

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD will be held August 23, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

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

ABSENT: Trustee DeLeon English.

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. President David Montemayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:31 pm in PL1 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 7:07 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 Sutton with Point Church offered the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Resolution Recognizing New Middle Schools  
This item was tabled.
  - B. Community Partnership Award  
Mr. Daniel Gallagher presented D3 Salon the Community Partnership Award and thanked them for their support year after year at The School Bash Event.
  - C. Introduction of New Executive Director of Special Populations  
Ms. Asheley Brown introduced Ms. Lesa Shocklee as the new Executive Director of Special Populations.
  - D. CUTX SMART Branch  
Ms. Cecelia Jones presented to the Board Mr. Desmond Bibbs from CUTX. There will

be a partnership between CUTX and Little Elm ISD having a branch at LEHS. The functioning bank will be operated by students.

E. 2020 Cohort for CLASS (Community Leadership Academy for Supporting Success)  
Mr. Ross Roberts approached the Board about this item. He thanked all the members of the CLASS present and not present and gave them a certificate of appreciation.

#### 7. Reports of the Superintendent

##### A. Little Elm ISD Athletics – Update

This item was moved up to after item 5.

Coach Mike Young briefed the Board on this years exciting events and presented students wearing new uniforms.

##### B. Curriculum and Learning Update

Dr. Cyndy A. Mika briefed the Board on the following:

- Meet the Teacher Night
- Convocation
- Professional Development
- Prep the Pack
- Enrollment
- Demographic Performance Dashboard
- Safe Lobo Site

#### 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.

The following community members approached the Board.

- Jenny McCullough – Offering thanks & support to Board
- Seth Hopkins – CRT & mask mandate
- George McCullough – Ethnic Studies
- Jennifer Montgomery – Remarks: July 19, 2021 SB Meeting
- Jerry Fuller – No mandates or racial teaching please. Hackberry school blocks traffic
- Tom Sizemore – Masks & Ethnis studies
- Jared Heath – Masks, Ethnic studies
- Julie Orsak – Masks
- Rebecca Lahacz – Mask mandate
- Kjeil Lease – Potential mask mandate
- Kristi Miller – Mask mandate
- Melinda Mreston – Masks
- Zack Bajaktcan – No masks
- Michael Person – Anti – masks
- Christina Escobar Shorter – Health and safety during Covid-19 pandemic
- Dr. Michael J Eisenmenger – Masks for children
- John Montes – Mask mandates
- Karina Ordonez – Mask use for students (No show)
- Karina Ordonez – COVID Requirements in place (No show)

The Board recessed for a break at 9:01 pm

The Board reconvened at 9:11 pm

#### 9. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Consider approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - July 19, 2021

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

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice

President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee Alejandro Flores abstained from voting.

B. Consider approval of Special Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board. Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee Melissa Myers abstained from voting.

C. Consider approval of Special Meeting Minutes - August 16, 2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores briefed the Board about this item.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee Alejandro Flores abstained from voting.

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval for Nominations for DCAD Board of Directors

President David Montemayor shared this item with the Board. He also asked to endorse Mr. David Terre.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve as presented. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Consider approval of TASB Official Delegate

President David Montemayor shared this item with the Board. Mr. Montemayor asked for volunteers. Trustee Monique Thompson offered to be the delegate and Trustee Alejandro Flores offered to be the alternate.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Consider approval for Nomination to the NSBA Advocacy Institute

Presenter: DeLeon English

This item was pulled from the agenda.

D. Consider approval of Act on Delegation of Authority to Approve the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)

Ms. Shay Adams briefed the board about this item. HB3 updated the stutes surrounding qualifications for recapture payments. Recapture is no longer tied to a certain level of wealth per WADA. Districts are now subject to recapture payments if they have local revenue in excess of entitlement. A district is considered to have exess local revenue if the district's tier one local share exceeds the district's entitlement.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The motion reads as follows:

I move "For the 2021-2022 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding)."

E. Consider approval to Designate Officer to Calculate Tax Rate for Little Elm ISD

Ms. Shay Adams briefed the Board about this item. The District will designate an officer to calculate the tax rate for Little Elm ISD.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

F. Consider approval of Order Authorizing Redemption of Bonds

Ms. Shay Adams shared this item with the Board. Resolution calling certain outstanding bonds for redemption; authorizing the deposit of funds with the paying agents/registrar; and resolving other matters related thereto.

President David Montemayor made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The resolution reads as follow:

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LITTLE ELM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS FOR REDEMPTION; AUTHORIZING THE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS WITH THE PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, Little Elm Independent School District (the “District”) has previously issued its Fixed and Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020 (the “Series 2020 Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the District has sufficient funds in the Interest & Sinking Funds established for the Series 2020 Bonds to fully redeem and defease all or a portion of certain outstanding maturities of the Series 2020 Bonds (as specifically identified on **Schedule I** hereto, such bonds to be hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with this Resolution, will deposit funds in an amount sufficient to fully pay all principal and interest due and owing on the Refunded Bonds on February 15, 2022 (the “Redemption Date”) with UMB Bank, N.A., the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Bonds (the “Paying Agent”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the District finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the District to call for redemption and defease the Refunded Bonds and that the Refunded Bonds shall be redeemed on the Redemption Date; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Resolution is considered is open to the public as required by law, and the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LITTLE ELM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The findings and determinations set forth in the preambles hereto are hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Section 2. Deposit of Funds. The transfer and deposit of available Interest and Sinking Funds in an amount equal to \$3,225,000 (representing principal of the Refunded Bonds) plus interest accrued on such Refunded Bonds to the redemption date with the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds is hereby authorized, directed and approved.

