

# 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 May 17, 2021, 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 Alejandro Flores, Trustee DeLeon English, and Superintendent Daniel Gallagher.

LATE: Trustee Monique Thompson and Trustee Melissa Myers.

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 Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership on 300 Lobo Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President David Montemayor.
2. The Board recessed into Closed Meeting in PL1 at 6:05 pm as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act Code Subchapter 551.074 and 551.072. The Board and Superintendent discussed:
  - A. Personnel
  - B. LandThe Board reconvened at 7:07 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Pledges of The United States Flag and The Texas Flag were recited by the Board and those present.
4. Invocation  
Pastor James Hutchins offered the invocation.
5. Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Trustees  
Ms. Sonia S. Flores administered the Oat of Office to Elected Trustees Jason Olson and DeLeon English.
6. Introduction and Roll Call  
Ms. Sonia S. Flores took roll call.
7. Superintendent Spotlight
  - A. Little Elm High School - Students of the Month  
Dr. Elizabeth Priddy presented the student of the month award to Jordan Gross and Eduardo Vega.
  - B. State Level Recognition for Art, Wrestling, and Academic UIL Students  
Dr. Elizabeth Priddy recognized Melissa Sosa, Kaycee Bolle, Jax Brown, Kiera Clements, and Ava Herrera for their competitions at the State Level.

C. President's Service Award

Ms. Keisha Brown presented the President's Service Award to Isis Vineyard and Noel Henry.

D. Superintendent's Employee Advisory Committee

Mr. Ross Roberts acknowledged and thanked the SEAC. Mr. Roberts briefed the Board about all the wonderful things this committee has accomplished.

E. Community Partnership Award

Mr. Daniel Gallagher presented the Community Partnership Award to the LEISD Education Foundation. Mr. Gallagher thanked them for everything they do for LEISD.

8. Reports of the Superintendent

A. Curriculum and Learning Update

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

- Ethnic Studies Update
- NISE Campus Certification
- District Destination 2025 Goals
- Questions?

B. COVID-19 Protocols Update

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

- Purpose of the Protocols
- Changing Circumstances
- Summer 2021 and Beyond
- Important Notes
- Questions?

9. 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. Lindsey Lockett – African American Studies Course

Ms. Sabrina Garza – African American Studies Course – Not Present

10. Approval of Minutes

A. Consider Regular Board Meeting Minutes - 4/19/2021

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

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-1). Trustee Alejandro Flores abstained from voting.

11. Action Items

A. Consider approval of Board Resolution Regarding Face Masks

Mr. David Montemayor presented this item to the Board.

Trustee Melissa Myers made the first motion to discuss this item. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The resolution read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Little Elm Independent School District (the "District") is authorized by § 11.51 of the Texas Education Code ("TEC") to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA 34, wherein COVID-19 occupancy limits and mask mandates were rescinded for businesses and other organizations in Texas, and public schools were directed to operate in accordance with guidance from the Texas Education Agency ("TEA"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2021, TEA issued updated guidance regarding COVID-19 mask use and reiterated the requirement for face coverings and masks in public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, TEA’s updated guidance authorizes the governing board of a school district to modify or eliminate TEA’s mask-related requirements by formal action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes a mask mandate for the District is unnecessary beginning May 21, 2021, and desires to eliminate TEA’s mask-related requirements by approval of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LITTLE ELM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees finds a mask mandate for the District is unnecessary beginning May 21, 2021.

**RESOLVED**, the Board recognizes that individuals on District property may wear masks at their discretion to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees hereby eliminates TEA’s mask-related requirements for Little Elm Independent School District, beginning May 21, 2021, until such further notice unless the Board takes action otherwise.

After the Board discussed this item, it was decided that no masks after May 21, 2021.

The motion passed (7-0).

B. Consider approval of Hiring of Child Care Director

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item.

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed session. Vice President Jason Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0). Ms. Brown announced Ms. Carrie McHugh as the new Child Care Director.

C. Consider approval of Hiring of Executive Director for Operation Services

Ms. Asheley Brown shared with the Board this item.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve this item as discussed in closed session. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

Ms. Brown announced Mr. Alfred Gaches as the new Executive Director for Operation Services.

Mr. Daniel Gallagher thanked Mr. Reeves for his service.

D. Consider approval of 2021-2022 Support FTE'S Based on Campus and District Needs

Ms. Asheley Brown briefed the Board about this item. The requested FTE’s were:

Director of Fine Arts, Math Coordinator – Secondary, Multimedia Communications Coordinator, ARD Facilitator, Bookkeeper, Administrative Assistant – Curriculum & Learning.

Secretary Dan Blackwood made the first motion to approve item as submitted. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

E. Consider approval of Financial Reports - March 2021

Mr. Jesse Wyse briefed the Board about the following:

Financial Report

- 2020-21 General Fund Budget Recap
- Appropriations
- Capital Outlay Fund
- Bond Sales to Date
- Debt Service Fund
- Financials in Board Packet

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

12. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of Administrator Contract - Web Manager and Graphic Designer

B. Consider approval of Renewing ESC Region 11 Interlocal Agreement Resolution for Benefits Cooperative

C. Consider approval of Gifts and Donations

D. Consider approval of Little Elm ISD Expenditures over \$50,000 Summary Report

E. Consider approval for Engagement of Independent Auditors

F. Consider approval of Education Service Center, Region 11 (ESC 11) Contract for 2021-2022

G. Consider approval of CoServ Electric Easement

H. Consider approval of LMS Conversion & Renovations Project Demolition Package  
Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to pull this item from consent agenda. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

I. Consider approval of Prestwick Subsurface Corrective and Renovation Actions  
Mr. Rick Martin shared this item with the Board. This is to present the CSP results/recommendation and the Master Budget for Subsurface Corrective Actions and Kitchen Renovation at Prestwick Elementary

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve this item as submitted. Secretary Dan Blackwood seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-1). President David Montemayor abstained from voting.

J. Consider approval of Bus Camera Upgrades

K. Consider approval of Amendment No.4 to Goldstar Transit, Inc. Contract for the 2020-2021 School Year

L. Consider approval of Declaring Facility Furniture, Equipment & Materials Surplus and Authorizing for Disposal

Mr. Rod Reeves briefed the Board on this item. This includes numerous components of LEISD equipment, room furnishings and materials are deemed as surplus.

Vice President Jason Olson made the first motion to approve as discussed. Trustee Melissa Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

Trustee Alejandro Flores made the first motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items H, I, and L. Trustee DeLeon English seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

### 13. Board President Comments

Mr. David Montemayor thanked everyone specially students for being at meeting.

### 14. Board Comments

Secretary Dan Blackwood thanked the staff.

Trustee DeLeon English thanked staff and teachers for a challenging year.

Trustee Monique Thompson thanked Dr. Priddy for the graduation plans.

Trustee Alejandro Flores asked to have the Board at the Board table for next meeting.

### 15. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Daniel Gallagher thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Gallagher also thanked teachers, staff, and cabinet for a challenging year and for their hard work.

### 16. Adjournment

Trustee Monique Thompson made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Alejandro Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

The minutes were approved on June 28, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. David Montemayor".

President – G. David Montemayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Blackwood".

Secretary – Dan Blackwood