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, January 28, 2021, 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, Elexis Grimes, Aaron Johnson, Jim MacKay, Christine Mauer and Anna Smith.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
3. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Vandegrift High School - Sudler Flag of Honor
   B. Board Appreciation
4. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   A. Superintendent Remarks
   B. Board Member Remarks
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   Thirteen citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed unanimously.
7. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - EPIDEMIC (Tex. Gov't Code 551.045)**
8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**
   A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Agenda items taken out of order.

4. District Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee: Updates and Recommendations

1. Consider Approval of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Academic Calendars

   I move that the Board approve the standard calendar with early release days for the 2021-2022 school years. This motion, made by Jim MacKay, withdrawn.

   I move that the Board approve the standard calendar with early release days of Wednesday for the 2021-2022 school years. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna Smith, failed with 3 in favor and 4 opposed (Trish Bode, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes and Aaron Johnson).

   I move that the Board approve the standard calendar with early release days of Friday for the 2021-2022 school years. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Elexis Grimes, withdrawn.

   I move that the Board approve the standard calendar with early release days of Wednesday for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna Smith, passed with 5 in favor and 2 opposed (Elexis Grimes and Aaron Johnson).

2. Reimagining and Expansion of Online Secondary Offerings Discussion
3. LISD Graduate Profile Refinement Discussion

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Consider Approval of Amendments to Board Policy CE (LOCAL)

   I move that the Board of Trustees amend Board Policy CE (LOCAL) to increase the required level of Operations and Maintenance fund balance to three months of total annual operating expenditures and amend the district's fiscal year start date to July 1. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Aaron Johnson, passed unanimously.

2. Internal Audit Department Quarterly Report
3. 2021-2022 Board Training Plan Discussion

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of Ten-Year Capital Renewal Plan

   I move that the Board approve the 2021 District Wide Renewal Projects, as presented, in the amount of $4,194,640, and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to execute necessary contracts to complete the projects. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of 2021-2022 Budget Assumptions

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the 2021-2022 Proposed Assumptions with the parameter being 5% instead of 4%, to be used in preparing the preliminary 2021-2022 General Fund budget. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna Smith, passed 4 in favor, 2 opposed (Elexis Grimes and Aaron Johnson) and 1 abstained (Trish Bode).

Agenda items taken out of order.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

   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 internal auditor

   E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Bagdad Elementary School Principal

   F. Texas Government Code 551.074: consider Superintendent Contract

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 administrator 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 2020-21 school year. This motion, made by Elexis Grimes and seconded by Jim MacKay, passed unanimously.

   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 2020-21 school year. This motion, made by Elexis Grimes and seconded by Jim MacKay, passed unanimously.

   B. Consider Employment of Bagdad Elementary School Principal

   I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) of Monica de la Garza-Conness for Principal for Bagdad Elementary School 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 2020-21 school year. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Jim MacKay, passed unanimously.

   C. Consider Approval of Superintendent Contract

   I move that we extend the Superintendent's employment contract to the term of July 31, 2024. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna, passed unanimously.

Agenda items taken out of order.

8.C.3. Business and Finance Monthly Reports

   a. 2020-2021 Budget Projections Report

   b. Monthly Bond Status Report

   c. Monthly Financial Report

   d. Monthly Investment Report

   e. Monthly Tax Collection Report

8.C.4. Long Range Facilities Planning

a. Consider Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Charter

I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee charter, as presented, with the addition of PTO and DWEIC. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed unanimously.

b. Consider Approval of Citizens' Facility Advisory Committee Charters

I move that the Board approve the Citizens' Facility Advisory Committee charters, as presented. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed unanimously.

c. Bond Election Scenarios

Agenda items taken out of order.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 1:18 AM on January 29, 2021

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the ___ day of _____, 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.