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08/22/2022

Subject: Act on a Change to Board Policy BBB(LOCAL), Board Member Elections and Approve a Resolution Concerning Election of Trustees by Plurality Vote

Contact Person: Paula Barbaroux, Chief Operations Officer

Policy/Code: BBB(LEGAL) and BBB(LOCAL)
Texas Education Code §11.057

Board Goal: LEAD 2.0 Goal 4 – Effectively communicate with targeted audiences.

Summary: Board Policy BBB(LOCAL) deals with several aspects of board membership, election, term length, and method of voting. The proposed change is for candidates to be elected based on having more votes than any other candidate running for the listed Place. This replaces the current requirement for a candidate to obtain a majority of the votes cast. Pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.057, the Board shall also consider and adopt a resolution to effect this change not later than the 180th day before the date of the first election to which the resolution applies.

Attachments: Revised Board Policy BBB(LOCAL), Board Member Elections Resolution Concerning Election of Trustees by Plurality Vote

Recommendation: The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve a change to Board Policy BBB(LOCAL) on board member elections and approve the resolution concerning election of trustees by plurality vote.

REVISED POLICY

BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTIONS

BBB
(LOCAL)

Membership	The Board shall consist of seven members.
Method of Election	Election of Board members shall be by place.
Election Date	General election of Board members shall be on the May uniform election date.
Terms and Election Schedule	Board members shall be elected for three-year terms, with elections conducted annually, as follows:
Places 1 and 2	The election for places 1 and 2 shall be held in 2021, 2024, 2027, and in three-year intervals thereafter.
Places 3 and 4	The election for places 3 and 4 shall be held in 2022, 2025, 2028, and in three-year intervals thereafter.
Places 5, 6, and 7	The election for places 5, 6, and 7 shall be held in 2020, 2023, 2026, and in three-year intervals thereafter.
Method of Voting	To be elected, a candidate must receive a more votes than any other candidate majority of the votes cast for the place.
Majority Plurality Vote	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GRAPEVINE-COLLEYVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution

Concerning Election of Trustees by Plurality Vote

WHEREAS, in Texas, school board members are elected by popular vote, and whether an election is by majority or plurality vote is a matter of local policy pursuant to Texas Election Code § 11.057;

WHEREAS, Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District Board Policy BBB(LOCAL) sets forth that to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for the place;

WHEREAS, Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District Board Policy BBB(LEGAL) sets forth that the board of a district in which the positions of trustees are designated by number may provide by resolution, not later than the 180th day before the date of an election, that a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for a position or in a trustee district, as applicable, to be elected;

WHEREAS, the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District passed a resolution on November 15, 1999 setting forth that a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for a position to be elected;

WHEREAS, Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District Board Policy BBB(LEGAL) sets forth that the resolution establishing majority voting is effective until rescinded by a subsequent resolution adopted not later than the 180th day before the date of the first election to which the recession applies;

WHEREAS, a copy of this Resolution will be provided to the U.S. Department of Justice, pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;

WHEREAS, the next election for a place on the Board of Trustees for Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District is set to take place on May 6, 2023;

WHEREAS, 180 days from May 6, 2023 is November 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, this resolution will take effect at the next election after the expiration of 180 days, *i.e.*, the May 6, 2023 trustee election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to require candidates to receive a plurality of votes cast for a position in all future elections.

NOW, LET IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Trustees for the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District rescinds the resolution establishing majority voting;

THAT without a resolution establishing majority voting for a position on the Board of Trustees for Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, all subsequent elections for a position on the Board of Trustees for Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District shall be by plurality vote and Board Policy BBB(LOCAL) shall be updated accordingly.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of August, 2022 by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against by the Board of Trustees of the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District.

Casey Ford, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Kathy Florence Spradley, Secretary
Board of Trustees