

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 Wednesday, January 21, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Hackberry Elementary.

PRESENT: Board President DeLeon English, Board Vice President LeAnna Harding, Board Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Cooper Begis, Trustee Melissa Myers and Superintendent Lowell Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Christopher Williams

LATE: Trustee Stephanie Gregg

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Cafeteria at Hackberry Elementary School at 7200 Snug Harbor, Frisco, Texas 75034. Board President DeLeon English called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Board Members led those in attendance to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. Citizen input
Mr. James Sewald approached the Board and thanked them for their service and their dedication. Mr. Sewald also welcomed Dr. Lowell Strike to Little Elm ISD.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 12/15/2014
 - B. Discuss and approve Special Meeting Minutes - 1/05/2015
Trustee Cooper Begis made the first motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for 12/15/2014 and the Special Meeting Minutes for 1/05/2015 as submitted. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Chavez Elementary Spotlight
Mr. John Lowman welcomed Dr. Lowell Strike and thanked the Board for their dedication. Mr. Lowman also shared a presentation with the Board. The presentation included the following:
 - Why Great Expectations?
 - Great Expectations Mission

- 17 Classrooms Practices
- 36 Life Principles
- Jumpstart
- 8 Expectations
- Quotes from our teachers
- Edmodo
- Educator Benefits of Edmodo
- Career Readiness Through Edmodo
- Snapshot
- Above and Beyond

B. Little Elm High School Students of the Month

Ms. Renee Pentecost presented the Students of the Month awards to Erin Lambright and Arun Surujpaul.

C. Board Appreciation

Superintendent Dr. Lowell Strike thanked the Board for volunteering their hours and effort to represent our children and their future. Their heart is in this District and for the students and a lot of not easy decisions are on their shoulders.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Discuss Board Operating Procedures

Board President DeLeon English explained to the public the reasoning behind the Board Operating Procedures. Ms. Stephanie Gregg has been working on this procedures and she almost has it completed. After this document has been completed, the Board will meet and give their input.

B. Discuss District Overview and Construction Projects

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board with the following:

- Outline of Discussion
- District Zoning
- Developments
- Elementary and High School Ten Year Forecast
- Possible Projects
- Plant Services and Transportation Facility
- Little Elm High School
- What to do?
- Next Steps?

8. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:34 pm in the Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 and 551.071.

The Board and Superintendent discussed:

- A. Discuss Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning Services - 551.074
- B. Discuss Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services - 551.074
- C. Discuss Director of Communications - 551.074
- D. Discuss Paraprofessional FTE - 551.074
- E. Discuss TU Aide FTE - 551.074

F. Discuss Band Stipends - 551.074

G. Attorney Consultation about Policy FNCG (LEGAL) - 551.071

H. Attorney Consultation - 551.071

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and Approve Financial Reports

B. Discuss and Approve Gifts and Donations

C. Discuss and Approve Vendors

D. Discuss and Approve Trivium Academy (Charter School)

E. Discuss and Approve Uplift Education - North Hills Preparatory (Charter School)
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

10. Business Items

A. Discuss and consider action on recommendation for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning Services.

Board Secretary made the first motion to approve the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning Services as discussed in closed meeting. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Dr. Lowell Strike announced Ms. Cyndy Mika as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning Services.

B. Discuss and consider action on recommendation for Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee Cooper Begis voted against the motion.

C. Discuss and consider action on recommendation for Director of Communications.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the recommendation for Director of Communications as discussed in closed meeting. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Dr. Lowell Strike announced Ms. Patricia Robbins as the Director of Communication Services and Community Partnerships.

D. Discuss and consider action on recommendation for one paraprofessional.

Trustee Stephanie Gregg made the first motion to approve the recommendation for one paraprofessional as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

E. Discuss and consider action on Personnel Memorandum

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez presented to the Board the Personnel Memorandum. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Personnel Memorandum as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores

seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

- F. Discuss and consider action on TU Aide - Chavez Elementary
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the TU-Aide at Chavez Elementary as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- G. Discuss and consider action on Band Stipends
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Band Stipends as discussed in closed meeting. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- H. Discuss and consider action on School Calendar for 2015-2016
Ms. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board the School Calendar for 2015-2016. After a survey of 492 respondents, 68% voted in favor of Calendar option "B". Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the School Calendar for 2015-2016. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- I. Discuss and consider action on 2015-2016 New Courses
Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board with the 2015-2015 New Courses the District would like to offer at the Middle Schools and High School. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the 2015-2016 New Courses as submitted. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- J. Discuss and consider action on Off Campus PE Course
Ms. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board the Off Campus PE Course Applications. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Off Campus PE Course as submitted. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- K. Discuss and consider action on CH (LOCAL)
Ms. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board and under cover CH (LOCAL). Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the under cover CH (LOCAL) as presented. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee Cooper Begis voted against the motion.
- L. Discuss and consider action on Update 101
Ms. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board Update 101. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve Update 101 as submitted. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- M. Discuss and consider action on Little Elm High School Repurposing
Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board about the Little Elm High School Repurposing. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to discuss this item. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. Trustee Cooper Begis would like to know where this money will come from and requested more information. Trustee Stephanie Gregg agreed with Trustee Begis. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding wants to know where the furniture that

was at the LEHS in those classrooms is.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to table this item. Trustee Cooper Begis seconded the motion. The motion to table this item passed (6-0).

11. Requested Agenda Items

Land Swap Discussion – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores
Bring your own device – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores
JROTC – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores
Computer Repairs turn around – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores
Invocation at beginning of Board Meetings – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores
Transcripts Update – Trustee Stephanie Gregg
Internships for HS students – Trustee Stephanie Gregg
Grading Policy – Trustee Melissa Myers
Chromebooks perspectives from parents at Elementary Level – Trustee Melissa Myers
Policy about non-profit on District Facilities – Trustee Melissa Myers
LEISD Foundation (Little Elm Awards Foundation) - Board President DeLeon English
Internships with companies coming to our area – Board President DeLeon English
Kids Vision for Life – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Board Comments

Trustee Stephanie Gregg thanked the Principals and Staff for the gifts and students notes.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding congratulated Ms. Cyndy Mika and Mr. Matthew Gutierrez on their new job positions.


14. Adjournment

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

The minutes were approved on February 9, 2015.



Board President – DeLeon English



Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores