Minutes of Regular Meeting

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, October 21, 2021, beginning at 6:19 PM in the LEO Conference Center, 300 S. West Dr., Leander, TX 78641. The following members were present: Trish Bode, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Sade Fashokun, Christine Mauer and Anna Smith.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OATH OF OFFICE (for Sade Fashokun)**
3. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
4. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Spotlight on Learning: Cedar Park Middle School
5. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   A. Superintendent Remarks
   B. Board Member Remarks
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   Seventeen Citizens addressed the Board of Trustees
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Anna Smith, passed with six in favor and one abstained (Sade Fashokun).

   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment
   C. Consider Approval of Remote Conferencing/Remote Homebound Waivers
   D. Consider Approval of Class Size Waivers
8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. COVID Update
   B. Enrollment and Attendance Report
   C. Vision/Learning

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. House Bill 3: Proficiency Plans and Goals Update
2. Universal Screener Baseline Data and Early Reading Instruments Report
3. COPIA Report Update

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Legislative Update
2. Consider Approval of the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures

   No action was taken.
3. Review and Consider Changes to Board Member Representation on Administrative Committees and Other Boards
4. Strategic Planning Discussion
5. Annual Announcement Regarding Continuing Education of Board Members

   The Board President read the following announcement:

   Under State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Commissioner Mike Morath temporarily waived board training requirements in Texas Education Code section 11.159 and 19 Texas Administrative Code section 61.1 until January 31, 2021. This temporary suspension period provided trustees additional time to complete their continuing education requirements. Although an announcement regarding continuing education of Board members was not required in 2020, trustees remained responsible for completing their continuing education requirements. This announcement covers both the November 2019 through October 2020, and the November 2020 through October 2021 reporting periods.

   As Board President, I am required to announce the name of each member who has completed, exceeded, or is deficient in meeting the required continuing education.

   The requirements for training are measured as of the first anniversary of the date of the trustee's election or appointment or two-year anniversary of his or her previous training, as applicable.

   There are seven training areas for board member continuing education:

   1. *Local District Orientation (for first-year board members)*
   2. *Orientation to the Texas Education Code (for first-year board members)*
   3. *Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code*
   4. *Team Building*
   5. *Additional Continuing Education*
   6. *Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals (required every 2 years)*

7. *Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (required every 2 years)*

The following first-year board members completed the local district orientation training for the 2020-2021 reporting period: Christine Mauer and Anna Smith. There were no first-year board members for the 2019-2020 reporting period.

The following first-year board members completed the orientation to the Texas Education Code training for the 2020-2021 reporting period: Christine Mauer and Anna Smith. There were no first-year board members for the 2019-2020 reporting period.

The following board members completed Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code (87th Legislative Session) training for the 2020-2021 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Christine Mauer, and Anna Smith. This training was not required during the 2019-2020 reporting period.

The following board members completed the annual team-building training:

- *For the 2019/2020 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson. During this period, Christine Mauer and Anna Smith were not members of the board.*
- *For the 2020/2021 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Christine Mauer, and Anna Smith.*

The following board members completed the additional continuing education training requirements:

- *For the 2019-2020 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson. During this period, Christine Mauer and Anna Smith were not members of the board.*
- *For the 2020-2021 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Christine Mauer, and Anna Smith.*

The following board members completed the biennial training on evaluating student academic performance and setting goals:

- *For the 2019-2020 reporting period: No board members were required to take this training*
- *For the 2020-2021 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Christine Mauer, and Anna Smith.*

The following board members completed the biennial training on identifying and reporting abuse and trafficking:

- *For the 2019-2020 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson.*
- *For the 2020-2021 reporting period: Christine Mauer, and Anna Smith.*

The following board members exceeded the required amount of continuing education training:

- *For the 2019-2020 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson. During this period, Christine Mauer and Anna Smith were not members of the board.*

- *For the 2020-2021 reporting period: Trish Bode, Gloria-Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Christine Mauer, and Anna Smith.*

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of 2021-2022 School Health Advisory Committee Membership Recommendations

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended members for the 2021-2022 Student Health Advisory Committee with the addition of Board member Aaron Johnson. This motion was made by Anna Smith and seconded by Elexis Grimes.

   Amendment: *I move that the Board members who have not submitted names provide names before the November 4th Board Meeting. This amendment, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Elexis Grimes, passed six in favor, one opposed (Aaron Johnson).*

   The amended motion passed six in favor, one opposed (Aaron Johnson).

2. Internal Audit Department Quarterly Report
3. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #3 for Elementary #29

   I move that the Board approve GMP #3 in the amount of $500,000 for Elementary #29. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Anna Smith, passed unanimously.

4. Annual Investment Report
5. Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting Investment Policy and Investment Strategy

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve a Resolution adopting investment policy and investment strategy as presented, reflecting no changes to policy. This motion, made by Elexis Grimes and seconded by Anna Smith, passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Brokers/Dealers and a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Providers of Investment Training

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Brokers/Dealers and a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Providers of Investment Training. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed unanimously.

7. Business and Finance Monthly Reports
   a. Monthly Bond Status Report
   b. Monthly Financial Report
   c. Monthly Investment Report
   d. Monthly Tax Collection Report

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 12:05 AM on Friday, October 22, 2021, 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: Personnel - deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties of a public officer or employee

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 551.076: deliberation regarding internal security audit and discussion with Chief Audit Executive

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment Area Superintendent

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:58 AM on Friday, October 22, 2021.

11. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Approval of Teacher and Administrator Contracts

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) for teacher employment contract for personnel addition(s) as presented, in accordance with the salary scale, policies and contract of Leander Independent School District for the 2021-22 school year. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed unanimously.

B. Consider Employment of Area Superintendent

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) of Angela Hodges for School Improvement Area Superintendent 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 2021-22 school year. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed unanimously.

12. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

Time: 12:59 AM on Friday, October 22, 2021.

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 18th day of November 2021.

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President Secretary

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