

The following resolution was offered by James Hough, and seconded by Scott McKay:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL SALES AND USE TAX THEREIN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY OPERATIONS; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana (the "**School Board**"), desires to call an election (the "**Election**") to consider the approval of the levy and collection of a sales and use tax of one quarter of one percent (1/4%) on all sales at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales and services within the Parish or Richland (the "**Parish**"), as defined by law, commencing July 1, 2024 to provide additional funds for school safety operations (the "**Sales Tax**") and to take all necessary actions ancillary thereto;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board, that:

**SECTION 1. Election Call.** Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 (the "**Constitution**"), and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish by the School Board on Saturday, April 27, 2024, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana (the "**State**") and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSITION  
(Sales & Use Tax)**

Shall the Richland Parish School Board, State of Louisiana (the "School Board") be authorized, to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one quarter of one percent (1/4%) on sales at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales and services, all as presently defined in R.S. 47:301 et seq, within the Parish of Richland, (the "Sales Tax") (an estimated \$1,032,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Sales Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, commencing effective July 1, 2024, and shall the proceeds of said Sales Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collection and administration) be dedicated and used to provide additional funds for school safety operations including, but not limited to, funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools within the Parish in existence on April 27, 2024, to the extent legally capable?

**SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election.** A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *Richland Beacon*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Rayville, Louisiana and being the official journal of the School Board, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

**SECTION 3. Canvass.** This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, School Board Office, 411 Foster Street, Rayville, Louisiana, on **May 14, 2024, 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 results of said election. The School Board reserves the right to postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of the change in the date, time and/or location).

**SECTION 4. Polling Places.** The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold said election, and the

Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

**SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines.** The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the School Board to be held on May 14, 2024, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used.

**SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers.** The Superintendent-Secretary-Treasurer of the School Board is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and Superintendent-Secretary-Treasurer of the School Board are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election and, if applicable, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

**SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials.** Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

**SECTION 8. Employment of Counsel.** It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of legal counsel in connection with the election; accordingly, Boles Shafto, LLC, located in Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as legal counsel ("**Legal Counsel**") to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work

with respect to the election. Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the School Board for adoption of all the proceedings incidental to the election;(ii) counsel and advise the School Board with respect to the election; and (iii) in the event said election carries, to serve as "Bond Counsel" in connection with the funding of proceeds of the tax into Bonds, if any. The fee to be paid Legal Counsel for work with respect to the election shall be an amount equal to the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the election, said fee to be payable by the School Board subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee, provided however that such fee shall in no event exceed \$2,500.

**SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement.** This School Board made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on January 18, 2024 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on January 18, 2024.

**SECTION 10. Application to State Bond Commission.** Application is made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event that election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the Tax, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana State Bond Commission on behalf of the School Board, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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**SECTION 11. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

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


**YEAS:** James Haugh, Emily Ogden, William Cleveland, Scott McKay, Linda Jones, Chris Pruitt, Reed Trisler, Georgia Ineichen, Marie Lewis

**NAYS:** None

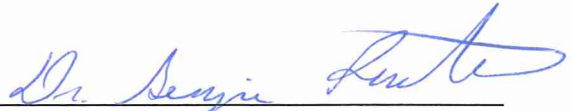
**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the resolution as declared adopted on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



**Printed Name: Sheldon Jones,  
Secretary-Treasurer-Superintendent**



**Printed Name: Dr. Georgia Ineichen  
President**

**EXHIBIT A**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana (the "**School Board**"), acting as the governing authority for the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana on February 13, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF RICHLAND,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSITION  
(Sales & Use Tax)**

Shall the Richland Parish School Board, State of Louisiana (the "School Board") be authorized, to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one quarter of one percent (1/4%) on sales at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales and services, all as presently defined in R.S. 47:301 et seq, within the Parish of Richland, (the "Sales Tax") (an estimated \$1,032,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Sales Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, commencing effective July 1, 2024, and shall the proceeds of said Sales Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collection and administration) be dedicated and used to provide additional funds for school safety operations including, but not limited to, funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools within the Parish in existence on April 27, 2024, to the extent legally capable?

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the 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, to-wit:

| PRECINCT | POLL PLACE NAME              | POLL PLACE LOCATION | CITY      |
|----------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 00/01    | Mangham Fire Station #3      | 3237 Hwy 132        | Mangham   |
| 00/02    | Mangham Comm. Center         | 602 Broadway St     | Mangham   |
| 00/03    | Mangham Comm. Center         | 602 Broadway St     | Mangham   |
| 00/04    | Archibald School Bldg        | 3768 Hwy 15         | Archibald |
| 00/08    | Archibald Alto Fire Station  | 2737 Hwy 135        | Archibald |
|          |                              |                     | Rhymes    |
| 00/10    | Rhymes Office                | 328 Rhymes Rd       | Community |
| 00/11    | Start Elementary School Gym  | 883 Charleston Dr   | Start     |
| 00/12    | Start Elementary School Gym  | 883 Charleston Dr   | Start     |
| 00/12B   | Start Elementary School Gym  | 883 Charleston Dr   | Start     |
| 00/13    | Eugene Street Comm. Center   | 317 Eugene St       | Rayville  |
| 00/17    | Parish Courthouse (Basement) | 708 Julia St        | Rayville  |
| 00/18    | Rayville High Gym Lobby      | 193 Hwy 3048        | Rayville  |
| 00/23    | Eugene Street Comm Center    | 317 Eugene St       | Rayville  |
| 00/25    | Holly Ridge School Gym       | 2306 Hwy 183        | Rayville  |
| 00/26    | Holly Ridge School Gym       | 2306 Hwy 183        | Rayville  |
| 00/27    | Thompson's Store             | 963 Hwy 183         | Rayville  |
| 00/28    | Ward One Fire Prot Dist Bldg | 342 Hwy 609         | Delhi     |
| 00/30    | Ward One Fire Prot Dist Bldg | 342 Hwy 609         | Delhi     |
| 00/31    | Ward One Rural Fire Station  | 465 Hwy 855         | Delhi     |
| 00/32    | Delhi Civic Center           | 231 Denver St       | Delhi     |
| 00/33    | Delhi City Hall              | 209 Broadway St     | Delhi     |
| 00/34    | Delhi Civic Center           | 231 Denver St       | Delhi     |
| 00/35    | Parish Highway Barn          | 1190 Hwy 80         | Delhi     |

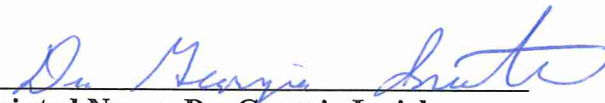
The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those designated according to law.


Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The 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 substitute 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 School Board will meet at its regular meeting place, School Board Office, 411 Foster Street, Rayville, Louisiana, on **May 14, 2024**, 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 results of said special election. The School Board reserves the right to postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of the change in the date, time and/or location). All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat.

The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State is \$47,000.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED, at Rayville, Louisiana, on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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**Printed Name: Dr. Georgia Ineichen,  
President**

  
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**Printed Name: Sheldon Jones,  
Secretary-Treasurer-Superintendent**



STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF RICHLAND

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer- Superintendent of the School Board of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of:

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF RICHLAND, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL SALES AND USE TAX THEREIN FOR SCHOOL SAFETY PURPOSES; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



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**Printed Name: Sheldon Jones,  
Secretary-Treasurer-Superintendent**