

Minutes of Workshop Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, February 8, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: Board President LeAnna Harding, Board Vice President Melissa Myers, Board Secretary DeLeon English, Trustee Alejandro Flores, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee David G. Montemayor and Superintendent Lowell H. Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Jason Olson.

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 called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those present to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo introduced Board Members.
4. Citizen Input
Mr. Matt Creason approached the Board about Leadership towards successful endorsement procedures.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 1-19-2016
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo presented to the Board the Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0)
6. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Annual Child Care Program Report
Ms. Lisa Hooten shared with the LEISD Childcare Program 2015-2016 Annual School Board Report. The presentation included the following:
 - From the Beginning
 - Enrollment
 - Standards & Measures
 - Responsive and Nurturing
 - #1 Germ Fighter – Hand Washing
 - PreWriting Opportunities

- Reading Opportunities
- Science & Simple Tools
- Science & Living Things
- Math & Graphing
- Math & Cooking
- Art & Creative Expression
- Playing is Learning
- Daily Goal

7. Action Items

- A. Discuss and approve Issue \$21 Million of Voted Authorized from 2002 Bond Election and \$20,255,000 of refunding

Mr. Grant Anderson introduced to the Board Mr. Derek Honea from RBC. Mr. Honea briefed the Board about this item. The briefing included the following:

- February 2, 2002 Bond Election \$144,500,00
- Projects
- Bond Authorization

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the \$21 Million of Voted Authorized from 2002 Bond Election and \$20,555,000 of refunding. Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

- B. Discuss and approve New Courses for 2016-2017

Ms. Cyndy Mika approached the Board about New Courses for 2016-2017. She informed the Board that a new course has been added to the course guide for the middle school. The course is Principles of Education and Training (CTE-HS Credit).

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the New Courses for 2016-2017 as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

8. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 at 7:22 pm 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 8:40 pm.

9. Discussion Items

- A. Discuss and approve the School Resource Officer at the High School and an additional School Resource Officer to support our Elementary Campuses

Mr. Ross Roberts briefed the in regards to the School Resource Officer at the High School and an additional School Resource Officer to support our Elementary Campuses. Some of the key points are:

SRO Program

- Here's What! (the facts)
- Duties
- So What? (the conclusions)
- So What? (the goals)

- Now What? (proposal-action steps)

B. Discuss and approve DH (Local)

Mr. Ross Roberts briefed the Board about DH (Local). Employee Standards of Conduct – The district prohibits the use, possession, or display of any firearm, illegal knife, club, or prohibited weapon, as defined at FNCG, on District property at all times.

C. Discuss and approve Update 103

Mr. Ross Roberts briefed the Board about Update 103. TASB's Update 103 encompasses changes in law from the 84th Legislative Session. Update 103 address topics including safety and conduct, food service, employment practices and requirements, compensation and benefits, curriculum, and instruction, and student attendance, and discipline.

D. Discuss and approve Financial Reports - December 2015

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the Financial Reports for December 2015.

E. Discuss and approve Expenditures in Excess of \$50,000

This item was moved to action items.

Mr. Russell VanHoose approached the Board about Expenditures in Excess of \$50,000.

Board Vice President made the first motion to approve the Expenditures in Excess of \$50,000 as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion.

The motion passed (6-0).

10. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve the Resolution Ordering Trustee Election

B. Discuss and approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Denton County

C. Discuss and approve the Personnel Memo

D. Discuss and approve Annual Investment Report

This item was moved to Discussion items

Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the Annual Investment Report. By Board Polices CDA Legal and CDA Local, the board shall review its investment policy and investment strategies not less than annually. The board shall adopt a written instrument stating that it has reviewed the investment policy and investment strategies and that the written instrument so adopted shall record any changes made to either the investment policy or investment strategies.

E. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

F. Discuss and approve the Reimbursement Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred

Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the exception of Item D. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

11. Board President Comments

Board President LeAnna Harding had no comments.

12. Board Comments

Board Secretary DeLeon English thanked administration for bringing information forward in regards to SRO and security at Little Elm High School.

Trustee Christopher Williams thanked principals and administration for gifts during Board Appreciation. He also thanked administration for information about SRO. He expressed his concerns about Police Department Vehicles.

13. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike commented on the following:

- Website and newsletters before and after
- Acadec team won their division 73 out of 108 medals and going to State
- Eagle Advantage Program
- DECA
- Chart your Course very successful
- Signing day – 4 football players
- UIL Realignment
- Schools giving awards on CORE Values
- Employees developing relationships with kids
- Band students going to state
- Girls basketball team making play offs

14. Adjournment


Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

The minutes were approved on February 22, 2016.



LeAnna Harding – Board President



DeLeon English – Board Secretary