

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, June 21, 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 David Montemayor, Trustee Dan Blackwood, Trustee Jason Olson, Trustee Alejandro Flores and Superintendent Lowell H. Strike.

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 6:31 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Board Members led those in attendance to the pledges of The United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Mr. Richard Stevens 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 for 5-16-2016
Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-1). Trustee Jason Olson abstained from voting since he was not present at the May 16, 2016 meeting.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Tribute STEM Foundation
This item was postponed.
 - B. AIMS/GOALS and Evening Academy Update
Dr. Cyndy Mika gave to the Board an update about AIMS/GOALS and Evening Academy.
 - C. Community Partners Recognition
Ms. Pat Robbins and Debbie Clark get names from Pat Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – beautification day – 54 volunteers
 - Hopscotch / Four Squares

- Picnic Tables
- Chain-link Art and Branding
- New Flowers and Wooden Planters
- Herb and Butterfly Gardens
- Ascend

D. Athletics Update

Mr. Ross Roberts, Sandra Howell and Kendrick Brown gave an athletics update. The update included the following:

LEISD Athletic Update

- Benefits of Co-Curricular Activities
- Lakeside Middle School / Prestwick STEM Academy
- Purpose of Middle School Athletics
- Little Elm High School Program
- Purpose of High School Athletics
- Coaching Certification Requirements
- Changes and Improvements
- 2016-2017 Program Goals

E. LiiNK Presentation

Dr. Lowell H. Strike approached the Board and briefed them about LiiNK. Students in the United States have achieved progressively lower scores in reading, math, and science for the past 20 years, and the country presently muddles along in the middle of the pack on global assessments. There is strong research that shows that children who engage in more physical activity and play and less academic content daily will do better academically than children who are sedentary, less creative and active, and pressured with more academic content daily. We believe through our participation in this plan our children will experience better health in terms of less obesity, type II diabetes, increased energy, and overall higher expectations of social responsibility with an emphasis on ethical behavior. This additional time to be playful and creative will allow our students to learn more effectively when in the classroom (although they will be challenged in Little Elm ISD with ever-increasing levels of rigorous content). This will create more passion in students to learn and less burnout as a result of too much time sitting in class without free play. The project's protocol also includes a character education component. We will start with three campuses (Oak Point, Hackberry, and Chavez) in grades K-1 this first year. Our goal is expansion to all elementary campuses and a rollup to grade 2 at the second year of implementation with other grades to follow as appropriate. All participating teachers have received training from Dr. Debbie Rhea, TCU Professor and Associate Dean of Research in Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Founder and Director of the LiiNK Project.

F. 1st Quarter 2016 Growth Report

Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the 1st Quarter 2016 Growth Report. The presentation included the following:

- Economic Conditions – DFW Area
- Local Economy

- Texas Enrollment Trends
- Texas Regional Comparison
- Region 10 & 11 Enrollment Trends
- DFW New Home Ranking Report
- New Housing Activity
- Annual Closing Distribution 1Q16
- Future Lots 1Q16
- Overall Housing Data
- Active Housing
- Active Development
- Future Housing Activity
- Active Subdivision
- Enrollment History
- Ten Year Forecast
- County Appraisal Values
- 2015 County Appraisal Values
- Summary

8. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 at 7:39 pm. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

B. Board Reorganization - 551.074
The Board reconvened at 8:27 pm.

9. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve Officer Elections

Board President LeAnna Harding received nomination for Board President. Trustee Melissa Myers was nominated by Trustee Alejandro Flores. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the nomination. The motion passed (5-2) Trustees Jason Olson and Dan Blackwood voted against the motion.

Board President Melissa Myers received nomination for Board Vice President. Trustee LeAnna Harding nominated Trustee David Montemayor for Vice President. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

Board President Melissa Myers received nomination for Board Secretary. Board Vice President David Montemayor nominated Trustee Alejandro Flores for Board Secretary. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded. The nomination passed (7-0).

