

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, February 16, 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 Cooper Begis, Trustee Melissa Myers and Superintendent Dr. Lowell Strike.

LATE: Trustee Stephanie Gregg 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, TX 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 in attendance to the Pledges of the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. Citizen input  
There was no Citizen input.
5. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Discuss and approve Public Hearing Minutes - 2-09-2015
  - B. Discuss and approve Workshop Meeting Minutes - 2-09-2015  
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
6. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Lakeside Middle School Spotlight  
Mr. Trey Meador presented to the Board a video featuring students. Mr. Meador also mentioned the following:
    - Great changes, exciting things happening at Lakeside MS.
    - Proud to be a lobo and I'm a lobo
    - Thanks to Marcus Miller for putting together this video.
  - B. Little Elm High School Students of the Month  
Ms. Renee Pentecost presented to the Board the Students of the Month. Ms. Pentecost mentioned that these students are leaders in classroom and

organizations across the campus. The students are Bryan Lenox and Chelsea Jackson.

C. LEISD Elementary Honor Choir

Ms. Karen Mayberry presented to the Board the LEISD Elementary Honor Choir. The students performed a couple of songs.

7. Reports of the Superintendent

Dr. Strike introduced Grant Anderson as the Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Anderson thanked the board for their confidence in hiring him.

A. Strategic Planning Process

Dr. Lowell Strike shared with the Board a presentation about the Strategic Planning Process. The presentation included the following:

- Destination LEISD 2020
- We have to know where we are headed
- Serve individual children
- What does “The Generic Kid” represent?
- Help children see what’s over the hill
- We know a lot of things but we don’t always do it
- Core Values
- Vision
- Mission
- Strategic Goals
- Strategies
- Action Plans
- Board Approval
- Leadership Planning Teams
- Developmental Time-frame
- Community Strategic Plan Forums – March 2015
- Strategic Planning Team – March 2015
- Action Teams – April through Mid-May 2015
- Strategic Planning Team & Action Team Coordinators – May 2015
- Seek Board approval – July 2015
- Core Values, Vision, Mission & Goals posted in all buildings – August 2015
- Introduction to LEISD staff at Convocation – August 2015

Trustee Cooper Begis had concerns about the Board driving the Strategic Planning.

Dr. Strike explained that if the District waits for the Board to drive the Strategic Planning, the plan would fall behind.

8. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:32 pm in the Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 and 551.071. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel - 551.074

B. Director of Professional Learning and Advanced Academics - 551.074

C. Attorney Consultation - 551.071

The Board reconvened at 8:05 pm.

9. Action Item

A. Discuss and Consider Action on Director of Professional Learning and Advanced Academics

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Director of Professional Learning and Advanced Academics as discussed in closed meeting. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez named Ms. Ashley Helms as the Director of Professional Learning and Advanced Academics.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and Consider Action on Personnel Sheet

B. Discuss and Consider Action on Addition of Special Education FTE

C. Discuss and Consider Action on Campus Performance Objectives

D. Discuss and Consider Action on Financial Reports

E. Discuss and consider Action on Gifts and Donations

F. Discuss and Consider Action on the Resolution Ordering Trustee Election

G. Discuss and Consider Action on the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Denton County

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

11. Business Items

A. Discuss and Consider Action on Bond Refunding

Ms. Suzette Henderson and RBC Capital representative approached the Board about the Bond Refunding.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding asked if the contract fee schedule is the same. The Board also had questions about the scenarios.

Trustee Cooper Begis made the first motion to approve the Bond Refunding Scenario 2. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Discuss and Consider Action on Vendors

Ms. Suzette Henderson presented to the Board the Vendors List. Ms. Henderson added one more vendor to the list presented at the Workshop Meeting.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Vendors List as submitted. Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Discuss and Consider Action on Repair of Exterior Band Practice Area at Little Elm High School

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board on the Repair of Exterior Band Practice Area at Little Elm High School. A portion of the exterior band practice area at Little Elm High School holds water due to the concrete sinking. After a rainfall, some

students are marching through water.

Trustee Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Repair of Exterior Band Practice Area at Little Elm High School as submitted. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-1). Trustee Cooper Begis voted against the motion.

D. Discuss and Consider Action on Zellars Office Project

Mr. Rod Reeves presented to the Board the Zellars Office Project. Administration is requesting additional funds for the renovation of a current storage room to office space.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Zellars Office Project as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-2). Trustee Cooper Begis and Trustee Stephanie Gregg voted against the motion.

E. Discuss and Consider Action on Little Elm Classroom Renovations

Mr. Rod Reeves approached the Board about Little Elm Classroom Renovations. All Administrative staff from LEHS has been relocated to Zellars. Renovations are required to ensure additional classroom space for the 2015-16 school year. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Little Elm High School Classroom Renovations. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-1). Trustee Cooper Begis voted against the motion.

F. Discuss and Consider Action on Trade and Industry Lab/Classroom Renovation (Currently shipping and receiving).

Mr. Rod Reeves presented to the Board the Trade and Industry Lab/Classroom Renovation. A new Trade and Industry Lab/ Classroom will be constructed in the existing shipping and receiving area of LEHS. The renovation project is in support of HB5.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the Trade and Industry Lab/Classroom project as submitted. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

12. Requested Agenda Items

Board Goals – Trustee Cooper Begis

13. Board Comments

Please Check microphones – Trustee Stephanie Gregg.

Cheat sheet on what to do what not to do, what words you can say or not say – Trustee Stephanie Gregg.

Thanks for the wonderful job with the Board Room, for working hard, for extra projects, for doing extra work, for the extra hours – Board Vice President LeAnna Harding.

Likes the new Board Room, nice facility – Trustee Cooper Begis.

Good job to DR. Strike and his team. Very impressed, looking forward for new things. Likes moving fast but careful. Moving with caution. - Trustee Christopher Williams.

Things moving and progressing. Focus on the kids. Thank you to educators and principals – Board President DeLeon English.

14. Adjournment

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

The minutes were approved on March 16, 2015.



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Board President – DeLeon English



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Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores