

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, October 17, 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, Trustee DeLeon English and Superintendent Dr. Lowell H. Strike.

ABSENT: 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 to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Mr. Simon Callard offered the invocation.
4. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
5. Citizen Input
The following citizens approached the Board:
Ms. Mary Nunley about Bus Barn
Ms. Jennifer Berendt about Maintenance Facility
Ms. Beverly Sheely about Bus Barn
Mr. Doug Chapman about Bus Barn
6. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 9-19-2016
 - B. Discuss and approve Special Meeting Minutes for 9-29-2016
Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0). Board Secretary Alejandro Flores abstained from voting.
7. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Little Elm High School Student of the Month
Ms. Renee Pentecost presented to the Board the LEHS Students of the Month. Mikayla Vedder and CJ Seale received this recognition.

B. Powell 6th Grade Center

Principal Liz Miller presented the theater group. The students presented to the Board and those present "Make them hear you!"

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Principal's Month

Mr. Ross Roberts read the proclamation from Governor Gregg Abbot to honor our Principals and Assistant Principals.

B. Pioneer Promise Agreement

Mr. Ross Roberts shared with the Board the Pioneer Promise Agreement. This was to announce the agreement between TWU and LEISD of the Pioneer Promise to support our students and theirs. We will communicate the date of the public announcement.

9. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:26 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

The Board reconvened at 8:09 pm.

10. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve the Local Course Approval Request

Dr. Lowell H. Strike briefed the Board about the Local Course Approval Request. In an effort to enhance the leadership skills of students graduating from Little Elm High School the District is proposing the course: *Personal Leadership: What the Winners Know*© for Board approval. This course was designed by Lanny Bassham, an Olympic and World Gold Medalist. Of important note, he is a resident of Little Elm ISD. The course has been designed specifically for high school students, though the performance enhancement principles of Mr. Bassham have been taught to

Fortune 500 Corporate leaders, World and Olympic champions throughout the world, PGA tour golfers, The FBI, United States Secret Service, The United States Army and Marines Marksmanship Units, and the Olympic teams of the USA, Great Britain, Canada, India, Japan, Republic of China, Korea, and Australia. Little Elm ISD would be the first school in Texas to offer this course and only the second school in the United States to offer this growth opportunity to students. LEISD will apply for this to be an innovative course for offering in the fall of 2017 as a State graduation credit.

Board Vice President David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Local Course Approval Request as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

B. Discuss and approve the Financial Reports

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board a presentation about Financial Reports. The presentation included the following:

- Notes to financials and current activity

- 2016-17 General Fund Budget Recap
- General Fund
- Summer/Fall 2016 Projects
- General Fund Project Funds
- Capital Projects
- Financials in board packets

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 (6-0).

C. Discuss and approve Reimbursement Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about Reimbursement Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred. The Reimbursement Resolution authorizes the district to reimburse the general fund for current expenditures from future debt issues. This provides the opportunity for the district to pay for allowable expenditures (such as acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping school buildings) made by the District no more than 60 days before the Board approves the resolution from future debt issue. This resolution does not obligate the District to issue debt or reimburse the general fund, but provides opportunity for reimbursement if a tax maintenance note is issued.

Board Vice President David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Discuss and approve the Maximum Class Size Exemption - Class Size Waivers
- B. Discuss and approve FTE (2) Special Education Paraprofessionals
- C. Discuss and approve FTE (1) Paraprofessional
- D. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations
- E. Discuss and approve Resolution to Transfer Funds

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

12. Board President Comments

Ms. Melissa Myers reminded the Board about the following:

- Board Retreat on 11/05
- Please submit your agenda items for Board Retreat by 10/21
- If you haven't email me your input for Superintendent's Evaluation please do so

13. Board Comments

- Trustee DeLeon English appreciates all the administration effort
- Trustee Dan Blackwood thanked Ms. Keisha Brown specially for College Readiness

- Trustee Dan Blackwood thanked #lobonation and the support on best inflatable and best player Jose Moreno
- Trustee Dan Blackwood attended PLC3 and it was great. Eye opener.
- Trustee Dan Blackwood congratulated the band, football team and choir members.
- Board Vice President David Montemayor thanked Powell Theater for an amazing presentation.
- Trustee Jason Olson commented on PLC3 and how great it was.
- Trustee Jason Olson congratulated the band.
- Trustee Jason Olson reminded those present about Fish Fry at Chavez, theater play, choir and talent show.

14. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell Strike informed the Board about the following:

- First district wide conference was amazing (PLC3).
- Great people, great staff, great students
- Great support from the Board
- Little Elm ISD is America
- Little Elm ISD is the real world

15. Adjournment

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

The minutes were approved on November 14, 2016


Board President – Melissa Myers

Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores