

# 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 was held Monday, November 9, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: Board Vice President Melissa Myers, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee David Montemayor, Trustee Jason Olson, Trustee Alejandro Flores and Superintendent Lowell H. Strike.

ABSENT: Board President LeAnna Harding and Board Secretary DeLeon English.

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 Vice President Melissa Myers called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
Lakeview Elementary students led those present to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation  
Pastor Jay Cousino with Little Elm Button United Methodist Church offered the invocation.
4. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
5. Citizen input  
There was no citizen input.
6. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 10/19/2015  
Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
7. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Students of the Month - Little Elm High School  
Associate Principal Ruben Molinar presented to the Board the students of the month. Jacob Gregg and Abigal Resendiz de la Cruz received the student of the month awards.
  - B. School Spotlight - Lakeview Elementary  
Principal Kelly Carr presented to the Board Music Teacher LoriAnn Nohre. Ms. Nohre presented her choir students and they performed patriotic songs.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Demographics Snapshot

Dr. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board the Demographics Snapshot presentation.

The presentation included the following:

LEISD Demographics Snapshot Day 2015

- LEISD Enrollment by Grade Level
- Ethnic Distribution
- District Attribution
- Economic Disadvantaged Distribution
- ELL
- Program Enrollment
- Drop-outs
- At-Risk Students

B. English Language Learners

Dr. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board a presentation about English Language Learners. The presentation included the following:

English Language Learners

- Students by Program Type
- Number of Languages: 47
- School Services
- Instructional Support
- Instructional Priority
- Actions for Improved Achievement

9. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in the Professional Development Room at 7:11 pm as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 and 551.072. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

B. Land - 551.072

The Board reconvened at 8:06 pm.

10. Action Items

A. Discuss and consider approval of District Improvement Plan

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez presented to the Board the District Improvement Plan. LEISD's District Improvement Council has prepared the Comprehensive Needs assessment and reviewed District goals. The District Improvement Plan is an ongoing process and changes based upon need.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the District Improvement Plan as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

B. Discuss and consider approval of Campus Improvement Plans

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez shared with the Board the Campus Improvement Plans. Per federal statute, the CIP must be "developed with the involvement of parents and other members of the community to be served and individuals who will carry

out such plan, including teachers, principals, and administrators and, if appropriate, pupil services personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, an, if the plan relates to a secondary school, students from such school. Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Campus Improvement Plans as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

C. Discuss and consider approval of ICLE Phase II payment

Dr. Cyndy Mika approached the Board about ICLE Phase II payment. Last year the District began a three-year agreement with International Center for Leadership in Education. Through this agreement the District has provided training to all administrators and faculty focusing on increasing rigor, relevance, and learner engagement in all classrooms across all subjects in the district. The total cost of phase II is \$74,800 for the 2015-2016 school year to be billed in monthly invoices as the scope of work is completed.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the ICLE Phase II payment as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

D. Discuss and consider approval of 2016-2017 Calendar

Dr. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board the 2016-2017 School Calendar. HB 2610 passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislation amends TEC 25.081 and changes school attendance requirements from 180 days of required instruction to 75,600 minutes of required instruction. Commissioner's Rules have not been released to date. The District would like to let the community know the start date as well as the major holidays. The District will complete the calendar with Professional Learning dates and the end date once the rules are published.

Trustee Christopher Williams made the first motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Discuss and approve the Disposal of Out of Adoption Instructional Materials
- B. Discuss and approve the PDAS appraisers for the 2015-2016 School Year
- C. Discuss and approve the LEISD Highly Qualified Teacher Requirement Report - 2015/2016
- D. Discuss and approve Addition of Authorized Representative TexSTAR Investment Pool
- E. Discuss and approve Addition of Authorized Representative LoneStar Investment Pool
- F. Discuss and approve the Financial Report  
This Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda  
Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board a presentation on Financial Reports. The presentation included the following:  
Little Elm ISD Financial Report
  - Notes to financials

- 2015-16 General Fund – Budget
- General Fund – Realized
- General Fund – Cash Flow
- Capital Projects

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

G. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the exception of Item F. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0)

12. Reports, Routine Monthly

A. Notice of Expenditure in Excess of \$50,000

Dr. Lowell Strike approached the Board with this category. This category is for items just for viewing. Information area. No Board approval is needed.

13. Board President Comments

Board Vice President Melissa Myers discussed with the Board upcoming Board events:

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Team of 8 Training

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Regular Board Meeting

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Regular Board Meeting

14. Board Comments

Trustee Jason Olson commented about the Fish Fry at Chavez Elementary.

Hopefully we will see more participation next year. Great event.

Trustee Christopher Williams commented about the Board Retreat. It was a fantastic event and meeting.

Board Vice President Melissa Myers commented about Ms. Ashley Helms and the great job she did facilitating the retreat.

15. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell Strike commented about the following:


- Wearing jeans in honor of Jeans for Troops
- LEISD collected over 21,000 lbs. for LE Food Bank
- 24 High School students help LE Food Bank put the food away
- Saturday was an excellent and outstanding day - retreat

16. Adjournment

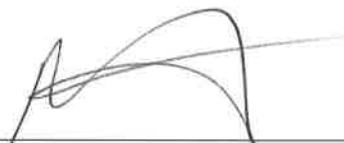
Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the adjournment of the meeting. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The minutes were approved on December 14, 2015.



Board President – LeAnna Harding



Board Secretary – DeLeon English