

LINCOLN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
410 South Farmerville Street
Ruston, Louisiana

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION
Thursday, August 20, 2020 10:00 a.m.
at the STEM Center, 525 Tarbutton Road, Ruston, LA 71270

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS PRINTED
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - 4.1 To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein – Mike Milstead, Juanita Duke, and Grant Schlueter
 - 4.2 To consider and take action with respect to adopting an ordinance providing for the levy within the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, of a one-half of one percent (1/2) sales and use tax, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in the Parish on August 15, 2020 – Mike Milstead, Juanita Duke, and Grant Schlueter
5. ADJOURNMENT

Due to the Governor's Phase 2 Order, only 50 people will be allowed to attend. Please practice social distancing and the use of a mask is encouraged.




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Mike Milstead
Superintendent
Joe E. Mitcham, Jr.
President

M E M O

TO: Lincoln Parish School Board Members

FROM:  Mike Milstead, Superintendent
Juanita Duke, Business Manager

DATE: August 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution Canvassing Returns and declaring the results for the election held in Lincoln Parish held on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Background

The Lincoln Parish School Board at its October 1, 2019, Board Meeting voted to call a special election to seek authorization to collect one-half of one percent sales tax in Lincoln Parish. Governor John Bel Edwards rescheduled that election, originally scheduled to occur May 9, 2020, because of the advent of the Covid Pandemic. Governor Edwards changed the time for the election to the later date of August 15, 2020. After any election authorizing school board collection of taxes, the Board must (1) vote on a resolution providing for a canvassing of the returns and declaring the results. In addition, (2) the Board should adopt an ordinance providing for the levying of the one-half of one percent sales and use tax as authorized by the outcome of the election.

Recommendation

That the Lincoln Parish School Board vote (1) to adopt the Resolution to declare the results of the August 15, 2020, sales tax election and (2) vote to adopt an ordinance providing for the levying of the tax.

Contact Person

Mike Milstead
Juanita Duke

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) (the "Tax"), in perpetuity, commencing July 1, 2020, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish of Lincoln (the "Parish"), all as provided by law (an estimated \$4,600,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of giving additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools in the Parish, including, but not limited to: (i) providing enhanced security at all public schools and facilities in the system, including a school resource officer (SRO) at each school, which SRO shall be a commissioned law enforcement officer and (ii) salaries and benefits of teachers and other public school employees?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of 2,373 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 2,070 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of 303 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, only after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Lincoln, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Susan Wiley	_____	_____	_____	_____
David Ferguson	_____	_____	_____	_____
David Gullatt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Donna Doss	_____	_____	_____	_____
Danny Hancock	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Mitcham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hunter Smith	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lisa Best	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lynda Henderson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Otha Anders	_____	_____	_____	_____
George Mack, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Debbie Abrahm	_____	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of August, 2020.

 /s/ Mike Milstead
 Secretary

 /s/ Joe E. Mitcham, Jr.
 President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LINCOLN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the STEM Center Building, 525 Tarbutton Road, Ruston, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, August 15, 2020, with the following members present:

_____;

There being absent: _____;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX)

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) (the "Tax"), in perpetuity, commencing July 1, 2020, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish of Lincoln (the "Parish"), all as provided by law (an estimated \$4,600,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of giving additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools in the Parish, including, but not limited to: (i) providing enhanced security at all public schools and facilities in the system, including a school resource officer (SRO) at each school, which SRO shall be a commissioned law enforcement officer and (ii) salaries and benefits of teachers and other public school employees?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **2,373** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **2,070** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **303** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Joe E. Mitcham, Jr.

President

/s/ Mike Milstead

Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), on October 1, 2019, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX)**

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) (the "Tax"), in perpetuity, commencing July 1, 2020, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish of Lincoln (the "Parish"), all as provided by law (an estimated \$4,600,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of giving additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools in the Parish, including, but not limited to: (i) providing enhanced security at all public schools and facilities in the system, including a school resource officer (SRO) at each school, which SRO shall be a commissioned law enforcement officer and (ii) salaries and benefits of teachers and other public school employees?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Lincoln Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$48,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 410 S. Farmerville Street, Ruston, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 1st day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Joe E. Mitcham, Jr.

President

/s/ Mike Milstead

Secretary

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, August 15, 2020, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Joe E. Mitcham, Jr.

President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LINCOLN

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on August 20, 2020, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish on August 15, 2020, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of August, 2020.

Secretary