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, February 9, 2023, beginning at 6:17 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: Jim Plain Elementary School
   B. Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) - All State Band & Choir
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   One citizen addressed the Board of Trustees during the public hearing.

   A. Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) and Public Hearing
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   14 citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Approval of Remote Homebound Waiver

   I move to allow LISD administration to seek a waiver from TEA to request that remote homebound be provided to one student and counted for Homebound funding purposes and to count the student as in attendance when remote instruction is provided. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer passed unanimously.
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Winter Weather Update
   B. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
   C. Empowered Student Learning
8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Early Childhood Programs Update

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Consideration of the Structure and Function of Internal Audit for the District

    a. Consideration of the creation of an Audit Board Committee and appointment of members

    I move that the board create an audit committee and appoint the following members of the committee. I further move that Sade Fashokun is named as chair of the audit committee and the members are President Trish Bode and Anna Smith. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer passed five in favor, one opposed (Paul Gauthier) and one absent (Francesca Romans) when the vote was taken.

    b. Consideration of outsourcing Internal Audit function

    I move that the board outsource the function of internal audit for the district as proposed. This motion made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Anna Smith passed six in favor and one absent (Francesca Romans) when the vote was taken.

    c. Consideration of directing the Audit Board Committee to review and create/update policy for Internal Audit to be brought back to the Board for approval

    I move that the board direct the audit committee to review and make recommendations for changes to policy governing the function of audit for the district in conjunction with the board policy committee and bring recommendations back to the full board for approval. This motion made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Christine Mauer passed six in favor and one absent (Francesca Romans) when the vote was taken.

    d. Consideration of directing the Audit Board Committee to prepare an RFQ for Internal Audit services

    I move that the board direct the audit committee to work with administration to prepare an RFQ for internal audit services for the district and bring a recommendation back to the full board for approval. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Shade Fashokun passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Citizens' Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC) and Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) Recommendations and Other Items Related to Possible Future Bond Election

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of Resolution to Pay Employees for Days Closed Due to Bad Weather

    I move that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution which will: 1) pay Leander ISD employees for the days the district was closed due to bad weather (regular rate), and 2) in addition pay auxiliary employees who were required to report their regular hourly rate of pay for hours worked up to 40 hours (effectively resulting in double pay), and 3) time and a half for hours worked beyond 40 hours (effectively resulting in 2.5

pay),as presented. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia passed unanimously.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 10:18 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 551.072: deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 11:09 pm.

10. **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 2022-23 school year. This motion made by Francesca Mauer and seconded by Anna Smith passed unanimously.

11. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 11:09 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 23rd day of March 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.