

Special Meeting

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The State of Texas §
County of Fort Bend §
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Special Meeting Held

On this the 5th day of September 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District of Fort Bend County, Texas met in Special 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, Mrs. Mandi Bronsell, at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mandi Bronsell	President
Zach Lambert	Vice President
Kay Danziger	Secretary
Suzanne Box	Member
Jacci Hotzel	Member
Jon Welch	Member

Members Absent:

Joe Hubenak	Member
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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
Dr. Marlon Waites	Chief Student Services 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 recited.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:

There were not any Consent Agenda Items presented.

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ACTION ITEMS

Discussion and possible approval of Policy EIAA (Local) revisions

Mr. Alphonso Bates presented information on Policy EIAA.

Dr. Nivens asked for clarification on if student absences that occurred prior to September 5, 2023 would count toward exemption eligibility. Mr. Bates stated that the Trustees can decide on when the start date for counting absences begins.

Dr. Nivens stated that when Policy EIAA was approved in 2002, students were required to come to school during exemptions, however, the student was exempt from having to take the final exam.

Trustees discussed the current EIAA Policy and options that campuses and principals could implement with the new revisions.

Mrs. Hotzel asked how the policy revisions would affect current students who are seniors. Dr. Nivens stated that the District has not addressed seniors as of yet.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the policy would apply to 7th and 8th grade students also. Mr. Bates said it would apply to junior high school students.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Hotzel that the Board of Trustees approve Policy EIAA (Local) revisions, as presented. The motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Welch voting against the motion.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Transportation and School Hours Update

Mr. Greg Buchanan and Ms. Sonya Cole-Hamilton presented information regarding school bus transportation and school hours.

Mr. Buchanan introduced Terry Penn with the Texas Association of School Business Officials who audited the 4-tier bell system and the compatibility with bus routes.

Trustees discussed some of the issues that have occurred regarding bus routes and possible options to address these issues.

Enrollment Management Update

Dr. Jon Maxwell, Dr. Marlon Waites, Ms. Cole-Hamilton and Mr. Buchanan presented information about the Lamar CISD enrollment management plan.

Dr. Brian Gibson spoke about the growth and enrollment at Morgan Elementary School.

Mr. Welch asked if Morgan Elementary School has the necessary teachers in place to account for the growth. Dr. Waites said Dr. Gibson has been working with Human Resources to address this.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

There were not any Future Action Items presented at the meeting.

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FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA

There were not any Future Consent Agenda items presented at the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS

There were not any public participation comments.

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)
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 7:40 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of CTE land as presented in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Hotzel that the Board of Trustees approve the land purchase for Secondary #8 schools, Elementary School #41 and Elementary School #45 as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed:

Mandi Bronsell
President of the Board of Trustees

Kay Danziger
Secretary of the Board of Trustees