

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 Tuesday, January 19, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: Board President LeAnna Harding, Board Vice President Melissa Myers, Board Secretary DeLeon English, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee David Montemayor, Trustee Alejandro Flores and Superintendent Dr. Lowell Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Christopher Williams.

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 LeAnna Harding called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those present to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Father Richard Kirkham from St. Martin de Porres 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 - 12/14/2015
Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
7. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Students of the Month - Little Elm High School
Mr. Ruben Molinar presented the students of the month awards to Edgar Khan and Alicia Law.
 - B. Town of Little Elm School Board Proclamation
Mr. Doug Peach proclaimed the month of January as LEISD School Board Month Appreciation.
 - C. Board Appreciation Celebration
LEISD Principals and Assistant Principals thanked the Board for everything they

do and presented to the Board with posters from students. The students expressed their appreciation to the Board on these posters. The Board also received gift baskets and gift bags from the Principals and Assistant Principals. Each school representative approached the Board and expressed their sincere appreciation on everything the Board does.

D. School Spotlight - Lakeside Middle School

Mr. Clint Miller presented to the Board the Student Council Officers. The officers wrote letters of appreciation to the Board.

Mr. Miller presented Mr. John Kassen and the boys' choir for a performance. Ms. Pat Robbins shared with the Board their portrait from Lifetouch. Ms. Robbins also thanked for what they do.

Dr. Lowell H. Strike approached the Board and presented them with the hero capes because they are LEISD Heroes.

Ms. Cecelia Jones shared with the Board a video for students across the District thanking the Board.

Board President LeAnna Harding thanked Principals, Assistant Principals and everyone present for everything including the amazing video.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. HB4 High Quality Pre-Kindergarten

Presenter: Ashley Glover

House Bill 4

High – Quality Pre-kindergarten grant program

- Why?
- Research
- The Gist
- How does this affect LEISD?
- Planning
- Cost Off – Set Considerations
- Thoughts on Cost

9. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Superintendent's Office as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

The Board reconvened at 8:24 pm.

10. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve the New Courses for 2016-2017

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez presented to the Board the New Courses for 2016-2017. New Courses have been added to the middle-and high school course catalogs for inclusion in the 2016-2017 school year.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the New Courses for the 2016-2017 school year as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Discuss and approve the EIC (LOCAL)

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez shared with the Board EIC (LOCAL). Revisions are being requested beginning with 2016-2017 that would give the same weight to AP and Dual Credit classes for GPA. We currently have students taking dual credit classes through Project Lead the Way Engineering course, NCTC, and University of Texas. Next year we will have classes from TWU.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve EIC (LOCAL) as submitted. Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Discuss and approve 2016-2017 School Calendar

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez presented to the Board the 2016-2017 School Calendar. The proposed calendar allows for 77,810 minutes of instruction for students and 187 days for teachers. The presentation included the following:

- What is HB 2610?
- Intent
- The Reality
- Calendar Preparation
- LEISD Calendar Option A
- LEISD Calendar Option B
- Survey Results
- Winner – Calendar B

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar with the corrections of February 20th being a holiday and the 2nd week in August being Staff Development. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

D. Discuss and approve EIF (LOCAL)

Mr. Ross Roberts and Ms. Ashley Helms presented to the Board EIF (LOCAL). Addition of Health for 0.5 credit and Student Success Course for 0.5 credit to high school graduation requirements beginning with freshmen entering high school 2017-2018 school year.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve EIF (LOCAL) as submitted. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

E. Discuss and approve the Financial Report

Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the Financial Report for this month. Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

F. Discuss and approve the Resolution for Section 8002 Authorized Signer

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the Resolution for Section 8002 Authorized Signer. Impact Aid funding applications must be submitted by a Board approved Authorized Signer.

Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Resolution for Section 8002 Authorized Signer as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

11. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve Personnel Memo

B. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

12. Board President Comments

Presenter: LeAnna Harding

A. Cross Knowledge Transfer and Educational Research

Board President LeAnna Harding let Board Secretary DeLeon English speak on this topic.

Mr. English informed spoke about the opportunities to improve the district gathering with other districts locally and nationally. Administrators should be able to travel and learn in different areas so they can be implemented in our district.

Trustee Jason Olson mentioned that there are always opportunities and partnerships.

Mr. English mentioned how Superintendent can do a research with staff and go to those places to bring that knowledge back.

Dr. Lowell Strike mentioned how educational area changes from state to state as well as across the nation. He also mentioned how there are some focus areas that the district can look at and as well as international.

Mr. English said that there are always opportunities to learn from others.

13. Board Comments

Board President LeAnna Harding gave thanks for a fantastic evening

Trustee Alejandro Flores felt overwhelmed and grateful from all the thank yous and the children. We do it for the children!

Trustee Jason Olson thanked those present for the hard work and dedication. "You make us look good". Mr. Olson also mentioned the LE Chamber of Commerce event. "It was awesome seeing our teachers getting recognized". He mentioned how the partnership between town and district is growing tremendously.

Board Secretary DeLeon English – "We've come along way. A lot of hard work. Thank you! Our students have to be successful. Thank you staff for all the support". Board Vice President Melissa Myers said she feels very appreciated. "Thank you staff and everybody in the district. Level of work and dedication. We greatly appreciate the staff".

Trustee David Montemayor stated that the true backbone of the District is the staff. "Great highlight from teachers and staff. Great things going on in this district".

14. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike mentioned the following:


- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon for Teachers of the Year
- Everything is from the heart in this District
- Campuses, students and staff mean it when they say Thank You

15. Adjournment

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Board

Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
The meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

The minutes were approved on February 8, 2016.



Board President – LeAnna Harding



Board Secretary – DeLeon English