

# Minutes of Workshop Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, May 9, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

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

LATE: 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 President LeAnna Harding called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Board led those in attendance to the Pledges of the United States and the Texas Flag.
3. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
4. Citizen Input  
There was no citizen input.
5. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 4-18-2016  
Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Trustee Christopher Williams abstained from voting since he wasn't present on 4-18-2016.
6. Reports of the Superintendent
  - A. Director of CTE Announcement  
Dr. Matthew Gutierrez introduced Dr. Tony Tipton as our new LEISD Director of CTE.
  - B. Professional Learning Report  
Ms. Ashley Helms briefed the Board about the following:  
LEISD Summer Learning Summit
    - Links are LIVE and Registration is ready in Eduphoria!
    - June 6-9, 2016
    - 2016-17 LEISD Comp Days

### C. State Assessment Report

Dr. Ashley Glover shared with the Board the following:

#### December

- During the December administration of the English I and English II STAAR EOC assessments, approximately 80 students were identified to have a 0 for all short answer questions on the assessment. This was a dramatic increase from years past.
- Immediately Dr. Brown, (Director of Research, Accountability and Program Evaluation) identified this issue and determined 45 students who were statistically eligible and should be submitted for a rescore. Though the issue was with the testing vendor, ETS, LEISD was required to pay \$1,125 dollars of taxpayer money for students to be rescored. (not 45 names, but individual students).
- Still waiting for those results as large districts followed suit approximately 6 weeks later.

#### March

During the March English I/II assessments:

- Students completed tests, the system would not allow them to submit,
- Students logged out, they lost their answers.
- When students logged out to take breaks, when they returned, they lost parts of their test multiple times
- Tests showed the submit status, when students reported they had not submitted
- Test Coordinators continually attempted to contact ETS and TEA to get direction for these situations and were put on hold for over an hour or asked to leave a voicemail and never called back.

#### May

- The May administration of EOCs, including Algebra I, U.S History, and Biology were administered online without incident
- Multiple shipping and physical test booklet issues occurred as recently as this morning. Our department works diligently to keep these concerns from affecting the students, teachers and families.
- A letter was shared with the Texas Education Agency on April 28th outlining the difficulties our students, families and staff members faced.

### D. The Toughexchange Process

Dr. Lowell H. Strike led the Toughexchange seminar. The seminar included the following:

#### Kick-Off Meeting

- Agenda
- How Thoughtexchange Helps
- Thoughtexchange Steps
- Questions Asked
- Terms of Use and Privacy Policy
- Sample Share
- Sample Discover
- Sample Web Report

7. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:27 pm in PL1 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 8:13 pm.

8. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve the Donation of Easement to the Town of Little Elm for a Park Trail at Brent Elementary School

Mr. Rod Reeves approached the Board about the Donation of Easement to the Town of Little Elm for a Park Trail at Brent Elementary School.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Donation of Easement to the Town of Little Elm for a Park Trail at Brent Elementary School as discussed in closed meeting. Board Vice President seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Discuss and approve School Start Times

Dr. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about School Start Times. In order to meet the school start times, we will need to add two bus routes. The bus contract will be 8 days shorter than in 2015-2016 so some of this will be absorbed. After discussing the times, Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the School Start Times as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-1). Board Vice President Melissa Myers voted against the motion.

C. Discuss and approve EIE (LOCAL)

Mr. Ross Roberts shared with the Board the EIE (LOCAL). The past year 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade moved to a standards-based report card. As a result, our promotion policy needs to be adjusted to reflect the change.

Trustee Christopher Williams made the first motion to approve EIE (LOCAL) as submitted. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

D. Discuss and approve the Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the Monthly financial Report.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

9. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve the Board Policy BE (Local)

B. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

C. Discuss and approve the Proposed 2016-17 Little Elm ISD Rezoning Plan

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda for clarification. After clarification on a slide, Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Proposed 2016-17 LEISD Rezoning Plan as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0),

Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the exception of Item C. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

10. Discussion Items

A. Board Goals

Ms. Myers will be sending the Goals to the Board. Objectives need to be worked on. Ms. Myers will send them tonight and they will be on next meeting's agenda under action items.

11. Board President Comments

Board President LeAnna Harding made the following comments:

- Very exciting week (baseball team)
- Swearing of board members
- Goodbye to Christopher Williams next week
- Great presentations

12. Board Comments

- Trustee Alejandro Flores congratulated the winners of the election
- Trustee Alejandro Flores invited Christopher Williams for invocation
- Trustee Jason Olson congratulated the winners on the election
- Trustee Jason Olson thanked PTAs and teachers on events
- Trustee Jason Olson thanked Hackberry for the Cystic Fibrosis Event
- Trustee Jason Olson congratulated the Baseball team for their accomplishments
- Trustee Jason Olson spoke about the band and choir concerts
- Board Secretary DeLeon English congratulated the winners of the elections
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- Board Secretary DeLLeon English thanked staff for all they are doing
- Board Vice President Melissa Myers asked about Graduation Walk
- Board Vice President Melissa Myers congratulated the election winners
- Trustee David Montemayor thanked the community for their trust
- Trustee Christopher Williams thanked the administration, Dr. Strike and his team for all the hard work
- Trustee Christopher Williams congratulated the election winners

13. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike made the following comments:

- ALI Dinner
- Canvassing of votes
- Honor ALI participants
- Financial Summit
- Cystic Fibrosis walk at Hackberry very successful

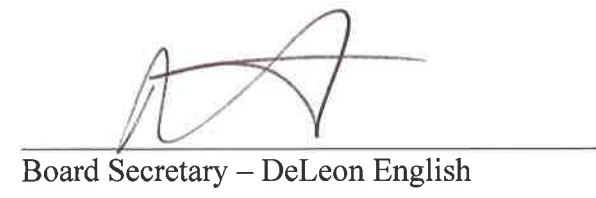
14. Adjournment

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the adjournment of the meeting. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

The minutes were approved on May 16, 2016.



Board President – LeAnna Harding



Board Secretary – DeLeon English