

Regular Meeting

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County of Fort Bend §
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Regular Meeting Held

On this the 13th day of December 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District of Fort Bend County, Texas met in Regular Session in Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

This meeting was duly called to order by the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Alex Hunt, at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Alex Hunt	President
Joy Williams	Vice President
Zach Lambert	Secretary
Mandi Bronsell	Member
Kay Danziger	Member
Joe Hubenak	Member
Jon Welch	Member

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Alphonso Bates	Deputy Superintendent
Greg Buchanan	Chief Operations Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Jill Ludwig	Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Morren	Area Superintendent

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Business properly coming before the Board was transacted as follows: to witness—

OPENING OF MEETING

A moment of silence was observed. The pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas Flag were led by Wright Junior High School 6th grader Ainsley Spinks and Wright Junior High School 7th grader Rafael Escobar Constantino.

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RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

Ms. Sonya Cole-Hamilton recognized Bowie Elementary School's PE teacher, Jessica Risien, for being named the 2022 Texas Elementary PE Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (TAHPERD).

INTRODUCTIONS

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Meetings and Events

Secretary Lambert was a judge at Bowie Elementary School's spelling bee.

President Hunt wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked teachers and staff for what they have done.

Vice President Williams attended a basketball game at Lamar Consolidated High School and will be attending a basketball game at George Ranch High School. Mrs. Williams' husband played in the LEAF golf tournament on her behalf.

Trustee Danziger was a judge at Bowie Elementary School's spelling bee. She also attended the LEAF golf tournament. The culinary departments at Terry High School and Lamar Consolidated High School prepared meals for Mrs. Danziger and the Fort Bend County Retired Teachers Association's holiday lunch. She acknowledged Lamar Consolidated High School culinary teacher Jacob Frank for the work his students did at the Fort Bend History Association's Candlelight Tours.

Trustee Welch visited Pink Elementary School, Dickinson Elementary School and Briscoe Junior High School. He also attended the Christmas musical at Velasquez Elementary School and a wrestling match at George Ranch High School. Mr. Welch went to Parks Youth Ranch and Gingerbread House Daycare Center. He also visited the Graphic Arts Department.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Meetings and Events

Dr. Nivens shared an experience from his time being a teacher.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing on the annual financial accountability management report regarding the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (Schools FIRST) began at 6:48 p.m.

Ms. Jill Ludwig presented the annual financial accountability management report.

The hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

The public hearing on district of innovation began at 6:56 p.m.

Ms. Katie Marchena-Roldan presented information on district of innovation.

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Mr. Welch asked how members of the committee will provide input. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said the DSIC will use the brainstorming tool Thought Exchange prior to the meeting. The committee will also facilitate small group conversations within the DSIC meeting.

Dr. Nivens stated that the District is not going to facilitate the meeting or the process. He said the DSIC Chairperson will be responsible for leading the conversations regarding district of innovation.

Mr. Hunt asked for the percentage of teachers on DSIC. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said 67 members are teachers, seven are non-teaching campus professionals, two are District-level staff, eight are parents, three members are business representatives and four are community members.

Mr. Hunt asked if District administration can add something to the district of innovation plan that the DSIC didn't approve. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said the DSIC creates the plan and what comes out of that meeting will be presented to the Trustees for approval.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the DSIC meeting in January was going to be livestreamed or recorded. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said the January meeting is a public meeting which will be open for individuals to attend, but it would not be livestreamed.

Mr. Welch asked if the 7:00 a.m. school start time depends on the District becoming a district of innovation. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said it is not dependent.

The public hearing on district of innovation closed at 7:19 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lori Underwood shared comments on the District considering becoming a district of innovation.

Mrs. Kathryn Kaminski shared comments on the District considering becoming a district of innovation.

Ms. Shannan Stavinoha shared comments on school start times.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Williams that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Welch asked if there were any major changes to the educational specifications for design and construction. Mr. Greg Buchanan said there were not any major changes to the specifications.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes.

Consider Ratification of Financial and Investment Reports

The Board of Trustees ratified the financial and investment reports.

Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendments.

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Consider Approval of Order Authorizing the Issuance of Lamar CISD Unlimited Tax Schoolhouse Bonds, Series 2023; Approving the Preparation of an Official Statement; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto

The Board of Trustees approved an order authorizing the issuance of Lamar CISD Unlimited Tax Schoolhouse Bonds, Series 2023; approved the preparation of an official statement; and enacted other provisions relating thereto.

Consider Approval of RFQ of Eligible Underwriting Firms for Issuance of Schoolhouse Bonds - 2022 Bond Referendum

The Board of Trustees approved the RFQ of eligible underwriting firms for issuance of schoolhouse bonds for the 2022 bond referendum.

Consider Approval of RFP #06-2023SE for Districtwide Staff Development Services and Materials

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #06-2023SE for Districtwide staff development services and materials.

Consider Approval of RFP #07-2023SE for Fleet Equipment, Supplies, Services, and Related Items

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #07-2023SE for fleet equipment, supplies, services, and related items.

Consider Approval of RFP #08-2023SE for Fine Arts Consultants

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #08-2023SE for fine arts consultants.

Consider Approval of Amendment #1 for Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 for Construction of Randle Elementary School

The Board of Trustees approved amendment #1 for the guaranteed maximum price #1 for the construction of Randle Elementary School.

