

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Tuesday, May 14, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

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

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. Board President Melissa Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.

3. Personnel

The following statement was read for the record:

Statement from the Board:

The Little Elm ISD Board of Trustees was informed last week that Board Member Dan Blackwood received felony convictions dating back to when he was a teenager in 1989-1991. The Board immediately sought legal counsel to ensure compliance with state election law and LEISD Board Policy. Based on information available to the public, along with information provided by Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Blackwood appears to have fulfilled all requirements of his sentencing with no known current limitation on his rights as a citizen. Accordingly, the Board was advised that under law and policy, Mr. Blackwood was eligible to apply as a candidate for board member and to serve on the Board of Trustees. In light of this incident, the Board has taken steps to ensure that board members are screened like all community members when volunteering and being granted access to District property by directing the District to request a full background check on any newly elected board members, as well as annual background checks on all current board members. We appreciate Mr. Blackwood's cooperation in this matter and look forward to moving forward in our continued support of Little Elm ISD.

Statement from Mr. Blackwood:

Last week the board was made aware that I have felony convictions. This is true. I wanted to share my history related to these charges. The felonies were committed in 1989 and 1990. I completed the requirements of the convictions and have been fully released. I am providing legal documentation to the Board of Trustees to verify that final disposition was obtained.

Over the last 29 years I have made a point to model my commitment to my community through my volunteer work and by how I live my life, and over the last

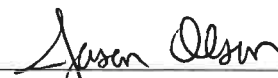
three years, I have passionately supported our school district through my role as a member of the Board of Trustees. I regret the decisions I made at the age of 17, which resulted in the conviction. Those actions do not reflect who I am today as a board member.

4. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:34 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
 - A. Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract
The Board reconvened at 8:39 pm.
5. Action
 - A. Consider Superintendent's Contract
Board Vice President David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Superintendent's Contract as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
6. Adjournment
Board Secretary Jason Olson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

The minutes were approved on June 17, 2019



Board President – Melissa Myers



Board Secretary – Jason Olson