

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 10th day of May, 2008, in accordance with the following order:

ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Hitchcock Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said election shall be held on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by Texas law; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Proposition. An election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Saturday, May 10, 2008 ("Election Day"), in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,980,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS ISSUES OR SERIES, SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD 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 AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID BONDS; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS INCLUDING THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE?

Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting on Election Day and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved voting systems and ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The official ballots shall be prepared using English and Spanish. Oral assistance in Spanish shall be made available to all persons requiring such assistance.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION

- [] FOR) THE ISSUANCE OF \$39,980,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTION,
-) RENOVATION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT,
-) THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES THEREFORE AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN
- [] AGAINST) PAYMENT THEREOF

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The present boundaries of the District are hereby established as and shall constitute one election precinct. The voting location for voting on Election Day shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees hereby appoints Sue Overton as the presiding election judge. The presiding judge appointed by the Board of Trustees shall appoint at least two, but not more than six, clerks to assist in conducting such election, one of whom shall be the alternate presiding judge and all of whom shall be qualified voters of the District.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. (a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the location, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

(b) Susan Gage is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, and Pam Haygood and Eleanor Spells are hereby appointed Early Voting Deputy Clerks. Applications for ballot by mail shall be sent to:

Susan Gage, Early Voting Clerk
 Hitchcock Independent School District
 8117 Highway 6
 Hitchcock, TX 77563

Section 7. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one time not earlier than the thirtieth day nor later than the tenth day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in the District, and (ii) by posting a copy of this order on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the District's Board of Trustees, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election.

Section 8. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 9. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the District in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 3rd day of March, 2008.

 /s/ Monica Cantrell
 President, Board of Trustees
 Hitchcock Independent School District

ATTEST:

 /s/ Estelle Holmes
 Secretary, Board of Trustees
 Hitchcock Independent School District

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A
HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATION
May 10, 2008, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Presiding Judge</u>
Richard G. Mooney Gymnasium Crosby Middle School 7801 Neville Avenue Hitchcock, Texas 77563	Sue Overton

EXHIBIT B
HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARLY VOTING LOCATION, DATES AND TIMES

Location	Dates	Days	Hours
Hitchcock ISD Administration Building 8117 Highway 6 Hitchcock, Texas 77563	April 28 – May 2, 2008	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	May 5 – May 6, 2008	Monday - Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.