Section 3. Redemption of Refunded Bonds. (a) The Refunded Bonds shall be paid on the Redemption Date as set forth on Schedule I attached hereto, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus interest accrued thereon to the Redemption Date.

(b) The Secretary of the Board and any other officer of the District is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be delivered to the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds, the delivery of which shall constitute notice of redemption and notice of defeasance to such Paying Agent.

Section 4. Notice of Redemption. The Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such redemption to the owners thereof pursuant to the order authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 5. Execution and Delivery of Documents; Actions to be Taken. The President and Secretary of the Board are each hereby authorized and directed to consent to,

accept, execute, attest and affix the District's seal to such other agreements, assignments, certificates, contracts, documents, instruments, releases, financing statements, letters of instruction, authorizations for the expenditure of funds of the District as may be required, written requests, and other papers, whether or not mentioned herein, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out or assist in carrying out the purposes of this Resolution and to take any and all actions required to be taken to effect the purposes of this Resolution in accordance with this Resolution and the laws of the State of Texas.

G. Consider approval of Adoption of Budget for 2021-2022

Ms. Shay Adams approached the Board about this item. This item was presented at the public hearing.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

H. Consider approval of Adoption of Tax Rate for 2020-21

Ms. Shay Adams shared this item with the Board during the Public Hearing.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

I. Consider approval of Notice of Intent to Change the Fiscal Year Start Date

Ms. Shay Adams approached the Board about this item. In order to better serve the campuses and align the fiscal year to envelope the academic year for which it funds, the administration recommends that we change the fiscal start date for 2022-2023 forward to July 1 each year. This early action is necessary for the required notification to the Texas Education Agency.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

J. Consider approval of TASB Risk Management Fund

Ms. Shay Adams approached the Board about this item. This is to approve the TASB Risk Management Fund Contribution & Coverage Summary.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

K. Consider approval of Financial Reports - June 2021

Mr. Jesse Wyse presented this item to the Board. The presentation contained the following information:

- General Fund
- Budget Recap
- Bond sales
- Debt Service Fund
- Financials in Board Packet

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

11. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of Off Campus Physical Education Sites

B. Consider approval of LEISD - JJAEP Memorandum of Understanding

C. Consider approval of 2021-2022 Employee Handbook

This item was pulled from consent agenda. Vice President Jason Olson asked if there was anything on the handbook about employees and social media posts. The answer was no.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

D. Consider approval of T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar

E. Consider approval of Final Budget Amendment

- F. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report
  - G. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report
  - H. Consider approval of Request for Proposal #2019-002 Food Catering Services
  - I. Consider approval Prestwick Building Egress Sidewalk Replacements
- Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted with the exception of Item C. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0)

12. Board President Comments

President David Montemayor thanked everyone for staying late and also thanked the community for coming to the meeting and speaking.

13. Board Comments

Trustee Monique Thompson thanked Cecelia Jones for the partnership with CUTX. Vice President Jason Olson thanked the staff and appreciated the community's comments. Mr. Olson also thanked the campuses for making things happen. Secretary Dan Blackwood thanked staff and community. He also thanked those emailing and wants the to know that the Board understand their concerns. Trustee Melissa Myers echoed everything that has been said. Ms. Myers also asked for BED Local to ve reviewed and ammend the time. She would also like to see the survey data on ethnic studies.

Trustee Alejandro Flores reminded those present about Meet the Lobos night. Mr. Flores also would like to have a workshop about the Ethnic Courses before voting on it.

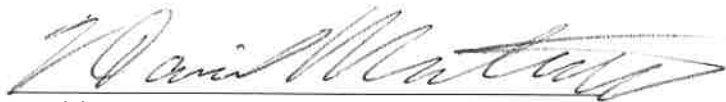
14. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Daniel Gallagher thanked the team for staying late and the Board for their support. Mr. Gallagher thanked the community members for the feedback and the great dialogue. He emphasized that the District will always make the best decision for our students. He thanked our students for an incredible frist week of school and the staff and teachers for everything they do.

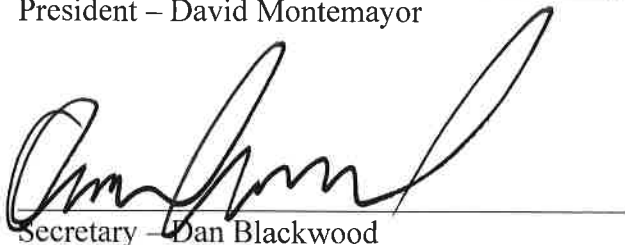
15. Adjournment

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).  
The motion adjourned at 9:50 pm.

These minutes were approved on September 20, 2021.



President – David Montemayor



Secretary – Dan Blackwood