

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, July 27, 2020, 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 Melissa Myers, Trustee Alejandro Flores, Trustee DeLeon English, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

NOT PRESENT: Trustee LeAnna Harding.

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 President David Montemayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.083, 551.072, and 551.074 at 6:00 pm. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Land
 - C. Board Business
The Board reconvened at 7:04 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those present to The Pledge of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
4. Invocation
Pastor Mark Farnell offered the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
There was no Superintendent Spotlight
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
 - Dr. Monique Thompson approached the Board about a 2-way parent communication with the District.
 - Mr. Craig Nelson approached the Board about COVID.
8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Back to School 2020

Mr. Ross Roberts briefed the Board with the following:

Back to School

- Methods of Communication and Feedback
- Health and Safety Protocols
- Health Screenings
- PPE
- Learning Environments
- Child Nutrition
- Transportation
- Response Flowcharts
- In-School and At-Home Learning
- Registration Commitment
- In-School
- At-Home Learning
- Questions?

The Board took a break at 9:47 pm.

The Board reconvened at 9:56 pm.

B. Annual Update: Special Populations

Ms. Cortney Clover briefed the Board on the following:

Annual Board Update

- Region 10 ESC Program Evaluation
- Comprehensive Systems Report
- Solutions to Date

C. 1st Quarter 2020 Growth Report

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board on the following:

Quarterly Report 1Q20

- Impacts of COVID-19
- Statewide Economic Conditions
- Initial Job Loss Claims
- Covid-19 and the Housing Market
- State Enrollment Trends
- Region 10 & 11 Trends
- DFW New Home Ranking Report
- New Housing Activity by Elementary Zone
- District Housing Overview
- Multi-Family Housing Overview
- TEA Transfer Report
- Charter Schools in Texas
- Ten Year Covid-19 Impact Projections
- One Year Covid-19 Impact Projections
- Key Takeaways

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 06/15/2020

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

Vice President Jason Olson made the motion to approve as discussed with the change on Item 9b. Dan Blackwood's name on the second motion needs to be replaced with LeAnna Harding's name. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Consider approval of Special Meeting Minutes - 7/09/2020

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

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

Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-2).

Trustees English and Flores abstained from voting.

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of TASB Endorsement Form for Region 11, Position C

President David Montemayor shared with the Board this item. Trustee DeLeon English is seeking endorsement to the TASB Board of Directors. The term of this position is for three years beginning at the close of the 2020 Annual TASA/TASB Convention and expiring after Convention 2023.

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

Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Order of Election - Amended

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

She also mentioned that the dates might change again and she will probably have to bring this item back.

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

Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Consider approval of Contracting with ESS Substitute Management System

Ms. Asheley Brown shared with the Board this item. The demand for substitute teachers is consistently high and we expect the demand to only increase in the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To maximize our substitute fill rate and meet the needs of our campuses and our students, outsourcing substitute services is necessary.

This item was moved up to after citizen input.

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

Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1).

Trustee Melissa Myers voted against the motion.

D. Consider approval of Set Date, Time, and Place for Public Meeting on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about this item. School Districts have a special notice for the public meeting on their proposed tax rate. The notice entitled "Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate" is required to be published in the local newspaper 10 to 30 days before the public meeting date. LEISD M&O will decrease by at least \$.0137 per \$100 of taxable valuation as a result of the passage of HB3's tax compression law. This public hearing will happen on 8/17/2020 at 6:30 pm.

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

E. Consider approval of Financial Reports - May 2020

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the following:

- Notes to financials
- Future Financial Considerations
- General Fund
- Capital Outlay Fund
- Bond Projects
- Debt Service
- 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).

F. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board on this item. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from the list of attached contract(s) which have been properly awarded through statutorily authorized methods.

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

G. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board this item. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from other government entities which have been properly awarded through statutorily authorized methods.

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

Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

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

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board this item. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services valued over \$50,000 which have been properly purchased through statutorily authorized methods.

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

Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

I. Consider approval of Change Order No.1 - Strike Middle School

Mr. Rick Martin briefed the Board on this item. Presenting Change Order No. 1 to the Cadence contract for the extensions of sidewalks, crosswalks, and signage connecting the campus to the existing neighborhoods.

Trustee Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

J. Consider approval of Change Order No.1 - Stadium Track Replacement

Mr. Rick Martin shared with the Board information about this item. Presenting Change Order No. 1 to the Hellas contract for the track replacement at the Stadium due to unknown substantial subsurface failure.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

K. Consider approval of Resolution Concerning St. Arbor Community Development Corporation

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board on this item. The Administration is seeking the consideration and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Arbor Community Development Corporation a 501© non-profit organization and local community organization. This partnership is for the common good of the residents of the District's community, including students, and staff, to develop mutually beneficial programs, gardening projects and activities at St. Arbor Community Garden and Little Elm High School.

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

The motion read:

On the 20th day of July, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Little Elm Independent School District adopted by vote the following findings and resolution:

WHEREAS, Little Elm Independent School District has always been and will remain committed to providing the best possible programs and educational opportunities for its students while at the same time being good stewards of available public funds;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these duties and responsibilities, Little Elm ISD is interested in entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Arbor Community Development Corporation (hereinafter "St. Arbor");

WHEREAS, St. Arbor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and local community organization working for the common good of the residents of the District's community, including students, and staff, to develop mutually beneficial programs, gardening projects and activities at St. Arbor Community Garden and Little Elm High School;

WHEREAS, these programs, projects and activities will comprise part of the District's horticulture curriculum, student gardening club, and meet the mission of both entities to serve the public;

WHEREAS, the ability to sow seeds in the District's greenhouse, with the academic support of LEISD faculty and students, will provide a reliable source of fresh, organic vegetables and produce year-round to area food banks; and

WHEREAS, the District will annually assess the benefit and value, both direct and indirect, received by the District by being part of the cooperative program with St. Arbor.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**:

That the Little Elm ISD Board of Trustees has determined that there is a legitimate public purpose served by entering the Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Arbor Community Development Corporation through July 30, 2021, including providing access, utilities, materials, and

amenities at the Little Elm High School greenhouse to St. Arbor at no charge, and:

1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District has established reasonable and sufficient controls over the expenditure of funds and resources for this agreement to ensure that such funds exist and are available, and that the District's public purpose is accomplished, to include the ability to terminate the agreement at any time and annually assessing the continued public benefit the District receives through this agreement.
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will receive a return benefit and value to its students and staff from St. Arbor in the form of educational support in the form of educational speakers, demonstrations, tools, and supplies.
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the meeting Minutes of the Little Elm Independent School District Board of Trustees.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider approval of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Adjunct Faculty Resolution
- B. Consider approval of 2020-2021 Employee Handbook
Presenter: Renee Pentecost
This item was pulled from consent agenda.
Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve this item with the changes. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0). The changes are Board of Trustees Titles, Board Dates and Calendar Days.
- C. Consider approval of Stipend Allotments for the 2020/2021 School Year
Presenter: Renee Pentecost
This item was pulled from consent agenda for further discussion
Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted.
Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- D. Consider approval of Off Campus Physical Education Sites
- E. Consider approval of Board Policy Update to CO (LOCAL)
Presenter: Clint Miller
This item was pulled from consent agenda.
Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to table this item. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- F. Consider approval of Treasury Key Services Added to Depository Services
- G. Consider approval of Declaring Technology Equipment Surplus and Authorizing for Disposal

- H. Consider approval of Declaring Library Materials Surplus and Authorizing Disposal
 - I. Consider approval of Declaring Facility Furniture Equipment & Materials Surplus and Authorizing for Disposal
 - J. Consider approval of Amendment No. 3 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract for the 2020-2021 School Year.
 - K. Consider approval of Capital Outlay – COVID
Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exceptions of Items B, C, and E. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
The Board recessed into closed session at 11:32 pm.
The Board reconvened at 1:13 am.
12. Board President Comments
Mr. David Montemayor requested an update about the SRO discussion.
13. Board Comments
Secretary Dan Blackwood thanked Kroger for donating 85 dozen donuts for staff
Trustee Alejandro Flores reminded the Board about the back to school bash on Saturday morning.
14. Superintendent Comments
There were no Superintendent comments.
15. Adjournment
Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 1:16 am.

The minutes were approved on August 24, 2020.



David Montemayor – Board President



Dan Blackwood – Board Secretary