

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, April 18, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: Board President LeAnna Harding, Board Vice President Melissa Myers, Trustee David Montemayor, Trustee Jason Olson, Trustee Alejandro Flores and Superintendent Dr. Lowell H. Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Christopher Williams and Board Secretary DeLeon English.

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 LeAnna Harding called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Students from Powell 6th Grade Center led the Board and those present to the Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Trustee Alejandro Flores 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 Board Meeting Minutes for 3-21-2016
Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2016 as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
7. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Spotlight - Collin Powell 6th Grade Center
Presenter: Liz Miller
Grace DeRosa presented art sculptures to the Board and Superintendent representing Oaxaca, Mexico.
Powell Choir also performed for the Board and those present.
 - B. Little Elm High School - Students of the Month
Ms. Renee Pentecost presented the students of the month awards to Francisco Colina Salas and Alexa Peterson.

C. Technology

Mr. Russell Van Hoose shared with the Board a presentation on Technology. The presentation included the following:

- Digital Learning
- Technology & Network Services
- Library and Media Services
- Our Team
- Digital Learning Goals
- Instructional Technology Action Team (InTAcT)
- What is Digital Learning?
- Digital Learning Badges
- Canvas Learning Management System
- iPads
- Chromebooks
- Specialty Labs
- Supporting Digital Learning & the Business of School
- Technology/Network Services Goals
- Library Media Services Team
- Supporting Classroom & Digital Learning
- Planned Library Renovations at LEHS
- Powell Library
- PSA Library

D. Triple E Award

Dr. Lowell H. Strike presented this prestigious award to Mr. Tom Parker.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Personnel Memo

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez introduced to the Board and those present to the new Assistant Principal at Prestwick Stem Academy, Mr. Felipe Vargas.

B. Proposed 2016-17 Little Elm ISD Rezoning Plan

Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the proposed 2016-17 Little Elm ISD Rezoning plan. The plan included the following:

- Re-zoning Project Plan
- Meeting Agenda
- Why are rezoning?
- District growth
- Continued Partnership
- Existing Elementary School Zones
- Ten Year Forecast – Current
- Proposed 2016-17 Elementary Proposed Zoning
- Enrollment with Proposed Movement
- Existing Middle School Zones
- Ten Year Forecast
- Proposed 2016-17 Middle School Zoning
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Next Steps

9. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:50 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 8:59 pm.

10. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve the Lease Agreement with American Tower, LLC for Cell Tower at Little Elm Athletic Complex

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the Lease Agreement with American Tower, LLC for Cell Tower at Little Elm Athletic Complex as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

B. Discuss and approve Financial Reports

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board the Financial Reports for the month. Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Financial Reports for the month as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

C. Discuss and approve Board policy BE (LOCAL) - Number of Board Meetings per Month

Ms. LeAnna Harding shared with the Board the idea to change Board Policy BE (LOCAL) about number of Board Meetings per month from two to one.

Each board member shared their thoughts on this topic. It was also discussed to have Boardbook ready and for Board review before releasing it.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the changes to Board Policy BE (LOCAL) as discussed. Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

11. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve TASB - Update 104. Post-legislative updates to School Board

B. Discuss and approve Personnel Memo

C. Discuss and approve Policy Update DEC (LOCAL)

D. Discuss and approve DBB (LOCAL)

E. Discuss and approve DED (LOCAL)

F. Discuss and approve Gifts and Donations

Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

12. Board President Comments

A. Board Operating Procedures

Board President LeAnna Harding initiated the conversation about procedures for Appointment of Trustees. After each board member gave their thoughts about this item, Board Vice President Melissa Myers said that she will be putting together a document for the board to review.

Ms. LeAnna Harding thanked everybody for coming tonight.

13. Board Comments

Trustee Alejandro Flores thanked administration and trustees for the beautiful flowers for his mother

Trustee Jason Olson gave congrats to color guard, tennis and Hackberry Elementary

Board Vice Melissa Myers would like to have the Board Goals finalized

Trustee David Montemayor spoke about corporations and families moving into our area. Would like to emphasize and promote the entire district

14. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Lowell H. Strike briefed the Board about the following:

- Special Olympics
- Congressional Art Congress
- Public School Volunteers Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Librarians Appreciation Week
- Prek registration
- Testing season
- Appreciate the Town
- School Start Times

15. Adjournment

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve the adjournment. Trustee


David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

The minutes were approved on May 9, 2016.



LeAnna Harding – Board President



DeLeon English – Board Secretary