

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD will be held September 16, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Little Elm ISD Administration Building.

PRESENT: President Mary Watkins, Vice President DeLeon English, Secretary Ken Beber, Trustee Jason Olson, Trustee David Montemayor, Trustee Jeff Burton, Trustee Alejandro Flores, and Superintendent Michael Lamb.

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. Board President Mary Watkins called the meeting to order 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 7:00 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board led those present to The Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag.
4. Invocation
There was no invocation.
5. Introduction and Roll Call
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
6. Superintendent Spotlight
 - A. LEaders of the Pack
Ms. Asheley Brown presented this award to Ms. Abigail Stevenson (Prestwick Elementary), and Ms. Hailey Adams (Little Elm High School).
 - B. Students of the Month
Mr. Donnie Bartlett and administrators from all LEISD campuses presented the students of the month.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. SHAC Yearly Review
Ms. Toni Nelson and Mr. Donald Bartlett shared the following with the Board:
 - Agenda
 - 2024-2025 SHAC Report to Board of Trustees
 - LEISD SHAC Members 2024-2025

B. Curriculum and Learning Update

Ms. Kim Chow-Jackson briefed the Board on the following:

- Academic Programs
- GT Overview
- GT Performance Data
- GT Needs
- AP Overview
- AP Program Goals
- AP Performance Data
- AP Needs
- Dual Credit Program Overview
- Dual Credit Program Goals
- Dual Credit Program Performance Data
- Dual Credit Program Needs
- Emergent Bilingual Overview
- Emergent Bilingual Program Goals
- Emergent Bilingual Performance Data
- Emergent Bilingual Program Needs
- Questions/Comments

C. Human Resource Services Annual Report

Ms. Asheley Brown shared the following with the Board:

- 2023-2024 Successes
- 2023-2024 Adopt-a-Lobo
- LEaders of the Pack
- Carpool Kudos
- Honoree Awards Banquet
- LEISD Career Fairs!
- Grow Your Home Program
- Employee Child Care Program
- ESS
- Areas of Focus
- District Stats

D. Class Size Report

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about the following:

- Average Class Size – Elementary
- Average Class Size – Middle School
- Average Class Size – High School

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

There was no citizen input.

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - June 24, 2024

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board. Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-1-0). Trustee Alejandro Flores abstained from voting.

B. Consider Regular Board Meeting Minutes - August 19, 2024

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board. Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Jeff Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of the Little Elm High School Addition & Renovation PH1
Mr. Mickey James briefed the Board about this item. This item is being presented to approve the Master Budget and GMP for Little Elm High School addition and renovation.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

B. Consider approval of Lakewood Village Elementary Change Order #1 for AV Enhancements

Mr. Mickey James shared this item with the Board. This is being presented seeking approval for Change Order #1 to add audio and video enhancements to each classroom. Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

C. Consider approval of 2024 - 2025 District Improvement Plan

Dr. Penny Tramel shared the following with the Board:

- TEC Chapter 11, Section 11.251
- 2024-2025 Goal 1
- 2024-2025 Goal 2
- 2024-2025 Goal 3
- 2024-2025 Goal 4
- 2024-2025 Goal 5
- 2024-2025 Goal 6
- 2024-2025 Goal 7
- 2024-2025 Goal 8
- 2024-2025 Goal 9
- 2024-2025 Goal 10
- Questions/Comments

Trustee Jeff Burton made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

D. Consider approval of Hiring of Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item. Trustee David Montemayor made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed session. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion.

Ms. Asheley Brown announced Mr. Jesse Wyse as the new Chief Financial Officer.

E. Consider approval of the Revised 2024-2025 Stipends

Ms. Asheley Brown shared this item with the Board. Two revisions are recommended to be added to the 2024-2025 LEISD stipends.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

F. Consider approval of Maximum Class Size - Exemptions - Class Size Waivers

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item. In grades PreK-4, the class size maximum is 22. We are requesting approval to submit a class waiver to TEA for the three classes.

Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

G. Consider approval of Resolution Tax Rate

Mr. Jesse Wyse briefed the Board about the following:

- LEISD Historical Tax Rate
- Total Tax Rate Decrease

Ms. Mary Watkins made the first motion to approve this item as submitted.

On September 16, 2024. On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of Little Elm Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for tax year 2024 at a total tax rate of \$1.2252, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.7552 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.47 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 7.121 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$50.20.

These tax rate calculation forms will serve as an appendix to the district's adopted budget.

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

11. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of T-TESS Appraisers and Appraisal Calendar

B. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Interlocal Summary Report

C. Consider approval of Financial Reports - July 2024

D. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$100,000 Summary Report

E. Consider approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Business Days

Secretary Ken Beber made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Trustee Jeff Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

12. Board President Comments

Ms. Mary Watkins thanked Cabinet for staying late and reminded everyone about the 633 Run.

13. Board Comments

Vice President DeLeon English thanked everyone and for them to keep up the great work.

Trustee David Montemayor thanked everyone for staying late.

Trustee Jason Olson congratulated the Board for presenting at TASB. Mr. Olson reminded everyone about the Homecoming Parade.

Secretary Ken Beber mentioned how great it is to see students being recognized. Mr. Beber thanked the staff for presenting awards and emphasized the different languages spoken at our campuses.

Trustee Jeff Burton thanked those volunteers who helped to build the beds. Mr. Burton thanked Cecelia Jones for the information going out to our community.

Trustee Alejandro Flores reminded everyone about the LE Food Bank.

14. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Lamb mentioned the following:


- Thanked Ms. Michelle Hammock for attending the meeting and her support
- Food bank opportunities
- Tonight was wonderful to recognize students and staff
- Thanks for staying late
- Great things coming
- TASB
- Great day to be a Lobo

15. Adjournment


Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

The minutes were approved on October 21, 2024.



President – Mary Watkins



Secretary – Ken Beber