

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 9, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Oak Point Elementary.

PRESENT: Board President DeLeon English, Board Vice President LeAnna Harding, Board Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee Cooper Begis, Trustee Melissa Myers and Superintendent Dr. Lowell Strike.

ABSENT: Trustee Stephanie Gregg

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Cafeteria at Oak Point Elementary School on 401 Shahan Prairie, Oak Point, Texas 75068. Board President DeLeon English called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
Board President DeLeon English asked those present to keep in their thoughts and prayers the student that was hit by a car that evening.
4. Citizen input
There was no citizen input.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Discuss and approve Regular Meeting Minutes - 1/21/2015
Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/21/2015 with the correction. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. Introduction of Pat Robbins Director of Communication Services and Community Relations
Dr. Lowell Strike introduced Ms. Pat Robbins to the Board and those present. Ms. Robbins thanked the Board for the opportunity. Ms. Robbins mentioned the education has always been a passion for her.
Board President DeLeon English welcomed her.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Increased Bandwidth

Mr. Russell Van Hoose approached the Board and informed them about increasing the District's Bandwidth. Mr. Van Hoose told the Board that Technology opened a project to identify, evaluate, and recommend options to increase bandwidth to meet or exceed the recommendations of the State Educational Technology Directors Association, or SETDA. Currently the District purchases 250MB of bandwidth. Our E-Rate Consultant suggested that we entertain a bid for increased bandwidth due to the falling price. The District has selected a bid for 1G of bandwidth from Windstream at a cost savings to the district.

B. Technology Update

Mr. Russell Van Hoose briefed the Board about the status of Chromebooks. Insurance process is taking an unacceptable amount of time. 11-15 days turnaround time. The District is preparing a proposal to provide in-house repairs, which would decrease the estimated turnaround time from an average of 14 days to 4 days. Mr. Van Hoose informed the Board that the survey for 4th and 5th grade parents will go out this week.

C. Curriculum and Learning Services Update

Ms. Cyndy Mika gave the Board an update about Course Catalogue, Transcripts and Grading Guidelines.

8. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in the Conference Room at 6:50 pm 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. Discuss Chief Financial Officer Candidates - 551.074

C. Attorney Consultation about Policy FNCE (LEGAL), FNF (LEGAL), FNF (LOCAL), FOF (LEGAL), FOD (LEGAL), FNC (LEGAL), FNC (LOCAL), FOC (LEGAL), FOC (LOCAL) FOE (LEGAL) - 551.071

D. Attorney Consultation - 551.071

The Board reconvened at 7:42 pm.

9. Action Item

A. Discuss and Consider Action on the Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Matthew Gutierrez approached the Board about the Chief Financial Officer. Trustee Melissa Myers made the first motion to approve the Chief Financial Officer as discussed in closed meeting. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Trustee Cooper Begis had questions about the Chief Financial Officer's salary and where that money would be coming from. Mr. Matthew Gutierrez informed the Board that the money was already budgeted for the 2014-2015 school year. Superintendent Dr. Lowel Strike announced Mr. Grant Anderson as the Chief Financial Officer for Little Elm ISD.

B. Discuss and Consider Action on Adding a PDAS Appraiser

Ms. Cleota Epps presented to the Board an addition to the PDAS Appraiser's list. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the

addition to the PDAS Appraiser's list as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

10. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Bond Refunding

Ms. Suzette Henderson and RBC Capital representatives approached the Board about Bond Funds Debt Refinancing / Restructuring. The District has several series of outstanding bonds that are callable or will become callable over the next few years that are candidates for refinancing. The Administration recommended the Board to authorize the refunding of up to \$23,500,000 in principal amount of bonds for debt service savings. The District has the ability to issue a portion of the refunding bonds as "bank qualified" and another portion as "non-bank qualified" in order to generate additional savings.

Trustee Cooper Begis and Board Vice President LeAnna Harding had concerns about the refinancing affecting the TRE. The refinancing will not affect the TRE.

B. Discuss Personnel Sheet

Ms. Cleota Epps informed the Board she would be presenting the personnel sheet at the next Regular Board Meeting.

C. Discuss Addition of Special Education FTE

Ms. Cleota Epps presented to the Board the recommendation for approval of one paraprofessional FTE to serve Special Education at Prestwick STEM Academy. This need is due to the increased number of students to the instructional mode at Prestwick, specifically Project Based Learning and Modular Scheduling. Board President DeLeon English asked where this money would come from. Ms. Epps informed the Board that this salary would come out of federal money this year and next year it will impact the District's fund balance.

D. Discuss Campus Performance Objectives

Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about the Campus Performance Objectives. Each year the Board must approve campus performance objective in the Campus Improvement Plan, which address any missed system safeguards from the previous year's state assessments as reported in the campus' State Accountability Rating.

E. Discuss Financial Reports

Ms. Suzette Henderson presented to the Board the monthly Financial Reports. Trustee Cooper Begis had questions on specific FTEs and stipends from fund balance.

F. Discuss Gifts and Donations

Ms. Suzette Henderson presented to the Board the monthly Gifts and Donations report.

G. Discuss Vendors

Ms. Suzette Henderson briefed the Board about new Vendors for this month.

H. Discuss Little Elm High School, Warehouse, Shipping and Receiving, Plant Services and Transportation Facility

Mr. Rod Reeves approached the Board in regards to LEISD Construction Projects.

Projects

- Little Elm High School Repurposing
- Trade & Industry Lab Addition
- Improvements to LEHS
- Zellars Offices
- LEHS – Project Cost
- Warehouse, Shipping and Receiving – Project Cost
- Plant Services – Project Cost
- Total Project Cost
- Fund Balance Status

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding requested individual presentation of the projects for the Regular Board Meeting.

I. Discuss the Resolution Ordering Trustee Election

Ms. Sonia F. Badillo presented to the Board the Resolution for Ordering The Trustee Election.

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

Ms. Sonia F. Badillo briefed the Board about the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Denton County.

11. Requested Agenda Items

12. Future Agenda Items

Policy GKD (LOCAL) – Board Vice President LeAnna Harding and Trustee Melissa Myers.

Chapter 21 – Board President DeLeon English.

Wrestling Team – Board Secretary Alejandro Flores.

Board Goals – Trustee Cooper Begis.

The barriers on the LEHS gym are cracked – Board President DeLeon English.

13. Board Comments

A. Discussion of Future Board Meeting Dates

The meetings in March will be the 16th and the 23rd.

The meetings in May will be the 4th and the 18th.

B. Discussion of Team of 8 Training

The Board agreed to have this training after May Elections.

C. Discussion of Communication with Business Community

Board President DeLeon English discussed the importance of developing partnerships with local business and businesses coming to our area. Dr. Lowell Strike mentioned that there will be a presentation at a future date on this item.

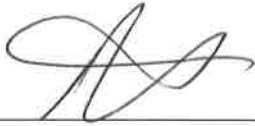
14. Adjournment

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

The minutes were approved on 2/16/2015.

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Board President – DeLeon English

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Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores