

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, August 22, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: Board President Melissa Myers, Board Vice President David Montemayor, Board Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Jason Olson, Trustee LeAnna Harding, Trustee DeLeon English, Trustee Dan Blackwood and Superintendent Dr. Lowell H. Strike.

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 6:31 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those in attendance to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Ms. Sara Aguirre offered the invocation.
4. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
5. Citizen Input
There was no citizen input.
6. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 7-25-2016
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for 7-25-2016 as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
7. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Advanced Placement Student Recognition
Dr. Cyndy Mika and Ms. Renee Pentecost presented the Advanced Placement. Last year's LEISD gave away \$20,500 in scholarships. This year LEISD is giving \$51,500.
 - B. Tribute STEM Foundation
Dr. Cyndy Mika approached the Board about the Tribute STEM Foundation. Representatives from this foundation, Frank Niekamp, Ryan Sievers, Melanie Leach and Keith Vesper were present and a piece of artwork was presented to them.
 - C. Media Partners Recognition

Ms. Pat Robbins briefed the Board about Media Partners Recognition. Lorelei Day from the Little Elm Journal was present and received a piece of artwork.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. 2016-2017 First Day of School Summary

Mr. Ross Roberts and Mr. Daniel Gallagher gave the Board a brief summary about the 2016-2017 First Day of School Summary. The summary included the following:

- Fantastic Day
- Smooth Day
- Chief Harrison and LEPD help and support we received from Police Departments is just unbelievable
- All campuses were visited by SLT

B. First Day of School Attendance

Dr. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board a presentation about the First Day of School Attendance. The presentation included the following:

LEISD Enrollment

- 7176 students
- 509 New to LEISD (1-12th grade)
- Brent Elementary Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Chavez Elementary Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Hackberry Elementary Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Lakeview Elementary Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Oak Point Elementary Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Prestwick STEM K-5 Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Prestwick STEM 6-8 Class Sizes & Enrollment
- Lakeside Middle School Class Sizes & Enrollment
- LEHS School Class Sizes & Enrollment

C. 2nd Quarter 2016 Growth Report

Presenter: Rod Reeves

This item was not presented. It was for informational to the Board. Mr. Rod Reeves will answer any questions via email if any.

9. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 at 7:21 pm. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

The Board reconvened at 8:31 pm.

10. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve the Board Policy DNA (LOCAL) - Update

Mr. Ross Roberts approached the Board about Policy DNA (LOCAL). The Teacher evaluation system will move from PDAS to T-TESS. As a result, our appraisal and evaluation policy DNA (LOCAL) needs to be adjusted to reflect the change.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve Board Policy DNA (LOCAL) – Update as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the

motion. The motion passed (7-0).

- B. Discuss and approve the TASB's Legal Update 105
Mr. Ross Roberts briefed the Board on TASB's Legal Update 105. TASB's Update 105 encompasses changes within local policies. Local Policies included in the Update 105 addresses topics including the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) act, the presence of the United States of America and Texas Flags during pledges and Tuberculosis screening.
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the TASB's Legal Update 105 as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- C. Discuss and approve the Waiver for HB 2610
Mr. Ross Roberts approached the Board about the Waiver for HB2610. House Bill 2610 requires school districts to provide 75,600 minutes of instruction per school year. This waiver will allow our Pre-K and DAEP programs to reflect their actual instructional minutes.
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Waiver for HB2610 as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- D. Discuss and approve the School Priority Month Resolution
Ms. Pat Robins approached the Board about the School Priority Month Resolution. Public reading of the resolution announcing LEISD's participation in the inaugural "School Priority Month", October of 2016. Every school campus in Texas is encouraged to invite elected officials from every lever of government to visit and experience firsthand the great work-taking place in our local public schools.
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the School Priority Month Resolution as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- E. Discuss and approve the Adoption of Budget for 2016-17
Mr. Grant Anderson approached the Board to answer any questions about the Adoption of Budget for 2016-17.
Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Adoption of Budget for 2016-17. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- F. Discuss and approve the Adoption of Tax Rate for 2016-17
Mr. Grant Anderson approached the Board to answer any questions about the Adoption of Tax Rate for 2016-17.
Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Adoption of Tax Rate for 2016-17 as submitted. The motion read as followed:
- Maintenance and Operations: \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable assessed property values
 - Interest and Sinking: \$.37 per \$100 of taxable assessed property values
- Total tax rate of \$1.54 per \$100 of taxable assessed property values

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

G. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about the Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from other governmental entities valued over \$50,000 which have been properly purchased through statutorily authorized methods.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the LEISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

H. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about the Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from the list presented.

Trustee Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve the Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

I. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the LEISD Interlocal Summary Report. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from the list presented.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the LEISD Interlocal Summary Report as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

J. Discuss and approve the Financial Reports

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about the Financial Reports. The report included the following:

- Notes to financials and current activity
- 2015-2016 General Fund Budget Recap
- General Fund – Realized as of June 2016
- General Fund – Cash Flow
- Capital Projects thru 8/18/16
- Summer Projects
- Financials in board packet

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

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K. Discuss and approve the Donation of Easement at Prestwick School Site

Mr. Rod Reeves approached the Board about the Donation of Easement at Prestwick School Site. CoServ is requesting, through the developer Matthews Southwest (The Tribute), for a utility easement at Prestwick school site. The easement is 15' wide and approximately 0.642 acres. The area falls within the building setback and landscape buffer, i.e. non-buildable land.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Donation of

Easement at Prestwick School Site as submitted. Board Vice President David Montemayor seconded. The motion passed (7-0).

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Discuss and approve the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Adjunct Faculty Resolution
- B. Discuss and approve the Off Campus PE Site Approval
- C. Discuss and approve the 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct
- D. Discuss and approve Memorandum of Understanding between DCJJAEP and LEISD
- E. Discuss and approve the Partnership Agreement between Communities in Schools of North Texas and LEISD
- F. Discuss and approve the T-TESS Appraisers
- G. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations
- H. Discuss and approve Final Budget Amendment
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

12. Board President Comments

- A. Discuss updating Board Operating Procedures
Board President Melissa Myers informed the Board and thanked Mr. Olson for volunteering to take over the BOP.
- B. Set meeting for Superintendent Evaluation
Board President set a date for Superintendent Evaluation. The Special Meeting will take place on 9/29/2016 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. She also mentioned that at this point there are no goals set for Superintendent but they will be developed for next year.
Ms. Myers also thanked everyone present for staying late on first day of school.

13. Board Comments

- Trustee DeLeon English would like to see the Board getting engaged on the legislation.
- Trustee DeLeon English would like to see more time provided for educators planning
- Trustee DeLeon English would like to see more opportunities on funding for schools.
- Trustee DeLeon English would like more information on leasing land property
- Trustee Dan Blackwood thanked those who put together the Back to School Bach.
- Trustee Dan Blackwood talked about Convocation and how fun it was.
- Trustee Dan Blackwood congratulated those whom graduated over the summer.
- Board Secretary Alejandro Flores thanked Ms. Myers, Ms. Robins and Ms.

Flores for their participation on Back To School Bash.

- Trustee David Montemayor thanked the District for getting the school year started.
- Trustee LeAnna Harding thanked administrators for their hard work.
- Trustee Jason Olson mentioned convocation and how it has been the best one ever.
- Trustee Jason Olson also congratulated those who graduated over the summer. The graduation was great.
- Trustee Jason Olson thanked administrators for a great first day.
- Trustee Jason Olson invited other Board Members to review BOP.
- Trustee Jason Olson thanked staff for the hard work.

14. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike mentioned the following:

- Thanks to Plant Services for having all the schools clean.
- FamiLE workday.
- Thanks to the Board for their presence at convocation.
- Thanks Melissa for addressing the staff.
- The Family Environment is at LEISD.
- Thanks Pat Robbins for Back to School Bash.
- Thanks Pat Robins for the hard work.
- Dr. Strike read a letter received from LEPD - Chief Harrison.

15. Adjournment

Trustee 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 9:38 pm.

The meetings were approved on September 19, 2016.


Board President – Melissa Myers


Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores