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, January 23, 2025, beginning at 6:15 PM in Cedar Park Middle School Library, 2100 Sun Chase Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613. The following members were present: Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Anna Smith, Sade Fashokun, Trish Bode, Paul Gauthier, Nekosi Nelson, 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: Early College High School
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   Four citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   A. 2023-2024 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) and Public Hearing
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR 2023-2024 TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARING**

   No citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Anna Smith passed seven in favor and none opposed.

   A. Consider Adoption of Board Operating Procedures
   B. Consider Approval of FY25 Budget Amendment - #7
   C. Consider Approval of Low-Attendance Waivers for the 2024-25 School Year
   D. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   E. Consider Approval of a Resolution to Pay Employees for Days Closed Due to Bad Weather

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

   A. Empowered Student Learning

   B. Empowered Staff Learning

   C. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

9. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

   A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

      1. Equitable Access Formative Review

      2. Discussion of 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Academic Calendars

   B. OPERATIONS

      1. Child Nutrition Services Annual Report

      2. Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations

         a. Consider Approval of the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation for Cedar Park High School Modernization

            I move that the Board approve to move $7,170,365 from the 2023 Vista Ridge High School Modernization Bond Project to the 2023 Cedar Park High School Modernization Bond Project Funding as presented. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Sade Fashokun passed seven in favor and none opposed.

         b. Consider Approval of the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation for an Information Technology Bond Project Manager Position

            No action was taken on this agenda item.

      3. Discussion of Framework for Long-Range Planning Future Work

      4. Discussion of 2024-2025 Budget Projections

      5. Discussion and Consider Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget Assumptions

         I move that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025-2026 Proposed Assumptions to be used in developing the preliminary General Fund budget for 2025-2026 covering all estimated revenues and proposed expenditures as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Sade Fashokun passed seven in favor and none opposed.

      6. Discussion of an Option to Call for a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE) in the Fall of 2025 to Achieve Leander ISD's Strategic Plan

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 11:11 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: personnel - 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

The Board of Trustees returned from closed session at 11:30 PM.

11. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**
12. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 11:30 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 13th day of February 2025.

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President Secretary

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