

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, December 12, 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 Dan Blackwood, Trustee DeLeon English 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 6:33 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those in attendance to The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Pastor Sutton 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 - 11-14-2016
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo presented to the board the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2016.
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-1). Board Secretary Alejandro Flores abstained from voting since he was not present at the meeting on November 14, 2016.
7. Action Items
 - A. Discuss and approve the Annual Financial Report
Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board Mr. Jerry Eastnup. Mr. Eastnup briefed the Board in regards to the Annual Financial Report. He reviewed the Annual Financial Management Report and LEISD's FIRST Rating.
Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Annual Financial Report as submitted. Board Vice President David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. English Language Learners (ELL) Report

Dr. Ashley Glover gave the Board a Report about English Language Learners.

The report included the following:

English Language Learner Update

- Students by Program Type
- Number of Languages
- Campus and their programs
- ELL Support
- Instructional Focus
- Actions for Improved Achievement

B. Advanced Academics Update

Ms. Amanda Ball gave the Board an update about Advanced Academics. The update included the following:

LEISD Advanced Academics Glows

- Gifted & Talented
- Advancement via Individual Determination
- AVID Secondary
- Advanced Placement
- AP Exam Student Achievement
- Dual Credit
- Chart Your Course

C. Legislative Preview by Representative Pat Fallon

This agenda item was moved to next board meeting.

9. Superintendent Spotlight

A. Oak Point Elementary

Ms. Debbie Clark presented to the Board Ms. Cortez and Ms. Orta Reed who gave a presentation in regards to the LiiNK Project and its benefits, their achievements, positives, struggles, and support.

Ms. Cortez and Ms. Orta-Reed also shared a video of students who are part of the LiiNK Project and the students Jackson Pettigrew, Olivia Vandiver, Spencer Harrer, Miah Samples and Alexa Alvarez talked about why they like having the four recesses (LiiNK) and their favorite thing to do during this time.

Mr. Pepe Alvarez, a parent involved in the watchdog program, briefed the board on how this program helps children. Mr. Alvarez mentioned a few things on how this program helps:

- Focus on task
- Follow directions and instructions
- Develop of freedom
- Exploration
- Creativity

B. Little Elm High School Student of the Month

Ms. Renee Pentecost presented to the Board the Little Elm High School Students of the Month. The students were Greta Jacobs, Adrien Barrientos, Brady Wade, Nicholas Terry, CJ Seale and Devin Dotson.

C. Recognition of Little Elm Fire Fighters

Mr. Ross Roberts recognized the Little Elm Fire Fighters for everything they do and for making a difference on our students' lives. They are the Heroes of Little Elm.

10. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:59 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 Board reconvened at 9:45 pm.

11. Action Item

A. Discuss and approve the District of Innovation Resolution

Mr. Daniel Gallagher shared with the Board the District of Innovation Resolution. This included the following:

District of Innovation

- Definition
- Potential Exemptions
- Can't Opt-Out

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the District of Innovation Resolution as submitted. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

12. Adjournment

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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13. Call to Order Open Session in the Board Room at Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership on 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm Texas 75068 for the District of Innovation Public Hearing. Board President Melissa Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 pm.

14. Citizen Input

There was no citizen input

15. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

16. Open Session for the continuation of Regular Board Meeting

Board President Melissa Myers called the meeting to order at 10:01 pm.

17. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve the District of Innovation: District Advisory Committee Appointment

Mr. Daniel Gallagher presented to the Board the District of Innovation: District Advisor Committee. House Bill 1842 provides that once the Board of Trustees

has completed the Public Hearing and decided to move forward with a District of Innovation process the Board must appoint a committee to develop the local innovation plan in accordance with Section 12A.003 of House Bill 1842.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the District of Innovation: District Advisory Committee Appointment as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Discuss and approve FTE (4) Administrative / Tech

Ms. Cleota Epps presented to the Board the FTE (4) Administrative / Tech. Human Resources is asking for the addition of four administrative level positions: Technology (2), Curriculum & Learning (1), and Student Services/Safety-Security (1). Ms. Epps only asked for three administrative positions instead of four.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the FTEs as presented. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Discuss and approve the Financial Reports

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Financial Reports. The report included the following:

Notes to financials and currently activity

- Fund Balance Analysis
- 2016-2017 General Fund Budget Recap
- General Fund –Realized as of October 2016
- General Fund – Cash Flow September 2016
- Summer/Fall 2016 Projects
- Capital Projects
- Financials in board packet

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

D. Discuss and approve Little Elm ISD Education Foundation Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Pat Robins briefed the Board the Little Elm ISD Education Foundation Memorandum of Understanding.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Little Elm ISD Education Foundation Memorandum of Understanding as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

18. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve Maximum Class Size Exemption - Class Size Waivers

B. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

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

19. Board President Comments

Presenter: Melissa Myers

A. TASB Continuing Education Credit Report

Board President Melissa Myers made the announcement that all board members have completed their credit hours.

B. Board Procedures Update

Board President Melissa Myers asked for a Board Procedures Update. Trustee Jason Olson mentioned that the committee will be meeting soon and they will have an update at the February Meeting.

C. Team of 8 Training

The Board talked about future training including CRSS training.

20. Board Comments

Trustee Dan Blackwood congratulated the New Horizon's Theater.

Trustee Dan Blackwood congratulated the LEISD Decathlon for their accomplishments.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores thanked those who participated on the Angel Tree.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores wished everyone at the meeting a Merry Christmas.

Board Vice President David Montemayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Trustee LeAnna Harding wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a great Holiday Vacation.

Trustee LeAnna Harding thanked administration for the update on the LiNK Program and the Education Foundation.

Trustee Jason Olson briefed those present about the LEHS Art Show.

Trustee Jason Olson congratulated Coach Brown for receiving the Coach of the Year Award.

Trustee Jason Olson spoke to those present about Pioneer.

Trustee Jason Olson spoke about Chavez Elementary being recognized by the Town of Little Elm.

Trustee Jason Olson reminded those present about the upcoming Basketball games.

Trustee Jason Olson wished everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

21. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike wished everyone at the meeting a Merry Christmas.


22. Adjournment

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the meeting. The motion passed (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 pm.

The minutes were approved on January 23, 2017.


Board President – Melissa Myers


Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores