

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, June 22, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: President LeAnna Harding, Board Vice President Melissa Myers, Board Secretary DeLeon English, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee Jason Olson and Superintendent Lowell Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Cooper Begis and Trustee Alejandro Flores.

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
The Board led those in attendance to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Pastor Marc Farnell led the Board and those in attendance to 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 - 6/08/2015
Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
7. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. ER Centers of America Recognition
Ms. Courtney Clover presented a recognition to ERCA for their partnership with our Special Olympics program.
 - B. Community Recognitions
There was no Community Recognitions.
8. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Prestwick STEM Academy Update
Ms. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board an update about Band and Athletics.

Some of this information included the following:

- Transportation
- Zero period
- Concerns about not having a band hall
- Instruments
- Number of participants

The Board decided this item be put as a discussion item on a workshop meeting.

B. Gifted and Talented Update

Ms. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board a presentation about Gifted and Talented.

The presentation included the following:

WIN (Working Intelligence Network)

- Served 123 students in the 2014-2015 school year
- Slated to serve 129 for the 2015-2016 school year
- What Happens in WIN?
- Referral & Evaluation
- Selection
- Next Year

C. Website Update

Ms. Pat Robbins presented to the Board Ms. Casey Bain and Ms. Cecelia Jones.

They gave the Board a tour of the new LEISD website.

9. Superintendent Spotlight

Dr. Lowell Strike thanked Mr. DeLeon English for his dedication and leadership as Board President.

10. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in the Professional Development Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 at 7:33 pm.

The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

B. Superintendent's Contract - 551.074

C. Discuss hiring of Math Coordinator - 551-074

D. Discuss hiring of Assistant Principal at Brent Elementary - 551-074

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm.

11. Action Items

A. Discuss and consider approval of hiring the Math Coordinator

This item was tabled.

B. Discuss and consider approval of hiring Assistant Principal at Brent Elementary

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez asked the Board to consider approval of hiring Assistant Principal at Brent Elementary as discussed in Closed Meeting.

Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the hiring of Assistant Principal at Brent Elementary as discussed in Closed Meeting. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez announced Ms. Virginia Gwinn as the new Assistant Principal at Brent Elementary.

C. Discuss and consider approval of Amendment No. 2 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract

Mr. Rod Reeves approached the Board and shared a presentation about considering approval of Amendment No.2 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract. The presentation included the following:

- Little Elm 2015-2016 Rate Increase
- LEISD Driver Wage Comparison
- GST Contract
- LEISD Bell Times

Board Secretary DeLeon English made the first motion to approve the Amendment No.2 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

12. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve Waiver for Missed Instructional Days

B. Discuss and approve EG (LOCAL)

C. Discuss and approve FL (LOCAL)

D. Discuss and approve Financial Reports

This item was pulled from consent agenda. An additional Budget Amendment was presented to the Board for the Summer construction Projects.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Financial Reports with the additional budget amendment. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

E. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

F. Discuss and approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Collection

Trustee Christopher Williams made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the exception of Item D. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

13. Business Items

A. Discuss and consider approval of the 2015-2016 Compensation

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez approached the Board about the 2015-2016 Compensation. During the 84th Legislative Session, The Legislation has approved monies above and beyond current allotment. The District is now in a position to recommend a salary increase to the Board in anticipation of additional state funding.

This was a discussion item only. No action was taken at this time.

B. Discuss and consider approval of Allocation Request for Fine Arts

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez shared with the Board the Allocation Request for Fine Arts. The high school band is expecting a growth of approximately 30 students next year. The Lakeside Band is expecting a growth of over 100 students in the beginner band. The majority of these students will provide their own instrument except the items that are cost prohibitive for students purchase.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Allocation Request for Fine Arts. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion

passed (5-0).

C. Discuss and consider approval of TRE

Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the Tax Ratification Election Motion. The motion is to propose rates and set date, time, and place for the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss Proposed Tax Rate for the meeting on July 20, 2015. Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Tax Ratification Election. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

The motion read:

I move that The Board of Trustees of the Little Elm ISD sets the proposed rates for publication of the First Notice of Public meeting to discuss Proposed Tax Rate to be held on July 20, 2015 at 6:00

P.M. at Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership, 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas to be as follows:

M&O Tax Rate \$1.17

I&S Tax Rate \$0.50

Total Tax Rate \$1.67, and

The Board of Trustees of the Little Elm ISD sets the proposed rates for publication of the Second Notice of Public meeting to discuss Proposed Tax Rate to be held on July 20, 2015 at 6:00

P.M. at Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership, 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas to be as follows:

M&O Tax Rate \$1.17

I&S Tax Rate \$0.37

Total Tax Rate \$1.54

D. Discuss and consider approval of Summer 2015 Construction Projects

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board about Summer 2015 Construction Projects. This information included the following:

2015 Summer Construction

- Overall District Strategy
- Little Elm HS Projects
- Hackberry ES Project
- Brent ES Project
- Chavez ES Project
- Lakeview ES Project
- Child Care Project
- Lakeside MS Kitchen Project

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Summer 2015 Construction Projects as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

14. Reports of the Board President

There were no reports from the Board President.

15. Board Comments

Board Secretary DeLeon English thanked Administration for all the hard work and he is looking forward to see the end of the construction projects.

Board Secretary DeLeon English thanked Dr. Lowell Strike and Board Members for giving him the opportunity to serve as Board President last school year.

Board President LeAnna Harding would like to add an exhibit to Board Operating Procedures.

Board President LeAnna Harding would like to see the policy for Superintendent's Hiring Authority.

Board President LeAnna Harding would like to see the Strategic Planning for Campuses.

Board Secretary DeLeon English would like to schedule dates for the Team of 8 Training and Board Retreat.

Board President LeAnna Harding thanked the Board for her nomination.

16. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell Strike requested a Special Meeting on July 8th or 9th to approve personnel.

Dr. Lowell Strike informed the Board about Piero Centurion. Piero received an outstanding soloist award at State UIL.

17. Adjournment


Board Secretary DeLeon English made the first motion to adjourn the meeting.

Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.

The minutes were approved on July 20, 2015.


Board President – LeAnna Harding


Board Secretary – DeLeon English