Consider Approval of CSP #31-2022FP For Construction of Melton Elementary School (ES #34)

The Board of Trustees approved CSP #31-2022FP for the construction of Melton Elementary School (ES #34).

Consider Approval of Design Development for Lamar Consolidated High School Orchestra Room

The Board of Trustees approved the design development for the Lamar Consolidated High School orchestra room.

Consider Approval of RFP #17-2023BPO for Construction Manager at Risk for Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Smith Elementary School, Long Elementary School, and Rosenberg Transportation Center Additions and Renovations

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The Board of Trustees approved RFP #17-2023BPO for the construction manager at risk for Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Smith Elementary School, Long Elementary School, and Rosenberg Transportation Center additions and renovations.

Consider Approval of Educational Specifications for Design and Construction of Lamar CISD Facilities

The Board of Trustees approved the educational specifications for the design and construction of Lamar CISD facilities.

Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #3 for Terry High School and George Junior High School Additions and Renovations

The Board of Trustees approved the guaranteed maximum price amendment #3 for Terry High School and George Junior High School additions and renovations.

Consider Approval of RFP #05-2023BPO for Construction of High School #7 Complex

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #05-2023BPO for construction of high school #7 complex.

Consider Approval of Resolutions Proclaiming Board Recognition Month and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

The Board of Trustees approved resolutions proclaiming Board Recognition Month and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider Approval of Board Approving Committee to Develop a District of Innovation Plan

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approve the DSIC as the committee to develop a district of innovation for Lamar CISD. The motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Welch voting in the negative.

Consider Approval of Gray Elementary School Attendance Boundary Committee and Draft Zoning Options

Ms. Cole-Hamilton and Mr. Buchanan presented information on the Gray Elementary School Attendance Boundary Committee and draft zoning options.

Mr. Welch asked if the attendance boundary committee has representatives from Bowie Elementary School. Mr. Buchanan said there are representatives from Bowie Elementary School, Ray Elementary School, Meyer Elementary School and Culver Elementary School on the committee.

Mrs. Danziger asked about the size of the enrollment at Beasley Elementary School. Mr. Buchanan said there is a campus capacity committee reviewing campus enrollment.

Mr. Lambert asked if there will be an additional Transportation Center built in that area. Mr. Buchanan said the District has closed on its third Transportation site.

Mr. Hunt asked if the attendance boundary committee would be allowed to provide an additional zoning option. Ms. Cole-Hamilton said the committee could provide an additional option.

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It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the Gray Elementary School Attendance Boundary Committee and draft zoning options. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned for a break at 8:02 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:08 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Proposed Options for Bus Tiers and School Hours Update

Ms. Cole-Hamilton and Mr. Buchanan presented information on options for bus tiers and an update on school hours.

Mr. Welch asked how far away a student must live from a school to be eligible to be transported on the bus. Mr. Buchanan said that a student must live more than half a mile away from the school to be eligible to ride the bus, but the distance is shorter if the student must cross a major thoroughfare to get to the campus.

Mrs. Williams asked if it is feasible to keep the school start times the same, but increase the distance a student must live from a school to be eligible to be transported on the bus. Mr. Buchanan said that it is possible to do, but some bus routes would still have to be eliminated.

Trustees discussed walkable routes to school.

Mr. Welch asked when parents and staff will be made aware of any permanent changes to school start times. Ms. Cole-Hamilton said that prior to the March Board meeting information would be shared on possible school start options.

Mr. Hunt asked for clarification as to why other districts can start the school day later and end the school day earlier than the examples that are being proposed. Ms. Cole-Hamilton said the length of Lamar CISD's school day is longer than in other districts. Ms. Marchena-Roldan discussed the length of the Lamar CISD school day.

Mr. Welch asked if there is a limit to the number of minutes that can be eliminated from a school day for a district of innovation. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said there was not, however, the District leadership team would prefer not to eliminate any minutes.

Operational Audit Update

Ms. Cole-Hamilton presented information on the operational audit.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

None

FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS

Gray Elementary School and Terrell Elementary School mascot selection was pulled to be presented as an Action Item on the January Board meeting agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
 - a. Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel
 - b. Employment of professional personnel (Information)
 - c. Employee resignations and retirements (Information)
 - d. Deliberate recommendation to terminate probationary and term contracts for good cause pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074
2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
 - a. Land
3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
 - a. Any item listed on the agenda
 - b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:01 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:37 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Bronsell and seconded by Mrs. Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve Lamar Consolidated Independent School District to adopt the resolution authorizing the use of its power of eminent domain to acquire both fee simple title and certain easement interests in approximately 173-acres land located near the intersection of F.M. 723 (Rosenberg-Foster Road) and Bellaire Boulevard/Fulshear Gaston Road, in Fort Bend County, Texas, for future public school building. The motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Welch abstaining.

Mr. Hunt asked Mr. Lambert to include the resolution in the official minutes for the December 13, 2022 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of the Assistant Principal for Special Sites, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Williams requested an information item on how the District is planning to address the aging turf issues at Traylor Stadium.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed:

Alex Hunt
President of the Board of Trustees

Zach Lambert
Secretary of the Board of Trustees