

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Hamshire-Fannett Independent School District on November 2, 2021, in obedience to an order duly entered by the Board of Trustees of the District on July 26, 2021, which order reads substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON §
HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "District"), has, among others, the power to issue bonds for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation and improvement thereof), and the purchase of necessary sites for school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered in order to provide adequate public school facilities for all the students of the HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the District will enter into one or more election agreements (the "Election Agreements") with Jefferson County, Texas (the "County") and possibly other political subdivisions (the "Participants"), in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the "State") and applicable federal law;

WHEREAS, the meeting of this Board of Trustees at which this Election 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 HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

1. **Findings.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Election Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

2. An 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 Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, for the purpose stated herein, which date is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. Taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds or any related credit agreements may be imposed.

3. The election shall be held jointly with Jefferson County, Texas and other political subdivisions within Jefferson County in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and in accordance with the terms and provisions of a Joint Election Agreement in the form presented to the District (the "Joint Election Agreement"). The Board of Trustees of the District hereby ratifies, approves and authorizes the District to enter into the Joint Election Agreement.

4. Except as otherwise provided herein, the election precincts and the location of each polling place shall be as shown in the Joint Election Agreement and Exhibit A attached to this Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

In the event the Superintendent, or his designee, shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place herein or hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District's best interest to relocate such polling place, or that there is a change in any polling location or date and times for voting made by the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas pursuant to the terms of the Joint Election Agreement, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent, or his designee, is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, as appropriate, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice as is required by the Texas Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

5. The Board hereby appoints the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas, who currently is Theresa Goodness, as the Early Voting Clerk for the District. In the event Theresa Goodness is unable for any reason to serve as the Early Voting Clerk, then her successor in office who is the then current acting County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for the District. Early voting by both personal appearance and by mail will be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Early voting shall be conducted jointly from October 18, 2021 through October 29, 2021 at the places set forth in the Exhibit B attached hereto, or at such other locations and times as hereafter designated by the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas. The email address of the Early Voting Clerk is countyclerk@co.jefferson.tx.us, and the mailing address of the Early Voting Clerk is County Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 1151, Beaumont, Texas 77704, and the street address of the Early Voting Clerk is County Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1185 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, and the phone number of the Early Voting Clerk is 409-835-8760, and the internet website of the Early Voting Clerk is <https://www.jeffersonelections.com>. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Theresa Goodness, PO Box 1151, Beaumont, TX 77704 or delivered by common or contract carrier to Theresa Goodness, Jefferson County Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1185 Pearl Street, First Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **October 22, 2021**. Federal postcard applications must be received no later than the close of business on **October 22, 2021**.

The County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

6. 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

7. The County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas is hereby authorized and responsible for establishing a central counting station for the ballots cast in the election and appointing a Presiding Judge and other personnel necessary for such station.

8. 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.

9. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the 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 Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early

voting by mail. Each voter desiring to vote in favor of a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "FOR" the Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "AGAINST" the Proposition. Voting shall be in accordance with the Election Code.

10. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish and persons capable of acting as translators in both English and Spanish shall be made available to assist Spanish language speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

11. A substantial copy of this Order and the voter information attached hereto as Exhibit C including a Spanish translation thereof, shall serve as proper Notice of said election and the President of the Board of Trustees or the District's Superintendent 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 or the District's Superintendent shall also cause this Order to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the District's Board of Trustees and at three other places in the District where notices are customarily posted in the HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election, and also posted in a prominent location on the District's internet website, <https://www.hfisd.net>, and at a prominent location at each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Election Code. A sample ballot shall be posted on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. Further, the District's Superintendent shall cause a copy of the Notice to be sent to the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas and posted on the County Clerk's website in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Elections Code.

12. At said election, the following one Proposition shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Hamshire-Fannett Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,480,000, for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipping of a concession building at the District's High School Football Stadium; which concession building will include a concession stand and restrooms and may include one or more locker rooms and related facilities, which bonds may be issued in various series or issues, may be sold at any price or prices, shall mature serially or otherwise and bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, variable, floating, adjustable or otherwise) as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of the District within its discretion at the time of issuance, but not to exceed the maximum maturity dates and interest rates now or hereafter authorized by law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due and the cost of credit agreements, if any, executed in connection with the bonds, all as authorized by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas?

