

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TRUSTEE ELECTION
FOR
SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT 3 and 5**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
GALVESTON COUNTY**

On this the 19th day of February 2008, the Board of Trustees of the Hitchcock Independent School district convened in Regular Session, open to the public with the following members present:

Monica Cantrell, President
Tom Ivey, Vice President
Estelle Holmes, Secretary
Pat Turner, Member
Mark Morgan, Member
Ted Robinson, Jr., Member
Shirley Price, Member

constituting a quorum, and among the other proceeding had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

WHEREAS, the term of office of PAT TURNER in single-member district 3
MARK MORGAN in single-member district 5

members of the Board of Trustees of this School District will expire on May 10, 2008, and on said date a trustee election will be held in said School District.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said trustee election:
THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election be held in said School District on MAY 10, 2008, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Trustees of said School District from the single-member districts 3 and 5.
2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot of said single-member district, and the trustee position sought from said single-member districts for the above election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate and filed with the recording secretary of the Board of Trustees at the Superintendent's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, FEBRUARY 9, 2008 – MARCH 10, 2008 - DEADLINE 5:00 P.M.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall post, or cause to post, on the bulletin board in the building where the Board of Trustees meets, the name of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Order, and said Secretary shall otherwise comply with terms and provisions of Section 4.003(b) of the Election Code.

3. That said election shall be held at the following places and the following named persons are hereby appointed for said election:

At the RICHARD G. MOONEY GYMNASIUM of the Hitchcock ISD, in Hitchcock, Texas for single-member districts 3 and 5, SUE OVERTON as Presiding Judge. The polls at the above designated polling places shall on Election Day be open from 7:00

a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

4. SUSAN GAGE, is hereby appointed Clerk for early voting, PAM HAYGOOD, and ELEANOR SPELLS are hereby appointed Deputy Clerks for early voting. The early voting for the above designated election shall be held at the Administration Office, 8117 Highway 6, Hitchcock, Texas within the boundaries of the above named school district and said place of early voting shall remain open for at least eight (8) hours on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on APRIL 28, 2008, and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election, MAY 6, 2008. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each day for said early voting by personal appearance. The above described place for early voting by personal appearance is also the early voting clerk's address to which ballot application and ballots voted by mail shall be sent.

5. The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as near as may be, by the Election Code of the State, and the Board of Trustees shall furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies required to said election.

6. Immediately after said election has been held, the officials holding the same shall return to the President of the Board of Trustees in a sealed envelope a copy of the returns, poll list, and tally sheets for said election, and this set shall be used by the Board of Trustees in canvassing said election for each single-member district.

7. The presiding judge for said election shall return to the President of the Board of Trustees immediately after the votes have been counted, the ballot box containing the voted ballots and all other election supplies and said ballot box shall be preserved and kept in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code for each single-member district.

8. The Board of Trustees shall give notice of said election. The President of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and instructed to post or cause to post said combined Election Order and Notice at three (3) public places where notices are customarily posted in this school district, and said posting shall be made at least twenty (20) days before the date of said election.

The President shall also cause a copy of this combined election Order and Notice to be published one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this school district is located. Said publication shall be no more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days before the date of said election.

9. Previously pursuant to an order/resolution adopted on February 13, 1996, the Hitchcock Independent School District, elected its Trustees by majority vote. According to the Texas Attorney General Lo-95-087 the provision which governs elections by numbered position, Texas Education Code ' 11.058, no longer allows such elections to be conducted by majority vote. Accordingly, trustees will hereafter be elected by plurality vote, whereby the candidate receiving the most votes wins. Election by plurality negates the necessity of run-off elections.

In the event of a tie vote, the candidates may agree to cast lots. Otherwise, a second election will be held not sooner than twenty days, but not later than thirty days after the final canvass for the election. Only the names of the tying candidates shall be on the ballot for the second election and no write-in votes will be permitted.

10. It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary posted, or caused to have posted, written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board inside the Administration Building and on the announcement board on the outside of the Administration Building and on the outside of the HISD Board Room and Conference Facility, both places convenient to the public, and said notice having been so posted and remained posted continuously for at least three (3) days preceding the date of this meeting.

The order having been read, was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board of Trustees voted AYE:

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Tom Ivey, Vice-President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary

Pat Turner, Member

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