

# Minutes of Workshop Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, April 13, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: Board President DeLeon English, Board Vice President LeAnna Harding, Board Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Stephanie Gregg, Trustee Melissa Myers and Superintendent Lowell Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Cooper Begis and Trustee Christopher Williams.

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 DeLeon English called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Board led those present to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. Citizen input  
Student Terri Jones approached the Board about Prestwick and about students being bussed to other campuses.
5. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 3/30/2015  
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-1). Ms. Stephanie Gregg abstained from voting because she was not present on 3/30/2015.
6. Reports of the Superintendent
  - A. Transcript Update  
Ms. Cyndy Mika approached the Board and gave a Transcript Update. For the past several years the district has had issues with student transcripts. Last year all transcripts had to be run by hand calculations. The change from previous software to Focus did not go well because of dirty data. The District is very pleased and confident at this point
  - B. 2016 Graduation Update  
Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board in regards to 2016 Graduation Update. The high school is in a cue at both UNT and Prestonwood Baptist Church for a

graduation date for 2016. The procedure for graduation venues is for the District to get a spot in the cue(s) for the venue(s) of choice. The venues call the districts in order of their place in the cue, which is dependent upon longevity with that particular venue. Ms. Mika explained that if a district ahead of us in the cue adds a campus for graduation, or takes off a campus, it affects what day / time we are allotted for graduation at that particular day. This is the reason why the 2015 graduation date / time got changed.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores asked the District to communicate this information with the community. The Board also requested a survey for graduation at the stadium with rolling dates and times.

#### C. CTE Update

Ms. Cyndy Mika shared with the Board a video of students talking about their CTE classes and how these classes have helped them.

Ms. Mika also shared a power point presentation that included the following:

Partnerships by Career Pathways

- Internship Placements by Career Cluster
- Arts and AV Production
- Education and Training
- Marketing
- Health Science
- Outbound Career Experience
- Student Leadership Organizations

7. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:18 pm in the Professional Development Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

#### A. Discuss Personnel - 551.074

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm.

#### 8. Discussion Items

##### A. Discuss 2015-2016 Calendar Updated

Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about a necessary change to the 2015-16 Calendar. One bad weather date is moved from after the last day of school, June 3 to March 25. This is necessitated by 3.8.2.1 in the Attendance and Accounting Handbook that states a make-up day must be at least 7 hours in length and cannot be on an early release day.

##### B. Discuss Proclamation 2015 for Instructional Materials

Ms. Cyndy Mika approached the Board with a presentation about Proclamation 2015 for Instructional Materials. The presentation included the following:

Proclamation 2015

- Math (All High School Level)
- Social Studies
- Fine Arts (art, music and theater)
- Our Process
- Our Timeline
- High School Math Publishers

- Pre-AP vs On-Level Math Publishers
- Social Studies Publishers
- Social Studies Supplemental Materials
- Fine Arts Publishers

- C. Discuss 2015-16 Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification  
Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about the 2015-16 Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification. Districts are required to certify annually to the State Board of Education and the Commissioner that, for each subject in the required curriculum other than physical education, students have access to instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Districts will be unable to order 2015-2016 instructional materials through EMAT until the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has received the certification.
- D. Discuss Policy Audit Policy Update  
Ms. Cyndy Mika approached to the Board about Policy Audit Policy Update and informed them that TASB conducted a policy audit of LEISD Board Policy. The changes are part of Boardbook.
- E. Discuss Math Instructional Materials  
Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about the Math Instructional Materials. Proclamation 2014 Instructional Materials for Science K-12 and Math K-8 for 8 years of adopted materials. Previous administration approved 1-year licenses in Math K-8 and Science K-8 instead of requesting additional monies from the board to finalize the 8-year licensing. The district needs to add additional 7 years to the licenses.
- F. Discuss Professional Contracts  
Mr. Matthew Gutierrez informed the Board that the Professional Contracts Renewal will be presented to them at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- G. Discuss Job Order Contractor - Contractor Recommendations  
Mr. Rod Reeves informed the Board that the Job Order Contractor Recommendations will be presented to them at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- H. Discuss Joint use of Facilities - Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Town of Little Elm, Texas and Little Elm Independent School District  
Mr. Rod Reeves presented to the Board the Joint use of Facilities – Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Town of Little Elm, Texas and Little Elm Independent school District. This Interlocal Agreement permits the joint use of District’s Facilities and the Town Facilities for recreational, cultural, informational, and athletic activities for the mutual benefit of the parties.
- I. Discuss Financial Reports - January 2015  
Mr. Grant Anderson presented to the Board the routine monthly Financial Reports.
- J. Discuss Gifts and Donations  
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K. Discuss Bank Depository Contract

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about the LEISD Bank Depository Contract. The District is seeking Board approval to extend the contract.

L. Discuss Beverage Contract

Mr. Grant Anderson approached the Board about the Beverage Contract. The District is seeking Board approval to a Beverage Contract extension with Dr. Pepper Snapple Group.

9. Reports of the Board President

A. Board Operating Procedures

Mr. DeLeon English informed the Board and those in attendance that he will be working along with Trustee Melissa Myers this week on the Board Operating Procedures.

There was also a reminder about next meeting starting at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

10. Requested Agenda Items

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores requested an agenda item on the bussing of the students to Prestwick STEM Academy.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores requested an agenda item in regards to computer insurance.

Board President DeLeon English requested an agenda item about Alumni Events.

Board President DeLeon English requested an agenda item about Community Retiree Events.

Oak Point / Chavez Run – MM

11. Board Comments

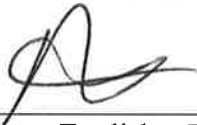
Trustee Melissa Myers reminded the Board about the Oak Point / Chavez Run.

12. Adjournment

Trustee Stephanie Gregg made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The minutes were approved on April 20, 2015.



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DeLeon English – Board President



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Alejandro Flores – Board Secretary