

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD was held Monday, April 21, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Little Elm High School Lecture Hall.

PRESENT: Board President Stephanie Gregg, Board Vice President Cooper Begis, Board Secretary Sally Coleman, Trustee Christopher Williams, Trustee Elisa McAtee, Trustee Curtis Savage, Trustee LeAnna Harding and Superintendent Lynne Leuthard.

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 Stephanie Gregg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those in attendance to the Pledges of the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Citizen Input
Mr. Eric Watkins approached the Board about transcripts.
4. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. CoServ
Mr. Craig Chambers from CoServ presented a check for \$20,000.00 to Little Elm ISD.
 - B. Brent Elementary School
Ms. Kelly Carr and teachers from Brent Elementary School presented to the Board information about the following:
 - Ms. Brittany Roberts – 3rd grade Masters in counseling
 - Brent Bobcats clubs K-2 Leaders. Every month on a Friday the students get to participate on extra curricular activities. Drama Club students, Lego Robotics Club students, Spanish Club, French Club, Scrapbooking Club, Food Club.
 - C. Student Advisory Update
Students Valeria Silva, Macey Farnell and Kavi Ewing approached the Board with information about the positives and concerns at the various campuses.
 - D. Students of the Month - Little Elm High School
Mr. Ron Sterling presented the Students of the Month awards to Eripitan Osagie-Sule and Andrew Guidry.
Ms. Lynne Leuthard presented Mr. Kendrick Brown the new Head Football Coach to the Board and those in attendance.
5. Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum and Instruction Update

1. Transfer Policy

Dr. Jennifer Porter briefed the Board in regards to Policy FDA Local and the transfers policy in place.

Dr. Porter also informed the Board that TEA has approved the waiver of the two missed instructional days due to weather.

2. Transcripts

Mr. Shon Joseph briefed the Board about Transcripts. This information included the following:

- % of students that have received requested transcripts by grade
- Estimated % complete on the entire system
- # of students impacted
- Any new developments, etc.

B. Communications Update

1. Safety and Security Update

Ms. Julie Zwahr presented to the Board information in regards to the Security Update at all campuses.

Ms. Zwahr also briefed them about a drill at all campuses.

C. Business and Operations Update

1. Early Release Regulations

Ms. Linda Engle presented to the Board Policy BGA. She asked the Board for direction if they would like to change the policy.

Ms. Engle also presented a Transportation Operations Report. This report included the following information:

GoldStar Transportation Operations Report

- 35 daily routes in operation for home-to-school transportation
- 42 buses have air conditioner
- 3054 students transported daily
- Extra-curricular trips number 593 for 2013-2014 school year through March
- Goldstar's Little Elm ISD Staff
- Fall Customer Survey
- Fall Employee Survey

6. The Board recessed into Closed Executive Session at 7:34 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. Discuss Administrative Personnel (551.074)
- B. Discuss Possible Sale of Property (551.072)
- C. Private consultation with the Board's attorney (551.071)
- D. Discuss Non-renewal - Katinga (551.074)

The Board reconvened at 8:30 pm.

7. Action Items

A. Discuss and approve Non-renewal contract – Katinga

Board Vice President Cooper Begis made the first motion to approve the Non-renewal contract – Katinga. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

Let this action reflect the following:

- before voting on this Motion, the Board considered a draft the letter to this employee providing Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract;
 - the Superintendent reviewed with the Board the reason or reasons for making her recommendation regarding the employee; and
 - the Board considered the reason or reasons and any other information, provided by the Superintendent; and
- that by passage of this motion, the Board:
- directs the Superintendent to prepare for the Board President's signature a final Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract for Sean Katinga and ensure that the Notice is delivered to Mr. Katinga not later than the 10th day before the last day of instruction in the current school year, i.e., May 22, 2014;
 - directs that the Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract include the time limitations and procedure for requesting a hearing before the Board;
 - agrees, if a hearing is timely requested, to engage an independent attorney to assist the Board in the conduct of the hearing on the proposed nonrenewal, including any pre-hearing matters necessary to ensure a fair, efficient, and expeditious hearing;
 - directs the Board President to notify Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. of this action and request that office to contact and retain an independent attorney on behalf of the District if needed, and if the employee requests a hearing; and
 - authorizes Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. to consult with the Superintendent to approve the final Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract and to take whatever actions are necessary and proper to present the case in support of the proposed nonrenewal; and
 - directs that a copy of this Motion be attached to the minutes of this meeting and the final Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal of Term Contract sent to Sean Katinga.

B. Discuss and approve the Elementary Student Technology Proposal

Ms. Holly Davis –Chrome books for 4th and 5th graders

Trustee Elisa McAtee made the first motion to approve the Elementary Student Technology Proposal. Trustee Curtis Savage seconded the motion. The motion

passed (7-0)

After discussing this item the Board requested a survey to the parents and to the teachers. The Board also requested information about insurance on devices.

Trustee Elisa McAtee made the first motion to withdraw the motion. Trustee Curtis Savage seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Discuss and approve the Technology Desktop Replacement Proposal

Ms. Holly Davis briefed the Board about the Technology Desktop Replacement Proposal. In an effort to meet the technology needs of our students across the district, we encourage the purchase of new desktops to replace old, outdated equipment.

Trustee LeAnna Harding made the first motion to approve the Technology Desktop Replacement Proposal as submitted. Trustee Cooper Begis seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

D. Discuss and approve the Network Upgrade Proposal

Ms. Holly Davis briefed the Board about Network Upgrade Proposal. After an electronic and physical audit of all network equipment, we highly encourage a network replacement for old, out of date, end of life and out of support network equipment that is the heart of the infrastructure for all technology.

Board Vice President Cooper Begis made the first motion to approve the Network Upgrade Proposal as submitted. Trustee Christopher Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

E. Discuss and approve the School Start and End Times 2014/2015

Ms. Linda Engle presented to the Board the 1300 responses from survey. In preparation of the 2015-15 school year, we are requesting board approval of the start and end times of our campuses.

Board Vice President Cooper Begis made the first motion to approve the School Start and End Times 2014/2015 as submitted. Trustee Curtis Savage seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

8. Consent Agenda

A. Discuss and approve the Personnel Sheet

B. Discuss and approve the Professional Contracts

C. Discuss and approve the EIF (LOCAL)

D. Discuss and approve the Proclamation 2014

E. Discuss and approve the Tuition-Based Pre-K Program

Board Vice President Cooper Begis made the first motion to approve the Tuition-Based Pre-K Program as submitted. Trustee LeAnna Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

LH had a couple of questions about logistics and advertising

F. Discuss and approve Update 99 First Reading

G. Discuss and approve Financial Reports

H. Discuss and approve the Gifts and Donations

I. Discuss and approve the Vendors - February 2014

- J. Discuss and approve the Property Tax Code, Section 42.43 Payment of Interest
 - K. Discuss and approve Meal Prices 2014-2015
 - L. Discuss and approve Insurance Recovery
Removed
 - M. Discuss and approve the Lakeside Middle School Renovation Project
 - N. Discuss and approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes 3-17-2014
Board Vice President made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the exception of Item E. Trustee Curtis Savage seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).
9. Future Agenda Items
- Trustee LeAnna Harding would like to see an update about the Bullying Program and would like for LEISD to look at the bullying program Plano ISD has in place. Trustee LeAnna Harding would like an update about College Career Program. Trustee LeAnna Harding would like an update about the network security and firewalls.
- Trustee Christopher Williams would like information in regards to Chromebooks at Lakeside MS.
- Trustee Elisa McAtee would like examples from 4th and 5th grade teachers on how they will be using the Chromebooks if the Board approves them.
- Board President Stephanie Gregg would like to see two different presentations based on the two different percentages for Teacher salary.
10. Board Comments
- The Board thanked the Administration for all the hard work.
11. Adjournment
- The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

The minutes were approved on: 5-19-2014



Board President – Stephanie Gregg



Board Secretary – Sally Coleman