

Regular Meeting

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County of Fort Bend §
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Regular Meeting Held

On this the 18th day of April 2023, 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
Zach Lambert	Secretary
Kay Danziger	Member
Joe Hubenak	Member
Jon Welch	Member

Members Absent:

Joy Williams	Vice President
Mandi Bronsell	Member

Others Present:

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Alphonso Bates	Deputy Superintendent
Greg Buchanan	Chief Operations Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Christi Cottongame	Chief Learning Officer
Jill Ludwig	Chief Financial Officer

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 Ryon Middle School 6th grader Drew James.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

Ms. Sonya Cole-Hamilton recognized Ryon Middle School 6th grader Angelina Vitale for qualifying to compete at the Kickstart KSK State Championship Tournament in April.

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Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized members of the Fulshear High School Girls Swim Team. Avery Dillon, finished 3rd in the 200-yard freestyle and 2nd in the 500-yard freestyle. Kailey Kennedy finished 3rd in the 50-yard freestyle and in the 100-yard breaststroke. Avery Dillion, Kailey Kennedy, Emma Nowotny and Ellie Paisley finished 3rd in the 400-yard freestyle relay and 1st in the 200-yard freestyle at the State Championship.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized George Ranch High School senior Kyleigh Meuth for being named the 5A & 6A Cheerleader of the Year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students from Foster High School who competed at the State competition and advanced to the international competition. Ben Bolding competed in Sports and Entertainment Operations Research, Jadon Ogala competed in Business Finance Series, and Luis Narvaez, Sophia Trujillo and Parker Mullinax earned Gold Level Certification for School Based Enterprise.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students from George Ranch High School who competed at the State competition and advanced to the international competition. Phillip Hall, Jia-Li Mclean and Rachel Stiba competed in School-Based Enterprise and Sehr and Amaan Khan earned the gold re-certification manual.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized SkillsUSA student Gabrielle Douglas from Foster High School for advancing to the national competition in Job Demonstration.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized SkillsUSA students from Lamar Consolidated High School for earning first place in Building search. The team consisted of Bria Lawson, Melanie Garcia, Jake Hoffman and Phillip Rojas.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Future Farmers of America student Jade Villa from Lamar Consolidated High School who placed first at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Heavyweight ABC Steer Division and student Kaylynn Leggett from Foster High School for being selected as the reserved lightweight shorthorn steer division champions.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) student Rian Al-naqeeb for placing first in the State in the Cultural Diversity and Disparities competition.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Fulshear High School HOSA students Dzifa Agyei for Current Healthcare Issues, Sajid Fahmid for Medical Terminology and Swayam Shiroya for Medical Terminology.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Alphonso Bates introduced Carrie Yanta as the Associate Principal at George Ranch High School.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Welch visited Phelan Elementary School and attended the Williams Elementary School STEM Night. He also went to a District track meet held at Terry High School. Mr. Welch participated in the Gulf Coast Regional blood drive at Brazos Crossing and went to the International Night event at Wright Junior High School. He also attended the Central Fort Bend Chamber's CTE graduation dinner and the Future of Education Luncheon featuring TEA Commissioner Mike Morath.

Mrs. Danziger attended the Spring Book Festival at Foster High School. She also participated in Lamar Consolidated High School's Danziger Senior Serve at Jones Creek Park. Mrs. Danziger attended the Central Fort Bend Chamber's CTE graduation dinner and the Future of Education

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luncheon. Mrs. Danziger attended the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Board's monthly meeting and participated in a rally at the Capitol with the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Lambert attended baseball games at Randle High School and Lamar Consolidated High School and visited Long Elementary School's PE program. He also attended the red track SLC Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Lambert participated in a safety and security meeting, budget committee meeting, and attended the Central Fort Bend Chamber's CTE graduation dinner. He also attended the CTE Practicum Employer Appreciation luncheon and the Future of Education luncheon.

Mr. Hunt thank the teachers for the work they do with the students and thanked Administration for celebrating students at the Board meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Nivens shared comments about the Gather and Grow event, the Planning with parents dinner and the Building Communities meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bailee Byrd shared comments on TSA and CTE clubs.

Kishen Misra shared comments on TSA funding for CTSO.

Quintin Fernandez shared comments on funding for clubs.

Romina Rincon shared comments on TSA CTSO funding.

Alexis Prevetie shared comments on TSA/CTSO funding.

Aman Amin shared comments on funding for CTSO.

Muhammad Awnis Jeffer shared comments on funding CTE courses for TSA students.

Elvina Lin shared comments on funding for TSA.

Rhiannon Omar shared comments on the APE program at George Ranch High School.

Monica Auffant shared comments on community partners.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, as presented.

Mrs. Danziger acknowledged the resolutions listed in the consent agenda.

