the November election date.

The District hereby confirms that all applications for ballot by mail ("ABBM") for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election. ABBMs for the voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county will not be valid for the postponed election. New ABBMs will need to be submitted for the November election where an absence from the county is expected.

The major relevant dates for the November election include the voter registration deadline (October 5, 2020), the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail (October 23, 2020), and the dates for early voting (October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020).

The District requests that the applicable County election officers enter into a contract to furnish election services to the District for the postponed election under the authority of the Governor's Proclamation.

Issued this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Signature of Presiding Officer

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# IOWA PARK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

## A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACT IN PLACE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees ("Board") recognizes that officials in the State of Texas and the United States Government have declared a disaster and emergency regarding coronavirus/COVID-19 (hereafter "COVID-19") and its potential spread;

**WHEREAS**, the territory included in Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District is within the areas declared a disaster and an emergency area;

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency and the Governor of the State of Texas declared a statewide disaster regarding COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 20, 2020, Wichita County declared a local state of disaster regarding COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 is an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency of urgent public necessity, that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and that additional emergency declarations may follow in the coming days and weeks;

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Administration are following advice and directives from federal, state and local authorities in responding to the COVID-19 Virus;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and therefore desires to ensure that the school district and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community in light of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the District was closed for Spring Break from March 16-20, 2020, and has remained closed until at least April 3, 2020, (with classes suspended but remote delivery of instruction beginning on March 30, 2020), consistent with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-08, issued on March 19, 2020, and that the state, federal, or local authorities (including but not limited to decisions of the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District's Board of Trustees and/or Superintendent) may determine a need exists to implement further suspension of classes in response to the health needs of our families and our community;

**WHEREAS**, the District's public purpose is served by promoting conscientious health choices, including individual quarantines as may be necessary when classes resume, and to continue compensation of staff members during such times;

**WHEREAS**, the District's public purpose is served by working with students, families, and staff to the extent possible to support continued learning during times of school suspension and/or quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to retain its employees, reduce turnover, increase morale, help employees focus on work-related matters while at work, and facilitate the return to duty of employees if schools are closed and believes that an additional public purpose exists in doing so;

**WHEREAS**, the Board supports future decisions the Superintendent may make under the authority of this resolution regarding the continuation of wage payments to all regular employees, contractual and non-contractual, salaried and non-salaried, who would otherwise suffer a loss in pay due to an emergency closing, as continuation of wage payments in an amount equal to each employee's regularly scheduled rate of pay, as feasible, will serve the public purposes of maintaining morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity of District staffing when schools reopen;

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes the public purposes described above are fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Superintendent to address this ever-changing emergency situation in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of its students, staff, community, and the citizenship at-large.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Iowa Park CISD Board of Trustees finds a substantial public purpose exists in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and therefore in ensuring that the school district and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community in light of COVID-19.

In furtherance of these public purposes, the Board of Trustees makes the following delegations to the Superintendent and designee(s):

1. The authority to act in the place of the Board under Policy DEA (LOCAL) and thus make all decisions regarding payment of employees during an emergency closure, to interpret and implement the provisions of Board Policy DEA(LOCAL), and to make determinations regarding the purpose and parameters of any such payment.
2. The authority to alter the Iowa Park CISD 2019-2020 school calendar by changing and/or adding school/instructional hours and work/school days as necessitated by any emergency closure or related concerns;
3. The authority to act in place of the Board under Policy DEC (Local) regarding employee leave and thus create guidelines and make decisions regarding absences, leave time, leave days, and compensation of any employee who is quarantined (by the District and/or health officials) due to travel or exposure concerns related to COVID-19 and/or who tests positive for COVID-19 and who presents appropriate medical documentation regarding themselves and/or an immediate family member, in compliance with Texas and federal law;
4. The authority to seek any necessary waivers from the Texas Education Agency without further action of the Board of Trustees regarding missed instructional days, low attendance, or any matters related to the emergency closures as part of this Resolution;
5. The authority to declare a catastrophe and take all actions as appropriate in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 552.233, regarding temporary suspension of the Texas Public Information Act;

6. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent, in his discretion, to provide any and all assistance related to the COVID-19 virus to other state agencies or local governments that provide a governmental function or service pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 791). This may include but is not limited to: use of the District's facilities for testing potentially infected individuals, housing patients, distributing vaccines, and/or use of school vehicles/busses for transportation to emergency sites. The Superintendent may execute any such Interlocal agreement upon the approval of any such Interlocal agreement by legal counsel; and,
7. In the event other waivers or immediate actions are needed, the Superintendent is authorized to take other action and to submit/apply for other waivers in accordance with guidance and instructions from the national and state authorities and/or agencies.

This Resolution was adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 30th day of March, 2020, at which a quorum was present. This document may be executed in multiple counterparts.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees