

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, December 8, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Little Elm High School Lecture Hall.

PRESENT: Board President DeLeon English, Board Vice President LeAnna Harding, Board Secretary Alejandro Flores, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee Cooper Begis, Trustee Stephanie Gregg, Trustee Melissa Myers and Interim Superintendent Matthew Gutierrez.

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Little Elm High School Lecture Hall on 1900 Walker Lane, Little Elm, TX 75068. Board President DeLeon English called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Ms. Sonia F. Badillo took roll call.
The Board recessed to take a group picture.
The Board reconvened at 6:41 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:42 pm in the Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074. The Board discussed:
 - A. Debrief on Lone Finalist
The Board reconvened at 6:59 pm.
3. Action Items
 - A. Discuss and take action on naming Superintendent Lone Finalist
Trustee Christopher Williams made the first motion to approve the Superintendent Lone Finalist as discussed in Closed Meeting. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
Board President DeLeon English announced Dr. Lowell Strike as the Superintendent Lone Finalist.
Dr. Lowell Strike currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent for the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District. His previous central administrative roles have included serving as the Associate Superintendent in Southlake Carroll ISD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction in Northwest ISD, and as an Executive Director in Katy ISD. His campus administrative roles have included middle school principalships in Brownfield ISD and Bryan ISD, as well as opening a new high school and serving as the first principal of Cinco Ranch High School in Katy ISD. He guided the fast growth of Cinco Ranch High School to a high of over 3600 students. During his tenure as an executive director in Katy ISD he worked almost exclusively with elementary campuses. He taught at the high school level for 11 years. During his teaching years he served as a strength coach as well as coaching varsity football and

wrestling, junior varsity baseball, and track.

Dr. Strike's honors include being selected as the Humanitarian of the Year by the Southlake Kiwanis Club, Texas Future Business Leaders of America State of Texas Business Person of the Year, he is an Honorary Life Member for the Future Farmers of America and the Texas PTA, In addition, he was named as an Outstanding Educator by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Brazos Area Alliance of Black School Educators, was named the Iowa Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year, and is in the Distributive Education Clubs of America Hall of Fame. In his various roles he has developed many community partnerships. Most recently he directed the district strategic planning for Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD. Known as Aspire 2022, the plan outlines the district's plan for the next 10 years. Dr. Strike has begun many leadership programs from Katy ISD to his current role in Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD. He has a passion for helping others to grow as leaders to impact every child that enters our school doors. Dr. Strike earned a Bachelor of Science from Buena Vista University in Iowa, a Master's of Science in Educational Administration, and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University in College Station. While at Texas A&M, Dr. Strike served as a graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning program as well as the Department of Educational Administration. He coordinated the Administrative Leadership Institute for Texas A&M/Texas Association of School Administrators while a graduate assistant. He is married to his wife Kimi, they have two children, and two grandchildren.

4. Board Comments

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores thanked Mr. Matthew Gutierrez for the fantastic job.

Board President DeLeon English thanked Mr. Matthew Gutierrez for the hard work, dedication, willingness and compassion.

5. Adjournment

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

The minutes were approved on 12/15/2014.



Board President – DeLeon English

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alejandro Flores". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'F'.

Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores