

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 16, 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 Christopher Williams, Trustee Alejandro Flores and Superintendent Dr. Lowell H. Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Jason Olson.

LATE: 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 6:33 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Oak Point Elementary students Noel de Luna and Maria Lopez led the Board and those present to the Pledges of the United States Flat and the Texas Flag.
3. Invocation
Father Richard Stevens offered the invocation.
4. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
5. Citizen Input
There was no citizen input.
6. Adopt the Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the 2016 Board Election
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo presented to the Board the Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the 2016 Board Election as submitted by Denton County.
Trustee Christopher Williams made the first motion to approve the Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the 2016 Board Election as submitted by Denton County. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
7. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 5-09-2016
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo presented to the Board the Regular Meeting Minutes for 5-09-2016.
Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Board Regular Meeting Minutes for 5-09-2016 as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

8. Superintendent Spotlight

A. Spotlight - Oak Point Elementary

Ms. Debbie Clark presented to the Board the Oak Point Elementary Spotlight. Student Noel De Luna performed The National Anthem and the choir performed a couple of songs.

B. Community Partner Appreciation - Wildridge Community

Ms. Pat Robbins presented the Community Partner Appreciation award to Ms. Beth Caldwell from Wildridge Community for their contribution to Oak Point Elementary School.

C. Community Partner Appreciation – CoServ

Ms. Pat Robbins presented the Community Partner Appreciation award to Vicki Sargent from CoServ for their contribution to LEISD.

D. Little Elm High School - Students of the Month

Ms. Renee Pentecost Introduced to the Board the Students of the Month. Valeria Silva and Cody Mescal were the recipients of this award.

E. Recognition of the LEHS Student Athlete Leadership Council

Student athletes were recognized for their hard work.

Dr. Lowell H. Strike presented to Coach Kimberly Oliphant the Triple E Award.

F. Aspiring Leaders Institute Recognition

Dr. Lowell H. Strike recognized the Aspiring Leaders Institute participants.

9. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Sawko & Burroughs Attorneys at Law

Mr. Burroughs from Sawko & Burroughs Attorneys at Law briefed the Board about how long they have been representing LEISD, how very few properties go unpaid and the process of local property taxes.

B. Operational Services Update

Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board a report about Operational Services. His update included the following:

Operational Services Update

- Transportation
- Child Nutrition
- Maintenance
- Grounds
- Safety & Security
- Custodial
- Powell Kitchen Renovation
- Long Range Planning
- Land Acquisition
- Demographics
- Rezoning

10. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in Superintendent's Office at 8:14 pm as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074, 551.082 and 551.072. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

- A. Personnel - 551.074
- B. Student Safety 551.082
- C. Land - 551.072

The Board reconvened at 9:30 pm.

11. Action Items

- A. Discuss and approve Superintendent's Contract Extension
Board Vice President Melissa Myers made the first meeting to approve the Superintendent's Contract Extension as presented in closed meeting. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- B. Donation of Easement at Hackberry Elementary School
Mr. Rod Reeves presented to the Board the Easement at Hackberry Elementary School. The Developer DR Horton is requesting a utility easement for a development adjacent to Hackberry Elementary School.
Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Easement at Hackberry Elementary School as presented. Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- C. Donation Agreement with Valencia on the Lake, LP
Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the Agreement with Valencia on the Lake, LP. LEISD is requesting to enter into a donation agreement with Valencia on the Lake, LP.
Vice President Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Agreement with Valencia on the Lake, LP. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- D. Joint Resolution Relating to the Transfer of Students Between Little Elm Independent School District and the Denton Independent School District within a School Choice Area.
Mr. Rod Reeves shared with the Board the Joint Resolution Relating to the transfer of Students Between Little Elm ISD and Denton ISD within School Choice Area. LEISD Administration is requesting the approval of a joint resolution with DISD that are within the Valencia on the Lakes development and there are portions of LEISD that are within the Paloma Creek south developments. This agreement will allow parents/guardians to choose which District to attend.
Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve the Joint Resolution Relating to the Transfer of Students Between Little Elm Independent School District and the Denton Independent School District within a School Choice Area as submitted. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
- E. Discuss and approve Board Goals
This item was moved to after Item 15.
Board President LeAnna Harding asked Board Vice President Melissa Myers to read to Board Goals she had redacted.
Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Board Goals as submitted. Trustee Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Board Secretary DeLeon English thanked Ms. Myers for the hard work.

12. Board President Comments

A. Trustee Christopher Williams' Recognition

Board President LeAnna Harding presented Trustee Christopher Williams his recognition. Ms. Harding thanked him for his dedication, his inspiration and support in tough times. Ms. Harding appreciates what Mr. Williams gave to the Board, the District but mostly, the students.

13. Board Comments

Trustee Christopher Williams shared how he has learned a lot from administrators, teachers, faculty and students. He feels proud on initiatives to promote education and has made many friends. Mr. Williams asked the Board to keep giving the students the tools they need to succeed in life. He also feels proud that his name is at one of the plaques at Prestwick STEM Academy. That is a big deal to him. He mentioned that is an honor to have served and do the right thing for children. Children and faculty are so important. Yay blue, yay gold, go go go!!!

Trustee Alejandro Flores thanked Mr. Williams for his years of service. He will be missed. A great individual. Always saw the ultimate goals. Thanks for embracing us.

Board Secretary DeLeon English also thanked Mr. Williams for his service. He mentioned how he can't thank him enough for the embracement and the understanding the direction the District needed to go. He was always making sure we did the right things for students, district and administration. His focus helped the Board move forward.

Board Vice President Melissa Myers seconded everything that has been said about Mr. Williams. An incredible mentor. Mr. Williams always displays himself with such a class and dignity. Mr. Williams made an impact on Ms. Myers. Thanks for always keeping students first.

Trustee David Montemayor thanked him for the transition and the help. Mr. Williams always kept his composure and did not jump into conclusions.

Trustee Dan Blackwood thanked Mr. Williams for the transition. Mr. Blackwood has a lot of respect for Mr. Williams. Mr. Blackwood also thanked his family and wife for supporting him thru elections. Mr. Blackwood thanked Dr. Strike for meeting with him and for being available.

Board President LeAnna Harding congratulated the Baseball team for a great season.

14. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Dr. Lowell Strike presented Mr. Christopher Williams with a plaque and his nameplate. Dr. Strike mentioned that he started thinking about the name Chris and the first thing that came to his mind was Christian which it's the most important. Dr. Strike also mentioned consistency, class, composed, communicator and compassion.

15. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Trustees

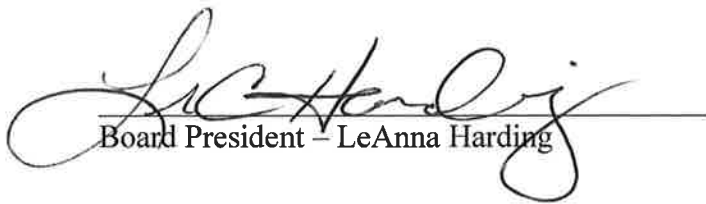
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo administered the Oath of Office to the New Elected Trustees.

16. Adjournment

Trustee Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve the adjournment of the

meeting. Board Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
The meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

The Board meeting minutes were approved on June 21, 2016.



Board President – LeAnna Harding



Board Secretary – DeLeon English