13. The official ballot 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 ballot to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law and with such Proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

FOR)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,480,000 OF BONDS BY THE HAMSHIRE-FANNETT
)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY FOR AND FINANCE THE
)	CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF A
)	CONCESSION BUILDING AT THE DISTRICT'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
)	STADIUM THAT WILL CONTAIN A CONCESSION STAND AND RESTROOMS
)	AND MAY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE LOCKER ROOMS AND RELATED
)	FACILITIES, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY

) **THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.**
) **THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

14. The ballots shall be counted as provided by the Texas Election Code. After completion of his or her responsibilities under the Texas Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with this Election Order. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election. If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Propositions, then the issuance and sale of the bonds described in the Proposition(s) approved by the voters shall be authorized in the maximum amount contained therein, and the bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and in such denominations and series and at the time to times determined by the Board to be in the District's best interests.

15. As required by and in accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the District, as of the date of this order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$52,140,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$29,719,505, and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.3592 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. The District estimates an ad valorem debt service tax rate of \$0.37135 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation if the bonds that are the subject of the Election are approved and are issued (taking into account the outstanding District bonds and bonds that are the subject of this Election, but not future bond authorizations of the District). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 13-year period from their respective date of issue. The forgoing estimated tax rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance, and do not serve as a cap on any District ad valorem tax rate or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

19. 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.

20. 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.

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

22. In all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The District's Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to assure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President or Superintendent, in

consultation with the District's legal counsel, are hereby authorized to make technical corrections and changes to this Order and any exhibit hereto and also changes to any joint election agreement, election services contract, polling places, election judges and officers, notice, ballot and election procedures in the event changes are required because of such joint elections, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with state and federal law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of July, 2021.

/s/ President
Board of Trustees
Hamshire-Fannett Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Secretary
Board of Trustees
Hamshire-Fannett Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

**Countywide Polling Places
(Lugares de votacion del Condado)**

Precincts Voting at Location (precintos de votacion en el Localizacion)	Election Day Polling Places (Localizaciones)	Address (Direccion)	City, State and Zip Code (Ciudad, Estado, Codigo postal)
ALL (TODOS)	Amelia Elementary School (Gymnasium)	565 S. Major Drive	Beaumont, TX 77707
ALL (TODOS)	Beaumont Municipal Airport (Conference Room)	455 Keith Road	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (TODOS)	Bevil Oaks Civic Hall	13560 River Oaks Blvd.	Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
ALL (TODOS)	BISD Administration Building (Boardroom)	3395 Harrison Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (TODOS)	Dishman Elementary (Gymnasium)	3475 Champions Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77707
ALL (TODOS)	O.C. Mike Taylor Career Center(First Floor Old Library)	2330 North St.	Beaumont, TX 77702
ALL (TODOS)	Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	Beaumont, TX 77613
ALL (TODOS)	Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77706
ALL (TODOS)	Roy Guess Elementary(Hallway near Gymnasium)	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
ALL (TODOS)	Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St.	Port Neches, TX 77651
ALL (TODOS)	Jefferson County WCID 10 Fire Station (Front Lobby)	2024 Spurlock Rd.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (TODOS)	Groves Public Library (Front Meeting Room)	5600 West Washington	Groves, TX 77619
ALL (TODOS)	Nederland City Hall	207 N 12 th St.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (TODOS)	Jerry Ware Airport Terminal (Conference room off Main Lobby)	5000 Jerry Ware Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (TODOS)	Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (TODOS)	Jefferson County ESD #4 (Main Meeting Room)	12880 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705

Precincts Voting at Location (precintos de votacion en el Localizacion)	Election Day Polling Places (Localizaciones)	Address (Direccion)	City, State and Zip Code (Ciudad, Estado, Codigo postal)
ALL (TODOS)	Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave.	Nederland, TX 77627
ALL (TODOS)	Port Neches City Hall (Council Chambers – Room 104)	1005 Merriman	Port Neches, TX 77651
ALL (TODOS)	Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39 th St.	Groves, TX 77619
ALL (TODOS)	DeQueen Elementary (Fifth Grade Hall)	740 DeQueen Blvd	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (TODOS)	Zion Hill Baptist Church (Education Building)	5848 Roosevelt Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (TODOS)	Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (TODOS)	Former Dowling Elementary Campus (Library)	6301 Pat Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77640
ALL (TODOS)	O.W. Collins Retirement Center	4440 Gulfway Dr.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (TODOS)	Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9 th Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (TODOS)	Queen of Vietnam Catholic Church (St. Joseph Hall)	801 9 th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (TODOS)	R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr.	Sabine Pass, TX 77655
ALL (TODOS)	Travis Elementary (Library)	1115 Lakeview Ave.	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (TODOS)	Willie Ryman Center	3248 39 th Street	Port Arthur, TX 77642
ALL (TODOS)	Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave.	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (TODOS)	Charlton-Pollard Elementary (Gymnasium)	825 Jackson St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (TODOS)	Lamar University Montagne Center (Cardinal Club Room)	4401 S. MLK PKWY	Beaumont, TX 77705
ALL (TODOS)	Hamshire-Fannett High School (Foyer)	12702 2 nd St.	Hamshire, TX 77622
ALL (TODOS)	Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby)	1085 Pearl St.	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (TODOS)	MLK Middle School (Gymnasium)	1400 Avenue A	Beaumont, TX 77701
ALL (TODOS)	John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr.	Beaumont, TX 77703

Precincts Voting at Location (precintos de votacion en el Localizacion)	Election Day Polling Places (Localizaciones)	Address (Direccion)	City, State and Zip Code (Ciudad, Estado,Codigo postal)
ALL (TODOS)	Precinct 4 Service Center (Conference Room)	7780 Boyt Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77713
ALL (TODOS)	Sterling Pruitt Center (Multi-purpose Room)	2930 Gulf St.	Beaumont, TX 77703
ALL (TODOS)	Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77705
	**Location Change		

EXHIBIT B

**NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS FOR
NOVEMBER 2, 2021, GENERAL AND JOINT ELECTION
(Aviso de localizaciones y horas para elecciones adelantadas de Noviembre 2, 2021
Elecciones General y Conjunta)**

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following dates and times:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:

(Localizaciones de Votación Adelantada):

Beaumont Courthouse – Main Location	1085 Pearl St. (Lobby), Beaumont, Texas
Port Arthur Sub-Courthouse	525 Lakeshore Dr. (Foyer), Port Arthur, Texas
Rogers Park Recreation Center	6540 Gladys, Beaumont, Texas
Port Arthur Library	4615 Ninth Ave. (Lucy Stiefel Gallery), Port Arthur, Texas
Theodore Johns Library	4255 Fannett Rd. (Meeting Room), Beaumont, Texas
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas, Beaumont, Texas
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library	2712 Nederland Ave. (Meeting Room), Nederland, Texas
Groves Activity Building	6150 39th Street (Lounge), Groves, Texas
Effie & Wilton Hebert Library	2025 Merriman St. (Community Room), Port Neches, Texas
Ray Chesson Office Building	19217 FM 365 (Courtroom), Beaumont, Texas
Precinct One Service Center	20215 W. Highway 90 (Front Conference Room), China, Texas

DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:

(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones):

October 18 – 22, 2021 (<i>Octubre 18 – 22, 2021</i>)	Monday – Friday (<i>Lunes – Viernes</i>)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 23, 2021 (<i>Octubre 23, 2021</i>)	Saturday (<i>Sábado</i>)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 25 – October 27, 2021
(Octubre 25 – Octubre 27, 2021)

Monday-Wednesday
(Lunes – Miercoles)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 28 – October 29, 2021
(Octubre 28 – Octubre 29, 2021)

Thursday-Friday
(Jueves-Viernes)

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Hamshire-Fannett Independent School District Proposition A

<input type="checkbox"/> FOR <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST	<p><i>THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,480,000 OF BONDS BY THE HAMSHIRE-FANNETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY FOR AND FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF THE CONCESSION STAND AT THE DISTRICT'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.</i></p>
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principal of debt obligations to be authorized	\$1,480,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 2.50%	\$289,792
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 13 years	\$1,769,792
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations	\$52,140,000
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations	\$29,719,505
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 30 years	\$81,859,505
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, approved This figure assumes the amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligation; changes in estimated future appraised values within the District; changes in estimated future appraised values within the political subdivision; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations.	\$12.50