

# 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 will be held January 23, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Little Elm ISD Administration Building.

PRESENT: President Jason Olson, Vice President Monique Thompson, Secretary DeLeon English, Trustee Ken Beber, Trustee David Montemayor, Trustee Mary Watkins, Trustee Alex Flores, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Board Room at Little Elm ISD Administration Building on 400 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068. The meeting was called to order by President Jason Olson at 6:00 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Board Support Conference Room as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 & 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
  - A. Personnel
  - B. LandThe Board reconvened at 7:03 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Board led those present to The Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
4. Invocation  
Pastor Zach Wright from Hope Fellowship offered the invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Students Recognition  
Mr. Ross Roberts and campus administrators recognized the students of the month.
  - B. Little Elm ISD Education Foundation Recognition  
Ms. Cecelia Jones presented a check for \$6,000 to the Education Foundation from the proceeds of the 633 Run.
  - C. Lobo Angel Tree Recognition  
Ms. Yamile Quintero thanked the volunteers who participated in this event and recognized their hard work.
  - D. Board Recognition Month  
Mr. Daniel Gallagher thanked the Board for everything they do for LEISD, the long hours and the hard work.
7. Reports of the Superintendent

A. 2023-2024 Little Elm ISD Calendar

Dr. Penny Tramel shared a presentation with the Board that included the following:

- Calendar Development
- Calendar Input
- Questions / Comments

8. Citizen Input

Audience participation shall be permitted at regular Board meetings and shall be limited to the public comment portion designated for that purpose

McCall Bennett – 4 day school week

Lloyd Reeves – 4 day school week, funding appropriations

Emma Nolan – 4-day weekend advantages

Leigh Rosen Cebulka – 4 day school week

Dr. Wendi Johnson – Concerns related to the calendar for the 23-24 school year transitioning to a 4 day school schedule

Lindsay Minor – 23-24 School calendar

Lisa Olney – Possible 4 day school week for the 2023-2024 academic school year

Julie Brown – 4 day week

Raychel Yaggy – Reduction of school week to 4 days

Kate Olsson – 4 day calendar

Nicole Petersen – 4 day week schedule

Sarah Myatt – Discussing calendar choice for next school year

Michelle Baran – 4 day school week

Jeff Baran – 4 day school week

Sydney Pimentel-Rushing – 4 day work week from the perspective of teacher and mental health

Rachel Grones – Calendar proposal

Robin Bowman – Pro of the 4 day school week from a staff member and parent point of view

Amy Nicholson – Four day work week

Sarah Khaldi – School calendar survey results

Addison Maxwell – 4 day school week

Thomas C. Nash – Want to speak in from experience in favor of the 4 day week calendar option

Christopher Reza – Speaking in favor of 4 day calendar

Meyling Ortiz – 4 day school week

Catherine Oduro – 4 day week school calendar

Kori Werth – 4 day calendar proposal and the benefits it can have

Kelly Lynn Martin – Teacher's perspective on the 4 day calendar

Jonathan Inman – In favor of Calendar A for the new school year

Dan Blackwood – Calendar

Kristale Cross – 2023-2024 Little Elm ISD Calendar

Kris Sye – 4 day school week

Alyssa Borstow – 4 day work week table

Heather Bestul – 4 day calendar proposal – no show

Chaital Patel – Do not prefer 4 days week of school – no show

Nicole Lestelle – 4 day school week – no show

Juarod Cal – Calendar – no show

Catherine Semancik – 4 day calendar teacher and parent perspective – no show

Nicole Beal – Proposed calendar – no show

Katrin Pautler – Against the Friday off schedule – no show

Rhonda Donaldson – 2022/23 Calendar teacher in favor of 4 day work week – no show

Hollie Henry – Thank you for considering the 4 day week – no show

Ray Borden – 4 day school week – no show

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of Special Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2022

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Mary Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Consider approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2022

Ms. Sonia S. Flores briefed the Board about this item.

Vice President Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-1-0) Secretary DeLeon English abstained from the vote.

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of Personnel Actions Related to DFE (LEGAL)

Ms. Asheley Brown presented this item to the Board.

Trustee Mary Watkins made the first motion to approve this item as presented in closed session. Secretary DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Consider approval of Cabinet - Level Administrative Contracts and Agreements

Ms. Asheley Brown shared this item with the Board.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve as presented in closed session. Trustee Alex Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Consider approval of the Lease Agreement for Recreational Grounds and Facilities between The Town of Little Elm and Little Elm Independent School District for Approximately 23 Acres around Brent Elementary School

Superintendent Daniel Gallagher presented this item to the Board. This is seeking the consideration and approval of a lease agreement for recreational grounds and facilities between the Town of Little Elm and Little Elm ISD. The Town of Little Elm is requesting the lease of approximately 23 acres around Brent Elementary School.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

D. Consider approval of Order Authorizing Issuance Bonds

Ms. Shay Adams briefed the Board about this item. This is an order authorizing the issuance from time to time of Little Elm Independent School District unlimited tax school building bonds; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment thereof; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more purchase contracts and paying agent/registrars agreements relating to such bonds; approving the state preparation of one or more official statements; and enacting other provisions related thereto

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

Trustee Mary Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

E. Consider approval of Architectural and Specialty Vendor Recommendations for the 2022 Bond Program

Mr. Rick Martin briefed the Board about this item.

Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

11. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of Update Policy FFA (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services

B. Consider approval of the Resolution Ordering Trustee Election - 5/06/2023

C. Consider approval of Financial Reports - November 2022

D. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

E. Consider approval of Property Value Study Appeal Service

F. Consider approval of Gifts and Donations

Secretary DeLeon English made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Trustee Mary Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The Board returned to closed session at 9:52 pm.

The Board reconvened at 10:42 pm.

#### 12. Board President Comments

Mr. Jason Olson thanked the parents who came and spoke at the meeting. Mr. Olson also challenged Dr. Tramell to be creative and create another calendar with ideas to the Board with options to work with staff and students. Mr. Olson also thanked the campuses for the lovely gifts.

#### 13. Board Comments

Trustee Alejandro Flores gave thanks for the gifts.

Trustee Mary Watkins mentioned that the Board is listening to the teachers and their concerns.

Secretary DeLeon English acknowledged the teachers and the impact they make.

Vice President Monique Thompson reassured Little Elm that the Board is doing the best they can with what they have. Dr. Thompson thanked Superintendent Gallagher for his dedication and his work.

Trustee David Montemayor gave thanks for the gifts. Mr. Montemayor mentioned that he understands the need during citizen input and wants to thank the faculty and staff who came to the meeting. He wants them to know that the Board cares and also he wants the teachers to know that they are supported.

Trustee Ken Beber mentioned how he loves the students being recognized and thanked the teachers and campuses for the gifts.

#### 14. Superintendent Comments

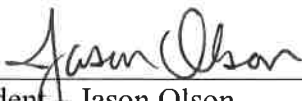
Superintendent Daniel Gallagher thanked the Board for the support and the work. Mr. Gallagher commented that he understands the frustration from teachers and staff about the 4 day calendar decision. He encouraged the Board to reach out to our teachers and staff. He thanked DEIC for their work and also thanked the teachers for what they do.

#### 15. Adjournment

Secretary DeLeon English made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mary Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 pm.

The minutes were approved on February 20, 2023.

  
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President – Jason Olson

  
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Secretary – DeLeon English