

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD will be held September 18, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Little Elm ISD Administration Building.

PRESENT: President Jason Olson, Vice President Mary Watkins, Secretary DeLeon English, Trustee Ken Beber, Trustee David Montemayor, Trustee Jeff Burton, Trustee Alex Flores, and Superintendent Michael Lamb.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Board Room at Little Elm ISD Administration Building on 400 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068. Board President Jason Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:01 pm in the Board Support Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 & 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
 - A. Personnel
 - B. LandThe Board reconvened at 7:01 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those present to The Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
4. Invocation
Pastor Josh Youngblood from Grace Church offered the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took the roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Recognition of the Little Elm Angels Foundation
This item was postponed.
 - B. Students of the Month Recognition
Mr. Donnie Bartlett and Principals from every campus recognized their student of the month.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Class Size Report
Ms. Asheley Brown reported the following to the Board:
Class Size Report
 - Average Class Size – Elementary
 - Average Class Size – Middle School
 - Average Class Size – High School

B. Human Resources Services Annual Report

Ms. Asheley Brown shared with the Board the following:

- 2022-2023 Successes
- 2022-2023 Carpool Kudos
- First Ever LEISD Career Fairs
- Title IX Administrator
- ESS Fill Rates Overview
- Fill Rates by Campus
- 2023-2024 Areas of Focus
- District Stats

C. 2nd Quarter Demographic Report

Mr. Alfred Gaches briefed the Board about the following:

- Local Economic Conditions
- DFW New Home Starts & Closings
- Texas Builder President's Survey – July 2023
- Housing Market Trends: Multi-family Market – June 2023
- DFW New Home Ranking Report
- District New Home Starts and Closings
- District Housing Overview by Elementary Zone
- District Housing Overview
- Residential Activity
- TEA Transfer Report
- Ten Year Forecast by Grade Level
- Ten Year Forecast by Elementary Campus

D. Dress Code

Mr. DeLeon English requested information about this topic as far as the disciplinary process, how we help our kids with the expectations, and disciplinary issues causing problems for our teachers. Mr. English would like to see this at the October 3, 2023 workshop.

8. Citizen Input

Audience participation shall be permitted at regular Board meetings and shall be limited to the public comment portion designated for that purpose

There was no citizen input

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2023

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared this item with the Board.

Vice President Mary Watkins made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of the 2023-2024 District Improvement Plan

Dr. Penny Tramel briefed the Board about the following:

District Improvement Plan

- Four Goal Areas
- Teaching and Learning
- Community Engagement
- Human Capital
- Fiscal Health and Sustainability

Vice President Mary Watkins made the first motion to approve as submitted.

Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Consider approval of the Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Bonds

Ms. Shay Adams briefed the Board about this item. This resolution is calling certain

outstanding bonds for redemption; authorizing the deposit of funds with the paying agent/registrar; and resolving other matters related thereto.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Vice President Mary Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Consider approval of the Resolution to Set the Tax Rate

Ms. Shay Adams presented the Board with the following:

- LEISD Historical Tax Rate
- Total Tax Rate Decrease
- Homestead Exemption Increase
- Shifting Revenue Source – Glass Size Has Not Increased

Vice President Mary Watkins made the first motion to approve as submitted.

Trustee Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The motion read:

September 18, 2023. On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of Little Elm Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for tax year 2023 at a total tax rate of \$1.2275, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.7575 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.47 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 9.008 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$62.60.

Adopted this 18th day of September 2023 by the Board of Trustees.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of the Off-Campus Physical Education Sites

B. Consider approval of Class Size Exemptions - Class Size Waivers

C. Consider approval of Proposed Change to Local FEA Policy

D. Consider approval of 2023-2024 LEISD - DCJJAEP Memorandum of Understanding

E. Consider approval of Contingency Fee Contract for Delinquent Tax Attorney

Services Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 6.30 and 2254.1036 of The Texas Government Code

F. Consider approval of Financial Reports - July 2023

G. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$100,000 Summary Report

H. Consider approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Business Days

Trustee Ken Beber made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

12. Board President Comments

Mr. Jason Olson mentioned the fact that LEISD's tax rate is lower by .15 cents. Mr. Olson also thanked parents and children who came to the homecoming parade and also congratulated the students who got celebrated. He reminded the Board about the TASB Conference.

13. Board Comments

Trustee Alejandro Flores thanked everyone who attended the food bank and contributed.

Mr. Flores also challenged the District about this subject.

Trustee Jeff Burton sent a shot out to our marching band and mentioned that the program is exemplary.

Secretary DeLeon English thanked the staff, teachers, and community for always being present.

Vice President Mary Watkins thanked the Cabinet for their hard work for their presentations.

Ms. Watkins mentioned that she enjoyed Homecoming. She also thanked the Board and Cabinet for playing along on the parade.

Trustee David Montemayor thanked everyone for their hard work.

Trustee Ken Beber thanked the staff for staying late. Mr. Beber is looking forward to adopting a Lobo and thanked teachers for their hard work.

14. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Michael Lamb commented about the following:

- Great day to be a Lobo
- Homecoming was amazing
- Float preparation was fun
- Proud of Cabinet
- Thanks Clint Miller for being here

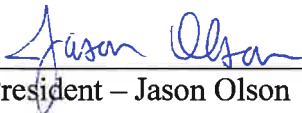
15. Adjournment

Vice President Mary Watkins made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary

DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

The minutes were approved on October 16, 2023.



Board President – Jason Olson



Board Secretary – DeLeon English