B. Discuss and approve the High School 1:1 Program Device Refresh

Mr. Russell VanHoose approached the Board about the High School 1:1 Program Device Refresh. After considering several options, the Administration determined the best value to the District was to renew the High School 1:1 Program devices with Apple MacBook Airs.

In accordance with CH (Local), the Administration presents a request for an expenditure in excess of \$50,000.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the High School 1:1 Program Device Refresh as submitted. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Discuss and approve the Wireless Access Project (E-Rate)

Mr. Russell VanHoose briefed the Board about the Wireless Access Project (E-Rate). After considering several options, the Administration determined the best value to the District was to pursue a contract for wireless infrastructure with Cisco equipment through Insight Public Sector.

In accordance with CH (LOCAL), the Administration presents a request for an expenditure in excess of \$50,000.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Wireless Access Project (E-Rate) as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

D. Discuss and approve the Cabling Project (E-Rate)

Mr. Russell VanHoose approached the Board about Cabling Project (E-Rate). After considering several options, the Administration determined the best value to the District was to pursue a contract for cabling infrastructure with Southwest Networks, Inc.

In accordance with CH (Local), the Administration presents a request for an expenditure in excess of \$50,000.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Cabling Project (E-Rate) as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

E. Discuss and approve the Financial Reports

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the Financial Reports. Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion.

Mr. Anderson mentioned to the Board an additional budget amendment. Trustee LeAnna Harding made a motion to amend the previous motion. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

F. Resolution Adopting the Prevailing Wage Rate for Construction Projects

Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the Resolution Adopting the Prevailing Wage Rate for construction Projects.

- Texas Government Code §2258.021 provides that a worker employed on a public works project by or on behalf of the state or a political subdivision of the state shall be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime work.
- The District is required by Texas Government Code §2258.022 to determine for contracts for public works awarded by the District the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the public works are to be performed for each craft or type of

worker needed to execute the contracts and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work.

- Texas Government Code §2258.022(a) provides that the District shall determine said prevailing rates by conducting a survey of the wages received by classes of workers employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the political subdivision of the state in which the public work is to be performed or by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. Section 276s et seq.) and its subsequent amendments.
- Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2258.022(a)(1), the District has caused to be conducted a survey of the wages received by classes of workers employed on projects of a character similar to the construction of public works of the District to determine the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the District.

Board President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Resolution as submitted. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

G. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Site Package at Little Elm High School
Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the Guaranteed maximum Price (GMP) for Site Package at LEHS. Little Elm ISD Administration is requesting the approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) submitted by Balfour Beatty Construction for the site package at Little Elm High School. The Administration will bring another GMP for the remainder of the work at Little Elm High School this summer.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the GMP for Site Package at LEHS. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

10. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

Trustee Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

11. Board President Comments

Presenter: LeAnna Harding

There were no Board President comments.

12. Board Comments

Trustee DeLeon English thanked staff and superintendent.

Trustee DeLeon English spoke about the renovation at LEHS.

Trustee DeLeon English also spoke about the removal of King.

Trustee Jason Olson apologized for missing last board meeting.

Trustee Jason Olson spoke about the choir team and their excellent shows.

Trustee Jason Olson also spoke about Mr. Lowman's rocket day.

Trustee Jason Olson thanked Coach Howell and Coach Brown for the program.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores congratulated LEHS for a great graduation. Next year will be at UNT.

Trustee LeAnna Harding apologized for missing graduation.

Board President Melissa Myers requested an update on study at Brent as far as traffic.

Board President Melissa Myers reminded those present about back to school back on 8/13.

Board President Melissa Myers also asked about donations for back to school bash.

13. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike made the following comments.

- Facilities and Finance Committee Meetings will be posted
- Everybody working hard this summer (lots to do and lots of planning)
- Construction Project

14. Adjournment

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

The minutes were approved on July 25, 2016.


Board President – Melissa Myers


Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores