Minutes of Regular Meeting with Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees
Leander Independent School District

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Leander Independent School District was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, beginning at 6:15 PM in the LEO Conference Center, 300 S. West Dr., Leander, TX 78641. The following members were present: Trish Bode, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Anna Smith, Sade Fashokun, Paul Gauthier, Christine Mauer and Francesca Romans.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
3. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Spotlight on Learning: River Ridge Elementary School
   B. Glenn HS Texas Color Guard Circuit (TCGC) Percussion Scholastic A State Championship
   C. Teacher and Substitute Appreciation Week, May 1 - 5
   D. National Nurses and Nurses Aides Appreciation Week, May 8 - 12
   E. HEB Excellence Award Nominee Erika Cruz
   F. Leander ISD Prospective Principal Program (P3) and Aspiring Administrator Academy (AAA) Program Participants
4. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   A. Board Member Remarks
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   Five citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   A. Federal Funds Overview and Public Hearing
7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS OVERVIEW PUBLIC HEARING**

   Three citizens addressed the Board of Trustees for the Federal Funds Overview Public Hearing.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion made by Anna Smith

and Seconded by Gloria Gonzales Dholakia, passed unanimously.

A. Consider Approval of Foreign Exchange Student Waiver

B. Consider Approval to Call a Public Meeting for the Purpose of Adopting the 2023-2024 Budget and Discussion of the Proposed 2023 Tax Rate

C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

B. Empowered Student Learning

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. 2022-2023 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Report
2. Discussion of Leander ISD Programs
3. Discussion of Leander ISD Mathematics Initiative

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Discussion of Secondary Schools Attendance Zoning Recommendations
2. Legislative Priorities
    a. Discussion of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) 2022-24 Advocacy Agenda Resolutions
3. Continued Discussion of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Comprehensive Policy Review - Policies CCA(LOCAL)-DNB(LOCAL)

C. OPERATIONS

1. Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings
2. Consider Approval of Food Service Management Contract

    I move that the Board award the Food Service Management Contract to Southwest Foodservice Excellence. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of 2023-24 Total Compensation Recommendations
4. Discussion of 2023 Certified Estimated Property Values and Recapture
5. Consider Approval of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Services for 2023 Building Program

    I move that the Board authorize the administration to begin the RFQ process for the selection of architect(s)/engineer(s) for the previously mentioned and described projects within the 2023 Building Program. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approval of Selection of Construction Delivery Method for 2023 Building Program

   I move that the Board approve the one-step Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) method for the 2023 Building Program and the Administration is to receive and rank the proposals, and bring back a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed unanimously.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 11:18 pm after the Board President announced the right to do so under:

A. Texas Government Code 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding, pending or contemplated litigation, and/or attorney client privileged matter

B. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation regarding resignations, terminations, employment, reassignments, duties, and evaluation of personnel and public officers

C. Texas Government Code 551.0821: deliberation regarding matters whereby personally identifiable information regarding one or more students will be disclosed

D. Texas Government Code 551.089: discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Wiley Middle School Principal

F. Texas Government Code 551.072: deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 12:03 am.

12. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of Wiley Middle School Principal

   I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) of Darla Smith for Principal at Wiley Middle School 1 year probationary employment contract for personnel addition(s) as presented, in accordance with the salary scale, policies and contract of Leander Independent School District for the 2023-24 school year. This motion made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Anna Smith, passed six in favor and one absent, (Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia) when the vote was taken.

B. Consider approval of resolution establishing procedures for bona fide voluntary purchase negotiation, and alternately determining the necessity and authorizing the potential use of eminent domain if necessary to acquire a 75 acre parcel of land owned by Roy Kuchera and Alice Kuchera required for educational facility and related appurtenances and public use purposes.

   I move that the Board of Trustees of the District approve a resolution to establish procedures for bona fide voluntary purchase negotiation, and alternately authorize the use of the power of eminent domain if necessary to acquire fee simple title to a 75 acre parcel from property owned by Roy Kuchera and Alice Kuchera located at 7650 RM 2243, Leander, Texas and

required to construct educational facility and related appurtenances and public use purposes. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor and one, Paul Gauthier, opposed.

13. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING ON MAY 12 AT 12:03 AM.

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 15th day of June, 2023.

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President Secretary

Copies of Board information referred to are attached to the official minutes or filed in the office indicated.