

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 April 21, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Little Elm ISD Administration Building.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Alejandro Flores.

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. President Mary Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in the Board Support Conference Room at 6:00 pm 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. Julia Persick from Oak Point Elementary School and Ms. Sarah Rolfe from Walker Middle School
 - B. Students of the Month
Mr. Donnie Bartlett and Campus Administrators presented this award to their students.
 - C. Spelling Bee Champs Recognition
Mr. Donnie Bartlett presented this recognition to the winning students.
7. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Child Nutrition Update
Ms. Kendra Vogt shared the following with the Board.
Child Nutrition Update

- Our Mission
- Student Eligibility Status
- 2024-2025 Child Nutrition Fun Facts
- What's in the Future
- Thank you!

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. Action Items

A. Consider approval of Hiring of Chavez Elementary School Principal

Ms. Asheley Brown approached the Board about this item. Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in close session. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed. (6-0).

Ms. Asheley Brown announced Ms. Lindsey Girlinghouse as the new Chavez Elementary School Principal.

B. Consider approval of Hiring of Walker Middle School Principal

Ms. Asheley Brown approached the Board about this item. Trustee Jeff Burton made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed session. Vice President DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Consider approval of Request for New FTEs - Campus Teachers

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item. To ensure the District meets the needs of LEISD students and families, a careful analysis of staffing needs has been completed.

Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Jeff Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

D. Consider approval of 2024-25 Low-Attendance Day Waiver

Dr. Penny Tramel shared information with the Board about this item. For a day when school was held but attendance was at least 10 percentage points below the overall average attendance rate for the district for the prior year, a district may apply for a waiver to have the day excluded from Average Daily Attendance and Foundation School Programming funding calculations. Our Average Daily Attendance for the 2023-2024 school year was 94.19%. On February 19, 2025, our district had an attendance rate of 74.94%. This is 19.25% below last school year's ADA, therefore qualifying the district to submit a waiver to exclude that day from our ADA and FSP calculations for the 2023-2024 school year.

Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

E. Consider approval of 2025-2026 Open Education Resource (OER) Transition Plans

Dr. Penny Tramel briefed the Board about this item. TEC§ 67.1315 mandates that each school district utilizing OER materials must maintain a Transition Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in order to access funding allotted under Texas Education Code TEC§ 48.308. The school district must submit an OER plan when first adopting a State Board of Education (SBOE) approved OER product for a grade level or subject/course; or when expanding implementation of an SBOE approved OER product to additional campuses and/or grade levels. The Commissioner may request and review OER instructional material plans before funding is released and may reject a plan subsequent to review.

Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Trustee Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

F. Consider approval of 2025-2026 Instructional Materials Allotment Certification
Dr. Penny Tramel briefed the Board about this item. School districts are required to certify annually to the State Board of Education and the commissioner that, for each subject in the required curriculum other than physical education, students have access to instructional materials that cover all the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The certification must be ratified by the LEA's board of trustees in an open, public-noticed meeting.

Vice President DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Ken Beber seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

G. Consider approval of Strike Middle School & Walker Middle School Interior Renovations

Mr. Mickey James shared this information with the Board. Presenting the Master Budget and Balfour Beatty Construction GMP for Strike Middle School & Walker Middle School interior renovations.

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Vice President DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

10. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Regular Board Meeting Minutes - March 31, 2025

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

C. Consider approval of Request for Proposal # 2025-001 Bank Depository Services

D. Consider approval of Financial Reports - February 2025

E. Consider approval of Request for Proposal #2024-005 Food Catering Services

Trustee Jeff Burton made the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Vice President DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

11. Reports for Information Only

A. Board Training Hours

Ms. Mary Watkins announced that all Board of Trustees have completed the required hours by TASB.

12. Board President Comments

Ms. Mary Watkins thanked cafeteria workers, custodians, grounds and maintenance employees for all their hard work. Ms. Watkins also thanked Cabinet and mentioned that she is looking forward to the Special Olympics.

13. Board Comments

Vice President DeLeon English reminded those present of Graduation.

Trustee David Montemayor recognized the Color Guard winning the World Record Championship. Mr. Montemayor also congratulated the precaution group for their performance.

Trustee Jason Olson thanked the staff for all of the great reports.

Secretary Ken Beber mentioned how exciting it is about all the great things happening.

Trustee Jeff Burton can't wait to the Special Olympics. Mr. Burton also mentioned the great work LEHS does at The Top 10 Luncheon.

14. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Michael Lamb mentioned the following:

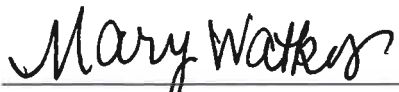
- Dum Line performed very well at a prestigious competition invitation
- We will be having a National Merrit Scholar
- Lots of good things happening
- Spring Football
- Great Day to be a Lobo

15. Adjournment

Trustee Jason Olson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jeff Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

The minutes were approved on May 19, 2025.

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Board President – Mary Watkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ken Beber", written in black ink.

Board Secretary – Ken Beber