



**Resolution No. 2023/24-80**  
**Date: May 22, 2024**

## **Resolution of The Board of Trustees Ordering a Regular Governing Board Election Under By-Trustee Area Election System and Ordering Consolidation with Other Elections**

**WHEREAS**, the District approved Resolution No. 2019/18-002 to initiate a transition to a by-trustee area election system on August 9, 2017;

**WHEREAS**, following extensive public outreach, on February 28, 2018, the District adopted Resolution No. 2017/18-030 to approve and adopt a final trustee area map, creating seven (7) trustee voting areas (“Voting Area Plan”), which Voting Area Plan is attached and depicted as Attachment A;

**WHEREAS**, the District petitioned the Sonoma County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) to approve the District's transition to a by-trustee area election system with the intent and desire to have the new election system in place for the November 2018 Governing Board elections;

**WHEREAS**, the County Committee, following a public hearing, approved the District's transition to a by trustee area election system on March 19, 2018 and proposed Voting Area Plan;

**WHEREAS**, under the new Voting Area Plan, four (4) seats on the Board of Trustees are up for election on November 5, 2024, including Trustee area numbers 1, 3, 5, and 7 of the Voting Area Plan;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code section 5304, the Board of Trustees is authorized to order elections;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code section 5322, whenever an election is ordered, the Governing Board of a school district shall deliver to the County Superintendent of Schools and the officer conducting the election a resolution specifying the (1) date of the election and (2) the purpose of the election as the specifications of the election order;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code sections 5340 and 5342, school district elections may be consolidated by the officer conducting the election upon receipt of resolutions from two or more political subdivisions whose boundaries are totally or partially the same territory, calling elections to be held on the same day.

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 13307 permits a local agency to require payment in advance of each candidate's pro rata share of the printing, handling, and mailing costs of the candidate statement as a condition of having it included in the voter's sample ballot pamphlet.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees ("Board") has determined the foregoing:

1. All of the recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 using a by-Trustee area election system.
3. The purpose of the election is to elect four (4) qualified persons to fill the open positions on the Board for trustee voting areas 1, 3, 5, and 7.
4. The election shall be consolidated with elections held by certain other school districts, community college districts or other political subdivisions held on the same day and whose boundaries are totally or partially the same territory.
5. In accordance with this Resolution setting forth the election order and the specifications of the election order, the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools ("County Superintendent") is hereby requested to call an election for the purposes provided herein, and in accordance with Education Code section 5302, 5304, and 5322.
6. The Sonoma Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is requested to perform all the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of the above-mentioned election. The District will pay the costs of the election and in the event of consolidation with the election of any other political subdivision, the District shall pay its pro rata share pertaining to the conduct of such consolidated election in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Education and Elections Codes.
7. Pursuant to Board Bylaw 9220, the District will bear the costs for the publication of each candidate's statement of qualifications.
8. Pursuant to Board Bylaw 9220, the candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 200 words.
9. That the Board hereby directs the Superintendent, or her designee, to cause two copies of this Resolution to be delivered to the County Superintendent and officer conducting the election at least 130 days prior to the election, and to take all other actions necessary to give effect to the intent of this Resolution, including the filing of forms with the Sonoma County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools, Sonoma County, California, on May 22, 2024, at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Omar Medina, President of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Rosa City Schools, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023/24-80 and Order adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 22, 2024.

Date: May 22, 2024

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President, Board of Trustees  
Santa Rosa City Schools

Certified a True Copy:

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Clerk, Board of Trustees  
Santa Rosa City Schools