

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 December 14, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

PRESENT: President David Montemayor, Vice President Jason Olson, Secretary Dan Blackwood, Trustee Melissa Myers, Trustee Dr. Monique Thompson, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

ABSENT: Trustee Alejandro Flores.

LATE: Trustee DeLeon English

1. Call to Order Open Session in the Board Room at Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership on 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068. President David Montemayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Trustee LeAnna Harding Comments

Trustee Harding was not present.

3. Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Trustees

Ms. Sonia S. Flores administered the Oath to Trustee Monique Thompson and Trustee Melissa Myers.

4. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting at 6:04 pm in PL1 as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.072 and 551.074. The Board and Superintendent discussed:

A. Personnel

B. Land

The Board reconvened at 7:06 pm.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledges of Allegiance to The United States Flag and The Texas Flag were recited by the Board and those present.

6. Invocation

There was no invocation.

7. Introduction and Roll Call

Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.

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

Ms. Andrea Metz briefed the Board about COVID Quarantine / Remote Student Work Protocols.

9. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Communications Update

Ms. Cecelia Jones shared the following with the Board:

Focus on Community Engagment

- Things to discuss

- Customer Service

- Communication Breakdown
- Continuous Communication Improvement
- Questions?

B. 3rd Quarter 2020 Growth Report

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board about the following:

Quarterly Report 3Q20

- Annual Enrollment Change
- Impacts of COVID-19
- DFW MSA Unemployment Rates
- COVID and Housing Market: What Impact?
- Little Elm ISD Housing Market Analysis
- DFW New Home Ranking Report
- Little Elm ISD New Housing Activity
- Annual Closing
- Forecasted Little Elm ISD New Home Activity
- Total Residential Units by Elementary Zone, 2020/21 – 2025/26
- District Yields
- Birth Rate Analysis
- Ten Year Forecast by Campus
- Key Takeaways

C. Curriculum and Learning Update

Dr. Cyndy A. Mika shared the following information with the Board:

Curriculum and Learning Update

- Change to 21-22 LEISD Calendar Timeline
- Destination 2025 District Goal Update
- Blended Learning Grant Program: Math Innovation Zone
- Questions?

10. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider Approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - 11/16/2020

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared with the this item. Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0). Trustees Montemayor, Thompson, and Myers abstained from voting.

B. Consider Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 11/16/2020

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board. Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0). Trustees Montemayor, Thompson, and Myers abstained from voting.

C. Consider Approval of Canvassing Meeting Minutes - 11/17/2020

Ms. Sonia S. Flores shared with the Board on this item. Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve. President David Montemayor seconded the motion. The motion passed (2-0).

D. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes - 12/07/2020

Ms. Sonia S. Flores presented this item to the Board. Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0). Trustees Myers, Montemayor, and Blackwood abstained from voting.

11. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Destination 2025 District Goals for 2020-2021

Dr. Cyndy A. Mika briefed the Board on the following:

Destination 2025

- District Focus #1: Focus on Teaching and Learning
- Superintendent Focus #1: Focus on Teaching and Learning
- Superintendent Focus #2: Focus on Community Engagement
- Superintendent Focus #3: Focus on Human Capital
- Superintendent Focus #4: Focus on Ensuring Fiscal Health and Sustainability
- Questions?

Trustee DeLeon English made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1). Trustee Monique Thompson voted against the motion.

B. Consider Approval of Continuation of Emergency Paid Sick Leave (COVID)

Ms. Asheley Brown shared this item with the Board. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), provides up to two weeks (up to 80 hours) of Emergency Paid Scik Leave to employees for qualifying reasons related to COVID-19. The FFCRA ends December 31, 2020. Little Elm ISD will continue to provide EPS – one time, two weeks of leave – for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, using the same criteria and guidelines that are detailed in FFCRA.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve this item. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

C. Consider Approval of New FTE; Administrator Position

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board on this item. This new administrator position to support the work of the district; will be on administrator paygrade 3.

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to approve this item. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

D. Consider Approval of the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended August 31, 2020

Mr. Grant Anderson shared with the Board this item. Mr. Dan Tonn with the audit firm Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, PC presented the audit report. This item was moved up after item 11H

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

E. Consider Approval of Financial Reports - October 2020

Mr. Grant Anderson briefed the Board about this item.

December 14, 2020 Financial Report

- Notes to financials
- Future Financial Considerations
- Four Major Economic Factors
- General Fund Budget Recap
- Fund Balance Analysis (2020-21)
- Capital Outlay
- 2020-21 Debt Service Fund Budget
- Financials in Board Packet

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Trustee Monique Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

F. Consider Approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures Over \$50,000 Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson presented this item to the Board. This allows LEISD to purchase products or services valued over \$50,000 which have been properly purchased through statutorily authorized methods.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

G. Consider Approval of Little Elm ISD Contract Summary Report

Mr. Grant Anderson presented this item to the Board. This allows LEISD to purchase

products or services from the list of attached contract(s) which have been properly awarded through statutorily authorized methods.

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

H. Consider Approval of High School Indoor Practice Facility

Mr. Rick Martin briefed the Board about this item.

This item was moved to after citizen input.

Proposal of LEHS Indoor Practice Facility

- Concept Plan
- Overall Site Plan
- Specific Site Plan
- Exterior Elevation
- Football Locker Room
- Indoor Practice Field
- Weight Room

The Master Project Budget is \$19,500,000 which includes the GMP from Jackson Construction for \$16,927,058.

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

I. Consider Approval of Change Order No. 2 - Strike Middle School

Mr. Rick Martin shared information to the Board about this item. Presenting Change Order No. 2 to the Cadence contract for additional Contingency Funding to help pay for acceleration costs applied to insure facility readiness for the start of school.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve as submitted. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

12. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Maximum Class Size Exemptions - Class Size Waivers

B. Consider Approval of Gifts and Donations

C. Consider Approval of Prestwick Elementary School Drainage Project (Non-Bond)

D. Consider Approval of JOC Contract Renewals

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

13. Board President Comments

Mr. David Montemayor thanked the administration for staying on top of things this school year and for keeping students and teachers safe.

14. Board Comments

Trustee DeLeon English thanked administration for all the hard work.

Secretary Dan Blackwood thanked everyone for staying late and welcomed. Dr. Monique Thompson.

Vice President Jason Olson wished everyone Happy Hollidays and welcomed Dr. Monique Thompson.

Trustee Monique Thompson thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

15. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Daniel Gallagher thanked the Board for their work. Mr. Gallagher also welcomed Dr. Monique Thompson and thanked staff for staying late.

16. Adjournment

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

The minutes were approved on January 19, 2021.



President – G. David Montemayor



Secretary – Dan Blackwood