

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, April 20, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: President David Montemayor, Vice President Jason Olson, Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Dan Blackwood, Trustee LeAnna Harding, Trustee DeLeon English, Trustee Melissa Myers, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

1. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:03 pm in PL1 at Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 and 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Land
 - C. Consultation with Attorney
 1. To consult with its attorney when the Board seeks advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, or when the attorney will have an ethical duty of confidentiality. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071).
 - a. Consultation with District legal counsel regarding TEA Docket No. 202-SE-0220.
 - D. Student Information
 1. To deliberate a matter regarding a public-school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation unless an open meeting about the matter is requested in writing by the student's parent (Tex. Gov't Code 551.0821).
 - a. Deliberations regarding TE Docket No. 202-SE-0220.
2. 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 7:04 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led the Pledges to The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
4. Invocation
There was no invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight

There was no Superintendent Spotlight.

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. Members of the public who desire to address the board during the Citizen Input portion of the board meeting must follow registration procedures by clicking on the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/RXF74HO>

Dr. Monique Thompson spoke about graduation events.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider Regular Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2020

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

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Consider Special Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2020

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

Trustee Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Consider Regular Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2020

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

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

D. Consider Special Meeting Minutes - March 30, 2020

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

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

E. Consider Special Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2020

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

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

9. Action Items

A. Consider Resolution Regarding Delegation of Authority During the COVID-19 Emergency

Dr. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board this item.

Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve as submitted.

Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Little Elm Independent School District (“District”) is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a statewide emergency, and, later that same day, the President of the United States declared a national emergency regarding COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State of Texas declared a public health disaster due to COVID-19 and ordered the closure of all schools until at least April 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, the District's schools have been closed to students since March 23, 2020, and the Board believes schools will likely remain closed for an extended period of time;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to close school buildings in the District has created unique challenges as it relates to providing equitable learning opportunities for all students and will impact grading and high-school graduation due to the complexity of students not having opportunities to complete graded assignments or courses in a typical manner;

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interest of students in the District to temporarily suspend Board Policies related to student grading, class rank, and related matters;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to temporarily delegate and empower the Superintendent with authority to adopt and implement alternative processes and policies related to student grading and calculating class rank in keeping with the educational mission of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the Superintendent the authority to suspend policies pertaining to retention/promotion, grading, class rank, eligibility for contests/competitions and other student activities, including but not limited to those found in Board Policies EIA(Local), EIC(Local), EIE(Local), FM(Local), FMF(Local), and any other policies that could relate to grading, retention/promotion, class rank, and/or eligibility for contests/competitions and other student activities.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby delays the implementation of policy to use final grades as of March 6, 2020 to calculate GPA for purposes of determining class rankings for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and other Honors until the 2020-2021 school year, and orders that such calculations for the current school year be made in the same manner as the 2018-2019 school year and will be based on the _end of the 3rd Quarter grades on March 6, 2020.

RESOLVED, the authority granted by this resolution is effective for a closure with a maximum duration of 60 business days and/or school days unless the Board takes action to authorize such delegation for a longer duration.

B. Consider Resolution to Extend Delegation of Authority During the COVID-19 Emergency Through the Time of Closure

Mr. Grant Anderson shared this item with the Board. Mr. Anderson asked to approve the previously approved resolution with the amendment of authority until the end of closure.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Consider Stadium Track Replacement & Drainage Renovations

Mr. Rick Martin shared with the Board this item. This is to inform the total cost of the work projected to be \$1,000,000, including the Stipulated Sum \$879,285, to Hellas for the sports track and drainage work.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted.

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

10. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Educator Appraisal Waiver Due to COVID-19

B. Consider COVID-19 Expense Stipend

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-1).

Secretary Alejandro Flores abstained from voting.

C. Consider Docunav

D. Consider HMH Pricing Proposal: English Language Arts Grades 9-12 Adoption

E. Consider Renewing ESC Region 11 Interlocal Agreement Resolution for Benefits Cooperative

F. Consider Financial Reports - February 2020

G. Consider Little Elm ISD Expenditures Over \$50,000 Summary Report

H. Consider Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report

I. Consider Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

J. Consider Child Nutrition Campus Upgrades

Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 10B. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion.

The motion passed (7-0).

11. Board President Comments

Mr. David Montemayor thanked administration and staff for being there for our students.

12. Board Comments

Secretary Alejandro Flores thanked administrators for helping our seniors.

13. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Daniel Gallagher thanked the Board for approving the stipend. Mr. Gallagher also thanked Ms. Cecelia Jones for the tribute video to Lakeside Middle School.

14. Adjournment

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The minutes were approved on May 18, 2020.


Board President – G. David Montemayor


Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores