

# 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 October 18, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: President David Montemayor, Vice President Jason Olson, Secretary Dan Blackwood, Trustee Alejandro Flores, Trustee Melissa Myers, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

LATE: Trustee DeLeon English.

ABSENT: Trustee Monique Thompson.

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. President David Montemayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 at 6:00 pm as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 & 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
  - A. Personnel
  - B. LandThe Board reconvened at 7:04 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Board led those present to The Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
4. Invocation  
There was no invocation
5. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Little Elm High School - Students of the Month  
Dr. Elizabeth Priddy presented the student of the month award to Kassidy Garner.
  - B. Presidential Service Awards  
Dr. Elizabeth Priddy presented this award to Kimberly Brown and to Eric Nimmick.  
Reports of the Superintendent
  - C. Little Elm Police Department's Yearly Update to the LEISD Board of Trustees  
Chief Rodney Harrison briefed the Board about this item as follows:
    - Vaping 45 Cases
    - Disorderly Conduct Fighting 19 Cases

- Assault B.I. 12 Cases
- Drug Paraph. 11 Cases
- Theft 7 Cases
- Poss of C.S. 5 Cases
- Public Intoxication 6 Cases
- Curfew Violations 5 Cases
- Curfew Violations 4 Cases
- Child Protection Investigations 47 Cases
- Minor in Poss of Alcohol 1 Case
- Terroristic Threat 1 Case
- Minor Consumption of Alcohol 1 Case
- Criminal Trespass 1 Case

D. Governor Abbott's Resolution - Texas Education Human Resources Day

Mr. Ross Roberts shared with the Board a resolution from Governor Abbott that honors the important contributions made by our LEISD Human Resources.

E. Curriculum and Learning Update

Dr. Cyndy A. Mika shared the following with the Board:

- Commitment to Excellence
- Campus Goals
- Math Innovation Zones
- Blended Learning Walks
- Lobo Marching Band advanced to Area B Competition
- Questions

F. Construction Update

Mr. Rick Martin shared the following with the Board.

- Bond Program Status
- Completed Program Projects
- Under Construction
- Other Construction Activity
- In Design
- More to Come...
- Questions?

7. 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. Latrice Roberts – Communicating with parents regarding disciplinary action and STAAR Test Readiness.
- Mr. Jason Phillips – Actions on board members, specifically in calling out.
- Mr. Stephen Ware – Lobo Stadium PA volume (no show).

8. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - 8/23/2021

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

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Vice

President Jason Olson abstained from voting.

B. Consider approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 9/20/2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve as corrected. Trustee Melissa

Myers seconded the motion. The corrections are misspelled words on page 3. The

motion passed (5-0-1). Vice President Jason Olson abstained from voting.

9. Action Items

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

Ms. Asheley Brown approached the Board with this item.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed session. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Consider approval of 2021-2022 District Goals

Dr. Cyndy A. Mika presented the following 2021-2022 Goals for the Destination 2025 Strategic Plan.

- Destination 2025
- District Focus 1
- District Focus 2
- District Focus 3
- District Focus 4
- Questions?

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Consider approval of Financial Reports - August 2021

Mr. Jesse Wyse shared the following with the Board:

- General Fund Budget
- Budget Recap
- Capital Outlay Fund
- Debt Service Fund
- Financials in Board Packet

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

10. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of 2021-2022 Campus Performance Objectives

B. Consider approval of 2021 Tax Roll

C. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Purchasing Cooperative Memberships

D. Consider Gifts and Donations

E. Consider approval for Request for Proposal #2019-002 Food Catering Services

F. Consider approval of Declaring Technology Equipment Surplus and Authorizing for Disposal

G. Consider approval of Valencia Site Sanitary, Storm & Water Line Access Easements

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0)

11. Board President Comments

President David Montemayor thanked the administration for being at the meeting. Mr. Montemayor mentioned the success the 633 Run had and thanked Cecelia Jones and the Education Foundation for making it happen.

12. Board Comments

Trustee Alejandro Flores thanked those who participated in the 633 Run. Mr. Flores also thanked Mr. Phillips for recognizing the Board.

Trustee Melissa Myers asked if there is a closeout punch list for the middle schools. Ms. Myers also asked Mr. Gaches about concession stands and left over equipment at Powell. Vice President Jason Olson commented about the 633 Run and thanked those who made it happen and the hard work.

Trustee DeLeon English asked about election campaigns and policies as well as financial reports. Mr. English would also like to see and ensure working towards a better society for our children and monitoring derogatory language.

Secretary Dan Blackwood thanked those who were involved in the 633 Run. Mr. Blackwood also thanked Mr. Gallagher, Dr. Mika, Mr. Roberts and Ms. Ball for the Team of 8 Training. He informed the Board about the organization Raise your Hand Texas and he read the following statement:

Please understand that the following statement is mine and mine only. They do not represent Little Elm Independent School District, the Board of Trustees, district administration or any other individual or group.

As a duly elected school board trustee and therefore a member of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) which in a member of the National School Board Association (NSBA), I do not share or agree with the recent statements made and/or actions taken by the NSBA President, Viola Garcia & the Interim Executive Director & CEO, Chip Slaven. The NSBA's request for the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the FBI to investigate and step in, in place of local school boards and law enforcement is reckless, overreaching and beyond comprehension. The actions of the NSBA have thus far resulted in statements from 17 state school board associations admonishing the NSBA for their actions and several disavowing the organization and resigning their memberships.

I do not believe we as school board trustees have the ability to remove the public's right to voice their opinions or concerns in an open forum. Community support and public input is a requirement for any school board or individual trustee to do their jobs. It is in the name itself, Trustee. We are not in this position to promote our own individual ideals and beliefs, or a specific political viewpoint. We are entrusted with the public's best interest. The only way we are able to do that is by constant input from the public. This happens in many ways. But the best, and most influential way, is for an individual to address their concerns by attending a school board meeting and speak directly to the trustees during public comments. Sometimes this may be uncomfortable, some people may disagree with the statements represented. But that is why the idea works. It requires all parties to be involved. It allows for open and honest communications between the people and the government. As much as I dislike the idea of being part of any government agency, I am. And by taking that oath, and by sitting in this chair, I have an obligation and duty to support and defend the public's right to do so.

I wholly believe in our community, its people, and our local government entities. If the time ever arose that an individual or group became unruly, disrespectful or disruptive during one of our meetings, I know we as a board, administration and local law enforcement will be more than able to handle and resolve the situation. I also choose to believe in our community that that will never be required.

To our community, please continue to voice your concerns, or support. I am always willing to listen. I will always put the best interest of our students and public ahead of any personal ideals or opinions. Please attend our meetings and let us know what you think. It is the best way for us to learn about our communities' interests.

To our students, please allow your voices to be heard. This is your education. You have more of a voice than you believe. Let us know what you want and need. I promise that I will always do my best to help you be heard and have a say in your education and future.

Trustee DeLeon English thanked Mr. Blackwood for the statement.

13. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Gallagher thanked everyone present for their hard work.

14. Adjournment

Trustee DeLeon English made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The minutes were approved on November 15, 2021.



Board President – G. David Montemayor



Board Secretary – Dan Blackwood