

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, September 19, 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 Dan Blackwood and Superintendent Lowell H. Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee DeLeon English and trustee LeAnna Harding.

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. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those in attendance the pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Mr. Christopher Williams offered the convocation.
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 8-22-2016
 - B. Discuss and approve Special Meeting Minutes for 8-22-2016
 - C. Discuss and approve Special Meeting Minutes for 8-24-2016
Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
7. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Little Elm High School Student of the Month
Ms. Renee Pentecost presented the Student of the Month Award to Trevor Roubadeaux and Emrie Perez
 - B. Little Elm High School Spotlight
Ms. Renee Pentecost introduced Mr. Sean Duffy. Mr. Duffy along with Ms. Julie Brown and Ms. Sarah Mckimmie are the teachers over the Academic Decathlon. The Academic Decathlon competed in Regionals and received first place. They

went to state as a 10th place team and finished 6th. This was the first time ever that LEISD Academic Decathlon competed. Some of the students whom approached the Board were Jake Mooney, Emily Garcia, Matt Musteen and Nabihai Shah.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Kelly Spradley Recognition as a PAEMST Finalist

Dr. Cyndy Mika presented the Triple E Award to Ms. Kelly Spradley. Ms. Spradley received the Presidential Award for Math and Science Finalist.

B. Accountability Ratings Results

Dr. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board the Accountability Ratings Results. In August – September the State releases the ratings. The accountability has 4 tiers:

- Ratings Based on 4 Performance Indexes
- Distinction Designations
- System Safeguards
- Community and Student Engagement and Compliance

All of the Little Elm ISD's campuses were rated as "Met Standard". Out of the campuses rated as "Met Standard", six earned at least one distinction designation from TEA.

C. Human Resource Services Annual Report

Ms. Cleota Epps presented to the Board the Human Resource Services Annual Report. This Report included the following:

- Highlights
- General Information
- On the horizon
- Thank you!

D. Professional Learning Update

Ms. Amanda Campbell-Wyatt briefed the Board with a presentation providing an update on the Professional Learning opportunities for faculty, staff, and administrators. She also informed the of what took part over the summer as well as an overview of upcoming learning that expands our district mission to Engage, Equip, and Empower each teacher to reach her or his full potential.

E. Little Elm ISD Drivers Education Program

Mr. Ross Roberts approached the Board about the LEISD Drivers Education Program. In January 2017 LEISD plans to begin offering a non-credit driver education program to LEISD students. A designated LEISD employee within Student Services will administer the course. Offering driver's education through LEISD allows students the opportunity to take the safety course as well as the driving and observation hours required to become a licensed driver. Offering the program through the District gives students the opportunity to complete driver education requirements by attending a zero hour course.

F. Community Partners Recognition

Ms. Pat Robbins approached the Board about Community Partners Recognition. LEISD is fortunate to have the support of sponsors, volunteers, and staff who go above and beyond in helping us serve our students. We recognize our partners that helped us to make both the Back to School Bash and Convocation successful.

G. Texas Education Human Resources Month

Ms. Pat Robbins presented to the Board the Texas Education Human Resources Month. Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed the month of October as Texas Education Human Resources month, a month set aside to recognize and honor the important contributions made by school personnel who work in human resources.

H. Thought Exchange Overview

Ms. Cecelia Jones briefed the Board about Thought Exchange Overview. In the spring, we posed four questions to our community about District, through Thought Exchange. We will review the top five thoughts that resonated with our community and show you how to navigate the website version of the results that we will post the evening of September 19th.

I. Matthews Southwest/Tribute Lakeside Golf & Resort Community Check Presentation

Mr. Grant Anderson approached the Board about Matthews Southwest/Tribute Lakeside Golf & Resort Community Check Presentation. Matthews Southwest presented the second of two \$1.1 Million checks. Representatives from Matthews Southwest and HOA Board of Directors for The Tribute presented it.

9. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 8:35 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 and 551.072. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

B. Land - 551.072

The meeting reconvened at 9:53 pm.

10. Action Items

A. 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 other governmental entities, which have been properly awarded contracts through statutorily authorized methods.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the LEISD Interlocal Summary Report as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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

Mr. Grant Anderson approached the Board about the LEISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report. 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 Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the LEISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

C. Discuss and approve the Financial Reports

Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the monthly Financial Reports.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted. Board Vice President David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

D. Discuss and approve the Contract and Software License Agreement between Schoolcity and LEISD

This item was presented in conjunction with Item B.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve the LEISD Employee Compensation Schedules

B. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

Board Vice President David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

12. Reports, Routine Monthly

A. Salary Correction to Address Pay Equity

This item was presented by Ms. Cleota Epps for information only.

13. Board President Comments

Presenter: Melissa Myers

A. TASA/TASB Delegate

Ms. Myers informed the Board that a delegate and an alternate for the TASA/TASB Conference are needed. Vice President Montemayor volunteered to be the delegate and Trustee Blackwood volunteered to be the alternate.

Ms. Myers also reminded the Board about the Special Board Meeting about the Superintendent's Evaluation on September 29th.

Ms. Myers commented about the Academic Decathlon. Very impressive and really amazing kids.

Ms. Myers also asked Trustee Olson about the progress on the Board Operating Procedures.

Ms. Myers also reminded the Board about the Board Retreat for a tentative date of November 5th.

14. Board Comments

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores reminded the Board about the Homecoming Parade Board Vice President David Montemayor spoke about the Academic Decathlon and what a great group that is. Mr. Montemayor also reminded those present about having traveling Board Meetings.

Trustee Jason Olson congratulated the Academic Decathlon as well as the football team and the band for the outcome of their contest.

15. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell Strike invited the Board to participate on the Professional Development on October 13 and 14.


16. Adjournment

Trustee Dan Blackwood made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 pm.

The minutes were approved on October 17, 2016.


Board President – Melissa Myers


Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores