

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 20, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: President David Montemayor, Secretary Dan Blackwood, Trustee Monique Thompson, Trustee DeLeon English, Trustee Alejandro Flores, Trustee Melissa Myers, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

ABSENT: Vice President Jason Olson.

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 Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership on 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President David Montemayor.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 at 6:03 pm 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 7:00 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 Zack Miller from Crossing Church offered the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Little Elm High School - Students of the Month
Dr. Elizabeth Priddy presented the students of the month awards to Joseph Passerelle and Georgia Heathcock.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Curriculum and Learning Update
Dr. Cyndy A. Mika shared the following with those present:
 - Blended Learning in LEISD
 - Math Innovation Zones
 - Data Driven Learning Cycle
 - Targeted Instruction
 - NISE STEM Certification

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- Remote Learning in LEISD
- Questions?

B. 2021-2022 Professional Learning and Advanced Academics Program Update

This item was moved up to after students of the month.

Ms. Amanda Ball shared the following with the Board:

- Teachers Earned 5,510 Continuin Professinal Educantion Hours from May-August
- Summit Summer Learning
- Teacher Leaders as Conference Speakers
- 75% LE Educators
- Mentor Program
- Beginning Teacher Academy & Mentor Teacher Support
- 682 LEHS Students Earned 2,046 Total College Credits Saving 2.8M in tuition
- College Credits
- Thank You

C. Class Size Report

Ms. Asheley Brown shared the following with those present:

2021 Start of School

- Average Class Size – Elementary
- Average Class Size – Middle School
- Average Class Size – High School

D. Human Resources Services Annual Report

Ms. Asheley Brown presented on the following:

Annual Report

- 2020-2021 Successes!
- 2021-2022 Areas of Focus
- District Stats

E. Demographic Review

Mr. Alfred Gaches shared the following:

- Local Economic Conditions
- Housing Market Trends
- Multi-family Market
- DFW New Home Ranking Report
- 1 Year Change in District Housing
- District Housing Overview by Elementary Zone
- District Housing Overview
- Multi-Family Housing Overview
- Ten Year Forecast by Grade Level

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

This item was moved up to after item B was presented.

The following community members were part of the public comment portion:

- Mary Sieffert – Education Equity
- Zachary Mbuqua – Course Approval
- Dr. Dan Krutka – Consider Course approval of Course Guide Revision
- Dr. Earl R. Levingslun – Consider Course Guide Revision
- Jared Heath – Ethnic Studies
- Kaylyn Johnson – Ethnic Studies
- Mike Peterson – Ethnic Studies
- Tom Sizemore – Ethnic Stuies

- Jenny McCullough – Ethnic Studies
- George McCullough – Ethnic Studies
- Jenny Weems – Ethnic Studies (No show)
- Dorletha Fantroy – Paul – African and Mexican American studies (No show)
- Kristi Miller – COVID
- Christina Escobar Shorter – Health and Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Ari Wallace – Courses
- Atira Wallace – Ethnic Studies Courses
- Jason Salisbury – Ethnic Electives
- Darren Moore – Ethnic Studies Courses
- Lindsey Lockett – Ethnic Studies Electives Accountability
- Isabell Lockett – African American and Mexican American Studies
- Ty Phillips – History Curriculum
- Carolyn Nash – Ethnic Studies / Mask Mandate
- Amy D. Kangoroti – 2022-23 African and Mexican American History Electives
- Cliff Kimpson – Mexican and African American History Courses
- Cholena Fulcher – AA studies
- Henry Johnson – African American and Mexican American Studies
- Katrina D. Moore – Motion by Trustee DeLeon English to remove ethnic study courses from the course guide

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 8/23/2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee DeLeon English abstained from voting.

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of Board Resolution: Remote Learning

Presenter: Dr. Cyndy A. Mika

This item was pulled from agenda.

B. Consider approval of Administrator Employment Agreement - Onboarding Manager

Ms. Asheley Brown shared this item with the Board.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Brown announced Andrea Gonzales as the new Onboarding Manager.

C. Consider approval of Administrator Employment Agreement - Custodial Supervisor

Ms. Asheley Brown shared this item with the Board.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Brown announced Miguel Estrada as the new Custodial Supervisor.

D. Consider approval of Board policy BED (LOCAL)

Ms. Asheley Brown presented to the Board this item. The Board of Trustees had expressed interest in discussing the public comment/citizen input time limit.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve this item as discussed and amend it to 5 minutes and if a translator is needed, to 10 minutes. Also to have clarity on removal of a community member from meeting in case of disruption. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

E. Consider approval of LEISD Board Operating Procedures

This item was moved up.

Ms. Asheley Brown presented this item to the Board. The Board had expressed interest in discussing the public comment / citizen input time limit and the deadline for registering for public comment.

After discussing this item the Board decided to amend the LEISD Board Operating Procedures.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to amend this item to 5 minutes for public comment. Also the deadline for public comment is 5:30 pm for online submissions and 7:00 pm for in person and the home address portion will be deleted from the form. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

F. Consider approval of DC (LOCAL) Board Policy Update

Trustee Dan Blackwood left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item. The Board retains final authority to employ all positions above and including campus principals and will receive recommendations for these positions from the Superintendent. The Board delegates to the Superintendent final authority to employ all contractual personnel below the level of campus principal.

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

G. Consider approval of Resolution to Set Tax Rate

Ms. Shay Adams briefed the Board about this item. This resolution formalises the tax rate adopted in August 2021.

President David Montemayor made the first motion to approve this item. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0). The resolution is: September 20, 2021. On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of Little Elm School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2021 at a total tax rate of \$1.4303, to be assessed and collection by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$.9603 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$.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 BE EFFECTIVELY RAISED BY 1.7 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$24.33.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2021 by the Board of Trustees.

H. Consider approval of Financial Reports - July 2021

Mr. Jesse Wyse informed the Board about this item. The report included the following:

- Statement of Unaudited Revenue and Expenditures
- Financial Statements for Special Revenue Funds
- Cash Flow Statements
- Bank and Investment Reconciliations
- Reports for Current Investment by Fund
- Property Tax Collection Reports
- Capital Project Reports

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

I. Consider approval of Nomination to the NSBA Advocacy Institute
Trustee DeLeon English asked the Board to approve his nomination to the NSBA Advocacy Institute.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve Mr. English's nomination.

Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve the expenses for his item.

Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

J. Consider approval of Course Guide Revision

This item was moved to after citizen input.

Trustee DeLeon English presented this item to the Board. After a Board discussion Mr. English asked the Board to table this item. Trustee DeLeon English made the first motion to table this item. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion.

After another Board discussion, Trustee Dan Blackwood made the first motion to amend the motion and pull the item. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-2). Trustees Melissa Myers and Alejandro Flores voted against the motion.

The Board took a break after this item at 8:35 pm and reconvened at 8:47 pm.

The Board took a break after action items at 9:34 pm and reconvened at 9:47 pm.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan

B. Consider approval of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Adjunct Faculty Resolution

C. Consider approval of Off Campus Physical Education Sites

D. Consider approval of 2021-2022 LEISD Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Members

E. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report

F. Consider approval of Request for Proposal #2019-002 Food Catering Services

G. Consider approval of Request for Proposal #2021-003 Child Nutrition - Kitchen Equipment Purchases, Supplies and Services

H. Consider Gifts and Donations

I. Consider approval of Declaring Technology Equipment Surplus and Authorizing for Disposal

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

12. Board President Comments

President David Montemayor thanked the community for getting involved.

13. Board Comments

Trustee Melissa Myers thanked every one for staying late and reminded every one about the parade. Ms. Myers also mentioned about respecting each other and work together with professionalism.

Trustee Monique Thompson enjoyed the discussion and appreciates everybody.

Trustee DeLeon English thanked the staff for staying late and reaffirmed the community that the Board is doing the best for our students.

14. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Daniel Gallagher thanked the staff for staying late, the SROs and Ms. Sonia Flores for being at the meeting.

Mr. Gallagher also thanked the Board and mentioned the huge roll they play. He applauds them and respects them. He thanked the community for their input.

15. Adjournment

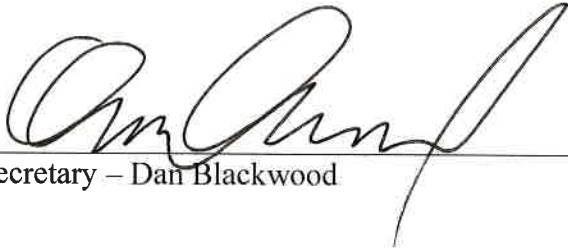
Trustee DeLeon English made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Monique Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 pm.

The minutes were approved on October 18, 2021.

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President – G. David Montemayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Blackwood", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary – Dan Blackwood