

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, May 15, 2017, 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 6:31 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those present to The Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Mr. Jared Heath from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered the invocation.
4. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
5. Adopt the Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the 2017 Board Election
Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the 2017 Board Election as presented and submitted by Denton County. Board Vice President seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
6. Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Trustees
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took the Oath of Office to the following Elected Trustees:
Ms. LeAnna Harding, Mr. Alejandro Flores and Ms. Melissa Myers.
7. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 4-24-2017
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo presented to the Board the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2017. Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2017 as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
8. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Prestwick Academy
Ms. Christy Gibson shared with the Board the exciting things happening at

Prestwick STEM Academy. There were different stations through out the Board Room for the Board to experience.

- B. \$20,000 to the LEISD Education Foundation presentation from CoServ
Ms. Pat Robbins introduced to the Board Ms. Vicky Sargent from CoServ to present the donation. Ed Griffing thanked CoServ for their generosity.
- C. Foundation's list of Grant Awards
Ms. Pat Robbins and Ms. Denise Hanti presented the Foundation's list of Grant Awards. These awards were given to teachers because of vex robotics, flex learning, sphero, outdoor learning and family game night. The teachers receiving the grants are Erika Malcom, Vanessa Moya, Kayra Gomez, Julie Ratliff, Megan Branch, Vanessa Del Valle, Kimberly Northcutt, Shawna Bhattacharya, Flavia Soares, Keith Jackson, Crystal Woods and Vanessa Torrence.
- D. Lakeside Middle School Academic Pentathlon
Mr. Clint Miller presented to the Board the 7th grade and 8th grade teams who received awards at the Academic Pentathlon.
- E. Lakeside Middle School Honors Band
Ms. Pat Robbins and Ms. Meredith Carter presented to the Board the student who participated in the UIL competition and received the UIL Sweepstakes Award. This award has never before been awarded to Lakeside Middle School before.
- F. Little Elm High School Students of the Month
Ms. Renee Pentecost presented the LEHS Students of the Month award to Osadebamwen Elaih and Michael Warner.
- G. Little Elm High School Student who received a perfect score on ACT
Ms. Renee Pentecost and Ms. Keisha Brown presented to the Board Jared Seifer who received a perfect score in the ACT.
- H. Little Elm High School Law Enforcement State Place
Dr. Tony Tipton and Ms. Lauren Quint presented to the Board the students who participated in the Law Enforcement State Competition. Ms. Liliana Gutierrez participated at regionals and received 3rd place. Nick Garza received 2nd place at regionals and 1st place at state.
- I. Little Elm High School FCCLA State Place
Dr. Tony Tipton and Ms. Lauren Quint presented to the board the LEHS FCCLA State place. Mackenzie Mooney received silver medal in Etiquette, Danadhel Perez received gold medal in Etiquette, Diamond Carter received silver medal in Etiquette, and Beatriz Pintor received gold medal in Etiquette.
- J. Little Elm High School Choir Members who placed at State
Ms. Pat Robbins and Ms. Karen Mayberry presented to the Board the students who placed at state for choir. Sam Kirchner received Outstanding Performer and Brandon Sears who received Allstate.
- K. Little Elm High School JV Academic Octathlon
Mr. Sean Duffey introduced to the Board the Little Elm JV Academic Octathlon students.
- L. Little Elm High School Academic All-State Athletes

This item was postponed.

M. ALI I Recognition

Mr. Ross Roberts and Mr. Daniel Gallagher presented the ALI I Recognitions to those members present.

N. ALI II Recognition

Dr. Lowell Strike presented the ALI II Recognitions to those members present.

O. Introduction of New Principals - Hackberry Elementary and Brent Elementary

Mr. Daniel Gallagher presented to the Board the new Principal to Hackberry Elementary, Mr. Steven Richardson and the new Principal to Brent Elementary, Ms. Virginia Gwyn.

9. Citizen Input

Elisa Sanders – Curriculum discrepancies between Prestwick STEM Academy and the rest of the Elementary Schools.

Khloe Hill – School Start Time

Neal Hill – School Start Time

Bobbi Hill – School Start Time

Elisa McAtee – School Start Time

10. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Educational Services Update

Mr. Daniel Gallagher shared with the Board a presentation about Educational Services Update. The presentation included the following:

Curriculum and Learning Services Update

- Get data from Glover
- Our Actions
- Progress and Planning
- Curriculum Verification
- Our Team

Career & Technical Education

- Tonight's Presentation
- Behind the Scenes and Compliance
- Learner, Program, & Adult Success
- Creating Multiple Opportunities for kids...
- Publicity & Image
- What CTE programs should we expand and offer for NTX Future?
- Questions / Comments

Arts & Theater Update

- Elementary Art
- LMS Art / Powell Art
- LEHS Art
- Powell Theater
- LEHS Theater
- Arts – Dance LEHS
- LEISD Bands
- LEISD Choirs

Excellence Commitment to Excellence Process

- THE ONE THING book
- “If you chase two rabbits... you will catch neither”
- Why?
- The Process
- Plan on a Page
- 2017-2018 LEISD Commitment to Excellence Dashboard
- Destination 2020 District Scorecard

B. School Start Times for 2017-2018 Update

Dr. Cyndy Mika provided an update about School Start Times for 2017-2018.

The update included the following:

School Start Times 2017-2018

- Times
- Proposed PSA/LMS 7th Grade Athletics
- Proposed PSA/LMS 8th Grade Athletics
- HS Athletics
- Band
- Proposed PK Schedule

C. School Performance Update

Dr. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board an update about School Performance. The update included the following:

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- Peer groups
- Enrollment Dashboard
- District Race Ethnicity
- Per Student Spending by Object or Function
- Average Salary and FTE Trends
- Turnover Rate for Teachers
- STAAR Performance
- ACT Results
- AP Results

D. JROTC Update

Dr. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about JROTC Update.

E. Student Participation on Board

Trustee Dan Blackwood shared with the Board a proposal to add a student representative to the Board of Trustees.

11. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 10:25 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.071 and 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Consulting with Board's Attorney

B. Personnel

The Board reconvened at 11:54 pm.

12. Action Items

- A. Discuss and approve New Hire Compensation Schedules
Ms. Cleota Epps and Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about New Hire Compensation Schedules. This schedule will impact the 2017/2018 budget. Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the New Hire Compensation Schedules as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- B. Discuss and approve the Financial Reports
Mr. Grant Anderson provided the Financial Reports. It included the following:
Little Elm ISD Financial Report
- Notes to financials and current activity
 - Fund Balance Analysis
 - 2016-17 General Fund Budget Recap
 - General Fund Budget to Actual Summary – Realized as of March 2017
 - General Fund – Cash Flow March 2017
 - 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).
- C. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report
Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the LEISD Contract Summary Report. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from the list provided which have been properly awarded through statutorily authorized methods. Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the LEISD Contract Summary Report as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- D. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report
Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the LEISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services from other governmental entities valued over \$50,000 and provided which have properly purchased through statutorily authorized methods. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the LEIS Expenditures over \$50,00 Summary Report. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
- E. Discuss and approve the Amendment No. 4 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract 2017-18 School Year
Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the Amendment No. 4 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract 2017-18 School Year. This included a presentation of the following:
Student Transportation
- Why?
 - Current Fleet
 - Projected Cost for 2017-2018 School Year
 - Special Needs Transportation
 - Pre-K

- Summer School
- Centralize Bus Stop Locations
- Recommendations

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Amendment No. 4 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract 2017-18 School Year as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

13. Consent Agenda

- A. Discuss and approve 2017-2018 LEISD Wellness Policy
- B. Discuss and approve Board Policy EIE (Local) - Update
- C. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report
- D. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations
- E. Discuss and approve the Amended Lease Agreement with The Town of Little Elm for Little Elm ISD Bus Barn Site
- F. Discuss and approve the Amended Deed for Little Elm ISD Bus Barn - Property Conveyed to The Town of Little Elm Near Lakeshore Drive and Main Street
- G. Discuss and approve the Little Elm ISD Education Foundation Memorandum of Understanding

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0). Trustee Dan Blackwood stepped out of the meeting during this item.

14. Board President Comments

Ms. Melissa Myers thanked everyone for their presentations. She also thanked Mr. Swartz and Ms. Peters. They will be missed.

15. Board Comments

Trustee DeLeon English commented about the liaison between Board and PTA. Trustee DeLeon English commented about having key communicators for discussion Board Secretary Alejandro Flores commented about how grateful for the opportunity to keep serving as a Board Member

Board Vice President David Montemayor commented about LEISD student's excelling. Extracurricular activities and teachers take the charge. Thanks to teachers and administrators.

Trustee LeAnna Harding thanked everyone for staying so late.

Trustee LeAnna Harding mentioned that she is honor to be here for 3 more years.

Trustee LeAnna Harding thanked Mr. Swartz and Ms. Peters for everything and looks forward to our new leaders.

Trustee Jason Olson congratulated Dr. Tipton for what he is doing.

Trustee Jason Olson congratulated the band students going to state.

16. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike commented about the Long Range Facilities Committee Meetings and the exciting things coming up.

17. Adjournment

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Board

Secretary Alejandro seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 am.
The minutes were approved on June 19, 2017.


Board President – Melissa Myers


Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores