

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, August 11, 2014, beginning at 6:00 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 Melissa Myers and Acting Superintendent Matthew Gutierrez.

LATE: Trustee Stephanie Gregg.

ABSENT: Trustee Cooper Begis.

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Lecture Hall at the Little Elm High School on 1900 Walker Lane, Little Elm, TX 75068. Board President DeLeon English called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Roll Call
Ms. Sonia Badillo Called Roll.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those in attendance to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. Summer School Graduation
Mr. Clint Miller presented a High School Diploma to Cartrell Best.
5. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Curriculum and Instruction Update
 1. AP Student Recognition
Ms. Cyndy Mika presented the AP Student Recognitions to the students present.
 2. Registration Update
Ms. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board an Update about Registration. This update included the following:
 - Pk-5 Registration Totals as of 1:30 pm 8/11/14
 - 6-12 Registration Totals as of 1:30 pm 8/11/14
 - Brent Elementary Breakdown
 - Chavez Elementary Breakdown
 - Hackberry Elementary Breakdown
 - Lakeview Elementary Breakdown
 - Oak Point Elementary Breakdown

- Prestwick STEM Academy Breakdown
- 6-8 Prestwick STEM Academy Breakdown

3. Accountability Ratings

Ms. Cyndy Mika presented to the Board the 2014 Accountability Summary for Little Elm ISD.

- LEHS Met Standard
- Lakeside MS Met Standard
- Brent Elementary Met Standard & One Distinction Designation
- Chavez Elementary Met Standard
- Hackberry Elementary Met Standard
- Lakeview Elementary Met Standard
- Oak Point Elementary Met Standard and Two Distinction Designations
- Zellars Elementary Met Standard and Two Distinction Designations

Brent – first distinction top 25% of progress

Oak Point – two distinctions

Zellars – two distinctions

B. Human Resources Update

1. Vacancy Report

Ms. Cleota Epps briefed the Board about vacancies.

- Brent – 3rd Grade
- Chavez – ESL
- Hackberry – 5th Dual Language
- Lakeview – 3rd Grade and Music
- Prestwick – Tech Apps
- Lakeside MS – Media Specialist
- LEHS – ESL and Math/Evening Academy
- Asst. Superintendent Learning & Leadership
- LEHS Associate Principal – Recommended (2)
- Lakeside MS Principal – Interim
- Hackberry Principal – Recommended
- Technology Network Administrator - Posted

C. Communications Update

1. Community Involvement

Ms. Cyndy Mika updated the Board about the following:

- District Education Improvement Committee
- Campus Improvement Team
- Student Health Advisory Council
- HB5 Student and Community Engagement Committee
- Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee
- Principal Interview Committee
- District Design Team
- Communication Task Force

D. Business and Operations Update

1. Business Update

Ms. Linda Engle reminded the Board about the 2014-2015 Budget adoption and the Tax Rate approval. This adoption and approval at the Board meeting on August 18, 2014.

Ms. Linda Engle also informed the Board about the inspections at the Prestwick STEM Academy.

Ms. Linda Engle also briefed the Board about a Prestwick Stem Academy dedication.

Mr. Rod Reeves gave the Board a Construction Update. This update included the following:

- Arts & Humanities Academy and Public Service Academy
 - Flooring & painting completed this week
 - Splits Units installed and running at Powell
 - New fire suppression system installed at LMS
 - High performance upgrades – lighting & smart controllers
 - Temporary CO for front office at LMS – Registration Aug. 5th
 - Architects punch completed
 - Substantially Complete on Aug. 8th
 - Working on CO this week
 - Ready for teacher return & start of school
- Prestwick K-8 STEM Academy
 - 1st & 2nd floor finishes complete this week
 - Architects punch list completed
 - Kitchen equipment is installed
 - Sidewalks completed
 - New roads to school completed
 - Landscaping completed
 - Substantially complete by August 15, 2014
 - Ready for start of school
- Zellars Summer 2014
 - Child Nutrition completed July 14th – moved in
 - Child Care substantially complete July 25th – Town of Little Elm Certificate of Occupancy – August 6th
 - DAEP, Technology & Staff Development Completed – complete furniture move this week

E. Board Committees

The Board discussed for Board Members to represent each committee. The decision was as follows:

1. Finance

Trustee Cooper Begis and Board Secretary Alejandro Flores.

2. Curriculum and Instruction

Trustee Stephanie Gregg and Trustee Melissa Myers.

3. Policy

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding and Trustee Christopher Williams

F. Monthly Transcript Update

This item will be presented in September.

G. District Strategic Plan

This item will be presented until after Board Retreat.

6. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 7:40 pm in the Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074, 551.071 and 551.072. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Private consultation with the Board's attorney (551.071)

1. Discuss the Transportation Facility (551.071)
2. Discuss Administrative Personnel (assignments, reassignments, transfers, promotions, demotions, terminations, evaluations, other discipline) (551.074)
3. Discuss appointment of Hackberry Elementary Principal (551.074)
4. Discuss appointment of LEHS Associate Principal(s) (551.074)
5. Discuss the Valencia Land Agreement (551.072)
6. Discuss Prestwick STEM Academy Agreement (551.071)

B. Review Superintendent Search Proposals (551.071)

The Board reconvened at 8:40 pm.

7. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve appointment of Hackberry Elementary Principal

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Hackberry Elementary Principal. Trustee Stephanie Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Acting Superintendent Matthew Gutierrez named Tom Swartz Hackberry Elementary Principal.

B. Discuss and approve appointment of LEHS Associate Principal(s)

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding made the first motion to name Clint Miller LEHS Associate Principal as discussed in Closed Meeting. Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores made the first motion to name Ruben Molinar LEHS Associate Principal as discussed in Closed Meeting. Board Vice President LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Discuss and approve the Superintendent Search Proposal

The Board reviewed Superintendent Search Proposals submitted by different firms. After discussion, the Board would like for Bob E. Griggs & Associates and Kay/Bassman International Corp to present at the Special Meeting being held on August 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

8. Items for Board Discussion

A. Discuss Prestwick STEM Academy Options

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Ms. Cyndy Mika briefed the Board about the capacity issue at Prestwick STEM Academy. Ms. Mika also gave the Registration Update to show the seats

available.

9. Future Agenda Items

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding would like to review the Public Input Policy.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding would like to a SpEd Department Report.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding would like to see an update about Reading Specialists at the Elementaries.

Board Secretary Alejandro Flores and Trustee Stephanie Gregg would like an update on JROTC.

Trustee Stephanie Gregg would like to see an update Little Elm Police Department about violence and gangs in the community.

Board President DeLeon English would like to see a Liaison Program.

Board President DeLeon English would like to see a Communications Program.

Little Elm Town Mayor David Hillock briefed the Board about a program called "Not my Kid". The Town is implementing this program for parents and community.

10. Board Comments

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding would like to approve Board Minutes at Workshops and Regular Meetings not just at Regular Meetings.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding would like to see a Bullying Program and would like for volunteers to be able to sign up for it.

Board Vice President LeAnna Harding thanked the staff for the hard work.

There will be a Special Meeting on Thursday 8/18/2014 at 6:30 pm.

11. Adjournment

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

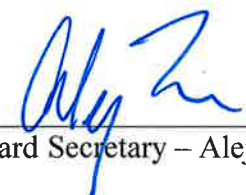
Board Secretary Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The minutes were approved on August 18, 2014.



Board President – DeLeon English



Board Secretary – Alejandro Flores