



CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Claude Independent School District, hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of said District convened in Regular Session on February 13, 2020, at the regular meeting place thereof, and the roll was called of the duly constituted members of said Board of Trustees, to-wit:

Amy Lovell, President	Ray Lendon	)	Board
Lee Whitaker, Vice President	Todd Peden	)	of
Jason Godfrey, Secretary	Tim Young	)	Trustees
	Phillip Caudill	)	

and all of said persons were present at said meeting, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at said meeting: a written Order entitled

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

was duly introduced for consideration of said Board of Trustees. It was then duly moved and seconded that said Order be passed; and after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of said Order, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

2. A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Order passed at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; said Order has been duly recorded in the official minutes of said Board of Trustees; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true and correct excerpt from said minutes of said meeting pertaining to the passage of said Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph, at the time of said meeting and the passage of said Order, were the duly chosen, qualified and acting members of said Board of Trustees as indicated therein; according to the records of my office, each member of the Board of Trustees was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting and that said Order would be introduced and considered for passage at said meeting; and said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chap. 551, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS February 13, 2020.

  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Claude Independent School District

[DISTRICT SEAL]

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Claude Independent School District (the "District") hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the Board shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter set forth (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, concurrently with the Election the District is conducting an election for certain Board of Trustees positions; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.0581, as amended, Texas Education Code requires that an election for trustee positions, along with any other District election held concurrently therewith, be conducted jointly with a municipality including territory of the District on Election Day (defined herein); and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates conducting its trustee election and the Election jointly with the City of Claude, Texas (the "City"), which is a municipality within the District (unless the City cancels its election, in which case the District's compliance with Section 11.0581, as amended, Texas Education Code is no longer required because of, as described above, impossibility), in a manner permitted under applicable Texas law; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that all facilities to be acquired, constructed, renovated, improved or equipped pursuant to Proposition A herein will be used predominantly for required classroom instruction and essential administrative operations for faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines 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 CLAUDE 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; Propositions. The Election shall be held in the District on Saturday, May 2, 2020 ("Election Day"), a uniform election date as established by Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code"). At the Election, the following propositions (the "Propositions") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

CLAUDE ISD – PROPOSITION A

Shall the board of trustees of Claude Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$9,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving and equipping school buildings of the District, including for the purchase of new school buses and for the retrofitting of school buses with emergency, safety, or security equipment and the purchase or retrofitting of vehicles to be used for emergency, safety, or security purposes; and shall there be levied, assessed and collected annually 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 the same become due and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and to bear interest at such rate or rates not to exceed the limit prescribed by law at the time of issuance, as the board of trustees in its discretion shall determine?

CLAUDE ISD – PROPOSITION B

Shall the board of trustees of Claude Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, improving and equipping technology equipment, including computers and tablet devices for the District; and shall there be levied, assessed and collected annually 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 the same become due and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and to bear interest at such rate or rates not to exceed the limit prescribed by law at the time of issuance, as the board of trustees in its discretion shall determine?

Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting on Election Day, early voting by personal appearance and by mail shall be by use of paper ballots.

(b) The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” each Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

CLAUDE ISD – PROPOSITION A

- FOR ) “THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,500,000 OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING,
- AGAINST ) IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, FOR THE RETROFITTING OF SCHOOL BUSES WITH EMERGENCY, SAFETY, OR SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE PURCHASE OR RETROFITTING OF VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY, SAFETY OR SECURITY PURPOSES; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”

CLAUDE ISD – PROPOSITION B

- FOR ) “THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 OF BONDS FOR ACQUIRING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT,
- AGAINST ) INCLUDING COMPUTERS AND TABLET DEVICES FOR THE DISTRICT; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”

Section 4. Bilingual Election Materials. 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.

Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Election Precincts, Polling Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts (the “Election Precincts”) for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within one or more Armstrong County election precinct, which bear the precinct numbers set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. One or more Polling Locations are hereby designed for holding the Election as set forth in Exhibit A. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 7. Early Voting Locations Dates and Times. (a) Teresa Justiss is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for the District for purposes of this Election (the “Early Voting Clerk”). The early voting places and the addresses for early voting by mail for the Election are hereby designated as set forth in Exhibit B and such locations are hereby approved.

(b) Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the days and during the hours set forth in Exhibit B.

(c) Applications for early voting by mail shall be submitted to the Early Voting Clerk at the location identified in Exhibit B.

Section 8. Appointment of Early Ballot Board. An early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results. Kym Klarich is hereby appointed as the presiding judge of said board and shall appoint at least two (2) other members to serve on the board.

Section 9. 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 (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District, (ii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document (as hereinafter defined), in English and Spanish on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board and in at least three (3) other public places within the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and (iii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document, in English and Spanish, on the District’s website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Propositions and any sample ballot prepared for the election, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the County Clerk and Voter Registrar of Armstrong County not later than the 60th day before the Election Day; which notice the County is hereby authorized and directed to post to its website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Government Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. District’s Outstanding Debt. As of the effective date of this Order, the District’s aggregate principal amount of outstanding of tax-supported debt was \$1,290,000 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was \$223,650. The District’s total ad valorem tax rate for the current fiscal year was \$1.025, which is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate component of \$0.97 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation and a debt service tax rate of \$0.055 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The District’s taxable assessed valuation for calendar year 2019, as of the date that the current tax rate was established, was \$259,909,250.

Section 12. Issuance of New Debt. The District intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Propositions over a period of years in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Board based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the District, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations of property in the District and management of the District's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations of property vary based upon a number of factors beyond the District's control, and therefore, the District cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Propositions. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The District estimates that, based on the District's current taxable assessed valuation, current market conditions and estimated future growth in the District's taxable assessed valuation, if all of the bonds authorized by the Propositions were issued in accordance with the District's current project finance plan, the maximum interest rate on the bonds is not expected to exceed 4.25%.

Section 13. Voter Information Document. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to provide with respect to each of the Propositions, a voter information document, in the form prescribed by Section 1252.051(b), Texas Government Code (collectively, the "Voter Information Document").

The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, is further authorized and directed to post the Voter Information Document in the same manner provided under Section 9 of this Order, and additionally on the District's website in an easily accessible manner beginning not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date set for the Election and ending on the day after Election Day.

Section 14. Necessary Actions. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel, is 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, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order.

Section 15. 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 Board 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.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this February 13, 2020.



EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS  
CLAUDE ISD

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 2, 2020  
7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Polling Location 1	Armstrong County Activity Center 901 Hurley Avenue Claude, TX 79019	Armstrong County Voting Precincts: 101, 201, 202, 301, 401, 402 and 404
	Presiding Judge Alternate Judge Spanish Interpreter	Kym Klarich Kent Klarich Natalia Duarte
Polling Location 2	Wayside Activity Building 8457 FM 285 Wayside, TX 79094	Armstrong County Voting Precinct 303
	Presiding Judge Alternate Judge	Kandi Bell Linda Scoggins

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS  
CLAUDE ISD

*EARLY VOTING DATES: Monday, April 20th – Tuesday, April 28th, 2020*

Claude ISD  
Business Office  
509 Vine Street  
Claude, TX

Main Early Voting Location

Dates: Mon, April 20 – Tues, April 28

Times: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Weekdays

CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Applications for a ballot for early voting by mail shall be mailed to:

Claude Independent School District  
Attn: Early Voting Clerk  
P.O. Box 209  
Claude, TX 79019