Mr. Welch suggested that the District use a different auditor next year. Dr. Nivens said the District completed an RFQ process for auditors and the top two firms meet with the superintendent.

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes from March 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the March 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Consider approval of minutes from April 3, 2023 Special Board Meeting – Athletics Workshop

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the April 3, 2023 Special Board Meeting – Athletics Workshop.

Consider ratification of monthly financial and investment reports and quarterly report of investment activity

The Board of Trustees ratified the monthly financial and investment reports and the quarterly report of investment activity.

Consider approval of budget amendment requests

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

Consider approval of RFP #30-2023RL for the selection of independent auditors

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #30-2023RL for the selection of independent auditors.

Consider approval of RFQ #32-2023RL for selection of investment management services

The Board of Trustees approved RFQ #32-2023RL for the selection of investment management services.

Consider approval of RFP #36-2023RL for purchase of language proficiency system

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #36-2023RL for the purchase of the language proficiency system.

Consider approval of RFP #37-2023SE band and orchestra instruments, equipment and related items and services – supplemental

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #37-2023SE for band and orchestra instruments, equipment and related items and services – supplemental.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Public School Paraprofessional Day

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Public School Paraprofessional Day.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Nurse Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming School Nurse Week.

Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week.

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Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Consider approval of Amendment #5, HVAC service agreement, RFP 12-2021RF to add Morgan Elementary School and Tamarron Elementary School to current contract

The Board of Trustees approved amendment #5, HVAC service agreement, RFP 12-2021RF to add Morgan Elementary School and Tamarron Elementary School to the current contract.

Consider approval of architect contract for CTE Center

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract for the CTE Center.

Consider approval of final payment to Sterling Structures for construction of Lamar Consolidated High School tennis courts

The Board of Trustees approved the final payment to Sterling Structures for the construction of the Lamar Consolidated High School tennis courts.

Consider approval of RFP# 40-2023BPO safety and security project for bond 2022

The Board of Trustees approved RFP# 40-2023BPO for the safety and security project for bond 2022.

Consider approval of design development for high school additions project

The Board of Trustees approved the design development for the high school additions project.

Consider approval of amendment for GMP #1 for high school additions

The Board of Trustees approved the amendment for GMP #1 for the high school additions.

Consider approval of amendment #2 for GMP #2 contract with Gilbane Building Company's contract for renovations to Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Long Elementary School and Smith Elementary School

The Board of Trustees approved amendment #2 for GMP #2 contract with Gilbane Building Company's contract for the renovations to Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Long Elementary School and Smith Elementary School.

Consider approval to submit state waiver to the Texas Education Agency

The Board of Trustees approved to submit a state waiver to the Texas Education Agency.

ACTION ITEMS

There were not any action items on the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion of Lamar CISD's Board of Trustee membership in TASB

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Mr. Greg Buchanan, Mr. Alphonso Bates and Ms. Jill Ludwig presented information on the services offered from TASB as part of Lamar CISD's Board of Trustee membership in the organization.

The Trustees discussed how legal and local policies are written and developed for the District.

Mr. Hunt asked if the District could be a part of the Buy Board Cooperative without being a member of TASB. Ms. Ludwig said that Buy Board is not accessible to non-members.

Report on Board Member Training

Mr. Hunt reported on the continuing education hours completed by Trustees.

Employee Development and Support Update

Ms. Christine Muzik, Ms. Jamie Vincek and Dr. Jon Maxwell presented information on employee development and support in Lamar CISD.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the TOFEOL test is a new requirement. Mrs. Vincek said it is not a new requirement and it is not unique to education.

Mr. Welch asked additional questions on funding for enrolled students.

Lamar CISD Safety Protocol

Interim Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Mr. Dallis Warren and Mr. David Pollard presented information on safety protocols in Lamar CISD.

Bond Projects Update

Mr. Buchanan presented an update on the bond projects in the District.

Mr. Hunt asked about the projects that will begin in the summer. Mr. Buchanan listed the projects schedule to begin construction in the summer.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Discussion of 2023-2024 budget and related information

Ms. Ludwig presented information on the 2023-2024 budget and related information.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the budget is being presented earlier than it has in previous years. Dr. Nivens said that the process started earlier in an effort to increase staff retention.

Mr. Welch asked if the budget will still be approved in August. Dr. Nivens said that the majority of the budget would be approved in August, however, there would be other parts of the budget that will need to be approved in May.

FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS

There were not any future consent items pulled to be presented as action items on the May Board meeting agenda.

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

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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 9:24 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Hubenak and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve action on land as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mrs. Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of personnel as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mr. Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the employment contract extension of the superintendent of schools. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Welch would like administration to present an information item about discipline in Lamar CISD.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Youth in Philanthropy awards luncheon
Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Year awards dinner

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed:

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Alex Hunt
President of the Board of Trustees

Zach Lambert
Secretary of the Board of Trustees