

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 March 22, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Alejandro Flores.

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 6:02 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:02 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 and 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
 - A. Personnel
 - B. LandThe Board reconvened at 7:11 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledges to The United States Flag and The Texas Flag were lead by Trustees.
4. Invocation
Mr. DeWayne Brawner from Aubrey Country Church offered the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Community Partnership Award
Mr. Daniel Gallagher presented the Community Partnership Award to Pastor Mark Farnell from Cross Ridge Church. Mr. Gallagher thanked Pastor Farnell for his kindness, his passion for the community and for wanting the best for everyone he meets. Pastor Farnell is a friend of LEISD.
 - B. Recognition of COVID Task Force
Mr. Dniel Gallagher thanked and recognized the hard work the COVID Task Force put in during the pandemic.
 - C. Recognizing a High School All-State Jazz Ensemble Student
Mr. Frank Felice presented to the Board and recognized Zeshan Farooq. Mr. Felice praised Zeshan about all of his accomplishments.

D. LEISD Child Care - Lisa Hooten and Team

Mr. Ross Roberts congratulated Ms. Lisa Hooten and her team (Little Elm ISD Child Care Program) for receiving the Child Care Provider of the Year through the Texas Workforce Commission.

E. TWU - Pioneer Promise

Mr. Ross Roberts and Dr. Libby Priddy introduced to the Board Dr. Becky Fredrickson. Dr. Fredrickson announced that due to the climbing on LEISD students' scores, TWU will be increasing their automatic admissions from 25% to 30% for Little Elm High School students through the Pioneer Promise agreement.

7. Citizen Input

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

No citizen input.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Curriculum and Learning Update

Dr. Cyndy A. Mika shared with the Board the following:

Curriculum and Learning Update

- Enrollment Update
- Instructional Modality Commitments by Quarter
- Waiver Approved: Hybrid Instruction Duritin District – Scheduled Testing Days for K-8th Grade Students
- Summer Learning Summit
- HB3: Full Day Prekindergarten

B. 4th Quarter 2020 Growth Report

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board about the following:

Quarterly Report 4Q20

- LEISD New Housing Activity
- DFW New Home Ranking Report
- Ten Year Forecast by Grade Level
- Ten Year Forecast by Campus
- Key Takeaways

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 2/22/2021

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared with the Board this item. Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as discussed. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Item I needs to be corrected.

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of Contract for Long Range Bond Planning Services

Mr. Rick Martin shared with the Board this item. This is to approve Huckabee to assist in long range facility planning to include potential future bond elections. Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Consider approval of Order Authorizing Issuance Bonds

Mr. Jesse Wyse presented the following information to the Board:

- Current Market Review
- Review of Outstanding Debt
- Updated Bond Plan
- Preliminary Timetable

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).

C. Consider approval of Superintendent's Contract

Mr. David Montemayor briefed the Board about this item.

This meeting was postponed to end of meeting.

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve as discussed in closed session. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

D. Consider approval of Resolution for Texas Association of School Board Superintendent of The Year

Mr. David Montemayor briefed the Board about this item. Since 1984, the Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award program has honored outstanding administrators for achievement and excellence in public school administration. These school leaders exhibit exemplary and visionary leadership toward improving student performance.

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

Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

E. Consider approval of the 2021-2022 FTE's Based on Projected Enrollment Growth

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item.

Human Resource Services

- 2021-22 Projected Enrollment
- Elementary: 7 teacher positions
- Middle School: 2 teacher positions
- High School: 2 teacher positions and 2 SpEd Aide positions

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

F. Consider approval of Financial Reports - January 2021

Mr. Jesse Wyse presented to the Board the following:

Financial Report

- General Fund
- Budget Recap
- Appropriations
- Capital Outlay Fund
- Bond Sales to Date
- 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).

G. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

Mr. Jesse Wyse shared with the Board this item. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from other governmental entities which have been properly awarded.

Trustee Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

H. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures Over \$50,000

Mr. Jesse Wyse briefed the Board about this item. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services valued over \$50,000 which have been properly purchased through statutorily authorized methods.

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 Five New Buses

Mr. Rick Martin shared with the Board information about this item. This proposal to purchase five new buses as scheduled.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1). Trustee DeLeon English voted against the motion.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider approval of Student Handbook Update
- B. Consider approval of Student Code of Conduct
- C. Consider Gifts and Donations
- D. Consider approval of Declaring Technology Equipment Surplus and Authorizing for Disposal

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0). The Board reconvened back into closed session at 8:29 pm.

The Board reconvened into open meeting at 9:07 pm

12. Board President Comments

Mr. David Montemayor thanked everyone for their hard work.

13. Board Comments

There were no comments.

14. Superintendent Comments


Mr. Gallagher thanked the Board for their commitment and dedication. Mr. Gallagher feels blessed to work with a great team.

15. Adjournment


Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

The minutes were approved on April 19, 2021



President - David Montemayor



Secretary – Dan Blackwood