

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD will be held December 13, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: President David Montemayor, Vice President Jason Olson, Trustee Alejandro Flores, Trustee Melissa Myers, Trustee Monique Thompson.

LATE: Trustee DeLeon English.

ABSENT: Secretary Dan Blackwood.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Board Room at Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership on 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068. Board David Montemayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:00 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 & 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
  - A. Personnel
  - B. LandThe meeting reconvened at 7:05 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Invocation  
Mr. Joshua Younglood from Grace Church offer the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Little Elm Food Bank Recognition  
Mr. Ross Roberts & Trustee Alejandro Flores spoke to those present about the recognition received from the LE Food Bank.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
  - A. 4 Step Plan Update  
Superintendent Daniel Gallagher presented the following to the Board:
    - Listening Session
    - Independent Community Review Committee
    - After Action Review
    - Independent Investigation

## 8. Citizen Input

Audience participation shall be permitted at regular Board meetings and shall be limited to the public comment portion designated for that purpose

Ms. Khanay Turner approached the Board about the November 19<sup>th</sup> incident.

Ms. Maria Vaca approached the Board about the protest.

Ms. Crystal Bates approached the Board about the current policies that had an impact on protest and future policies.

Ms. Ana Luna approached the Board about the riot, school safety, excessive use of force on children.

## 9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - 11-15-2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared this item with the Board.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-2). Trustee Melissa Myers and President David Montemayor abstained from voting.

B. Consider approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 11-15-2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores briefed the Board about this item.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Trustee Melissa Myers abstained from voting.

C. Consider approval of Special Meeting Minutes - 11-29-2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared this item with the Board.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Trustee DeLeon English abstained from voting.

D. Consider approval of Special Meeting Minutes - 12-06-2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared this item with the Board.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Trustee DeLeon English abstained from voting.

## 10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of Personnel Actions Related to DFE (LEGAL)

Ms. Asheley Brown approached the Board about this item.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to find that the resignation of Sandra Garcia was not in compliance with any of the accepted methods of resignation under Texas Education Code sections 21.105(a) and/or (b); that the Educator's failure to comply was without good cause under Texas Education Code sections 21.105(c)(2), 21.160(c)(2), and/or 21.210(c)(2); and that the Board therefore request that the State Board for Educator Certification pursue sanctions against this Educator for abandoning her contract. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Consider approval of Hiring of Interim Elementary Principal

Ms. Asheley Brown presented this item to the Board.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed session. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0). Ms. Asheley Brown named Lynda Opitz as the Interim Principal at Lakeview Elementary School.

C. Consider approval of Financial Reports - October 2021

Mr. Jesse Wyse briefed the Board on the following:

- General Fund
- Capital Outlay Fund

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion passed (6-0).

D. Consider approval of Annual Financial Report for Year Ended August 31, 2021

Ms. Shay Adams presented Don Tonn with the audit firm Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, PC to present the audit report.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

This item was presented before item C.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of Parent and Family Engagement Plan

B. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report

C. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

D. Consider approval of Gifts and Donations

E. Consider approval of Adoption of Denton County Minimum Wages for Contracts Subject to the Davis-Bacon Act

F. Consider approval of JOC Contract Renewals

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

12. Board President Comments

President David Montemayor spoke to those present about the November 19<sup>th</sup> events. Mr. Montemayor wants the community to know that the Board is listening, concerned but can not disclose details because of federal law. The criticism is valid but can not release certain information. He wants to know that the District and the Board are transparent as they can be. He asks parents to work with our schools, administrators, and our children. The Board will not ignore concerns.

13. Board Comments

Trustee Alejandro Flores thanked the administration and teachers for the difficult two years. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays.

Trustee Melissa Myers requested revisiting of the current dresscode of LEHS maybe a workshop. Ms Myers is looking for partnership with students both male and female.

Females are restricted more than males. Ms. Myers also would like to see a report that will include training on staff. Lockdown training and safety training and procedures. Look into apps that can be utilized. Merry Christmas.

Vice President Jason Olson talked about Angel Tree and how fun it was. It is a great event every year and thanks Ms. Yamile Quintero for doing such a good job. Happy Holidays.

Trustee Monique Thompson appreciates learning from everyone. Ms. Thompson would like for the community to understand that there is a lot of hard work behind all of this. Mr.

Thompson shared the great respect she has for SROs, staff, and students.

Trustee DeLeon English agreed with everything that has been said. Mr. English would like to see the community to come together. Merry Christmas.

14. Superintendent Comments

- Thanks to community members, board, and staff.

15. Adjournment

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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President – G. David Montemayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Blackwood", written above a horizontal line.

Secretary – Dan Blackwood