

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, November 10, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Little Elm High School Lecture Hall.

PRESENT: Board President DeLeon English, Board Vice President LeAnna Harding, Board Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee Cooper Begis, Trustee Stephanie Gregg and Interim Superintendent Matthew Gutierrez.

ABSENT: Trustee Melissa Myers.

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Lecture Hall at the Little Elm High School on 1900 Walker Lane, Little Elm, TX 75068. 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
NONE
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 10/20/2014
 - B. Discuss and approve Special Meeting Minutes - 10/20/2014
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Regular and Special Meeting Minutes for 10/20/2014. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1 Trustee Stephanie Gregg abstained).
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Lakeview Elementary
Ms. Marcia Torres presented to the Board a video about "I'm a leader at Lakeview and this is how I lead"
Ms. Torres introduced the following students and teachers:
 - Emma Robinson, Student Council President
 - John McKey, Student Council Vice President
 - Andrea Salamanca, Student Council Secretary
 - Sofie Magana, Student Council Historian
 - Bryce Humphress, Student Council Treasurer

- Nicholas Prindle, Math Tutor
- Patricia Cruz, Creator of Lend a Hand tutoring program
- Victoria Villanueva, Rachel's Challenge Advocate
- Miranda Surles, 2nd grade teacher and team leader
- Kim Belken, 4th grade math teacher and team leader

B. Little Elm High School Students of the Month

Ms. Renee Pentecost presented to the Board the LEHS Students of the Month. The students are Marcus Gonzalez and Cindy Ventura.

7. Superintendent Reports

A. Digital Citizenship Week

Mr. Russell VanHoose briefed the Board about the implementation of awareness weeks. How to stand up to cyber bullying?

B. Transportation

Mr. Gutierrez shared with the Board information about start and end times for the 2014-2015 school year particularly at LEHS. Mr. Gutierrez has already met with transportation to set goals and to see where the District is.

C. ROTC Update

Ms. Cyndy Mika gave the Board an ROTC Update. This update included cost, facilities and structure. The District will be completing the application but can be a process of 3-4 years. The District is also looking at other options such as Civil Air patrol.

D. Community Forum / Profiles

Mr. Gutierrez briefed the Board about Community Forum / Profiles. The District will be holding two community forums and will be working to identify profiles of students, teachers, leaders to facilitate our own design team.

E. Key Communicators - Meet / Greet for December

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez briefed the Board about the new initiative to partner with key stakeholders to establish relationships.

8. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:03 pm in the Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074, 551.072 and 551.071. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Discuss Personnel - 551.074

B. Discuss HR Coordinator - 551-074

C. Discuss Main Street and Lakeshore Drive Parking Relocation Agreement - 551.072

D. Consultation with Board Attorney - 551.071

The meeting reconvened at 8:18 pm.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Financial Reports

B. Approve Gifts and Donations

C. Approve Vendors

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 Personnel Memorandum

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez presented to the Board the monthly Personnel Memorandum.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Personnel Memorandum as submitted. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Discuss and consider action on Stipends - Fine Arts

This Item was tabled.

C. Discuss and consider action on HR Coordinator

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez presented to the Board the recommendation for the HR Coordinator.

Trustee Stephanie Gregg made the first motion to approve the recommendation for the HR Coordinator as submitted in closed meeting. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1 Trustee Cooper Begis voted against the motion).

D. Discuss and consider action on BED (LOCAL)

Ms. Cyndy Mika approached the Board about BED (Local). This policy addresses public participation at Board Meetings.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the BED (LOCAL) as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1 Trustee Stephanie Gregg voted against the motion).

E. Discuss and consider action on FFI (LOCAL)

Ms. Cyndy Mika approached the Board about FFI (LOCAL). This policy addresses revisions to the bullying policy as requested.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve FFI (LOCAL) as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

F. Discuss and consider action on Calculators

Ms. Cyndy Mika approached the Board in regards to 8th grade calculators. This year the state implemented new mathematics TEKS. With the amount of algebraic skills that are now required to be taught and assessed in 8th grade, the state has issued a new calculator policy, which states that each 8th grade student must be provided a graphic calculator to be used for instruction and the 8th grade STAAR assessment.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the purchase of calculators as submitted. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

11. Requested Agenda Items

A. Board Year-End Objectives and Procedures - Board President DeLeon English

B. Board Self-Evaluations - Board President DeLeon English

C. District Annual Educational Performance Report -Board President DeLeon English

D. Dashboard - Trustee Melissa Myers

12. Future Agenda Items

Invocation at the beginning of Board Meetings – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores
Public Information Request made available to public – Board President DeLeon English

Board Operating Procedures in December – Board President DeLeon English
Workshop Board Meetings to be held at:

- December at Prestwick STEM Academy
- January at Oak Point Elementary
- February at Hackberry Elementary – Board President DeLeon English

13. Board Comments

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez has had a State of the District at the Tribute and in Little Elm. Mr. Gutierrez is currently working with the City of Oak Point to schedule one for December and to have one during the spring at Hackberry.

Trustee Stephanie Gregg thanked the District for recognizing Veteran's Day.

Trustee Cooper Begis would like to see CH (LOCAL) in regards to spending.

Trustee Cooper Begis would like to see attorney fees since January 2014.

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez commented about January Board Meetings.


14. Adjournment

Board Vice President Stephanie Gregg made the first motion to adjourn the meeting.


Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The minutes were approved on 12/15/2014.



Board President – DeLeon English



Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores