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, August 18, 2022, 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, Sade Fashokun, Aaron Johnson, Christine Mauer and Anna Smith. Elexis Grimes was absent.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Moment of Silence
3. **RECOGNITION**
   A. Texas Music Educators Association(TMEA) CC State Honor Band - Wiley MS
   B. Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) Award of Merit - Leander ISD Purchasing Department
   C. Navy National Academic Bowl Championship - JROTC
   D. National History Competition - Canyon Ridge MS
   E. Destination Imagination (DI) Globals
4. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   A. Superintendent Remarks
   B. Board Member Remarks
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   15 citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   Two citizens addressed the Board of Trustees during the public hearing.

   A. Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings

B. Consider Approval of the Superintendent's Professional Education Organization Membership Fees

C. Consider Approval of Grant Adjunct Staff Member Status - Williamson and Travis County

D. Consider Approval of an Amendment to extend the MOU with Leander Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF)

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Beginning of School Update

B. COVID Update

C. Enrollment Update

9. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Update on Professional Development

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Consider Approval of Order of Election for Board of Trustee Election

I move that the Board approve the Order of Election for the November 8, 2022 General Election for the purpose of electing one trustee each for the positions designated as Place 1, Place 2, Place 5, Place 6 and Place 7. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

2. Consider Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Property Tax Rate

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $1.2746, which is effectively a 35% increase in the tax rate. This percentage increase relates to the Maintenance and Operations rate whereas the total tax rate adopted for 2022 reflects a 4.7% decrease from the 2021 adopted total tax rate. As outlined in the Ordinance, the tax rate includes $0.9446 for Maintenance and Operations and $0.3300 for Interest and Sinking. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed five in favor, one opposed (Aaron Johnson) and one absent (Elexis Grimes).

3. Consider Approval of Adoption of an Order Calling an Election Ratifying a Voter-Approval Tax Rate to be Held by the Leander Independent School District, Including the Adoption of an Order Pertaining Thereto

I move that the Board of Trustees to approve the Order Calling a Special Election to be Held by the Leander Independent School District Regarding Ratifying a Voter-Approval Tax Rate on November 8, 2022. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed five in favor, one opposed (Aaron Johnson) and one absent (Elexis Grimes)..

4. Consider Approval of Adoption of an Order Calling an Election for Authorization to Purchase Attendance Credits from the State with Local Tax Revenues to be Held by the Leander Independent School District, Including the Adoption of an Order Pertaining Thereto

I move that the Board of Trustees to approve the Order Calling a Special Election to be

Held by the Leander Independent School District Regarding for the Authorization to Purchase Attendance Credits from the State with Local Tax Revenues on November 8, 2022. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Sade Fashokun, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

5. Consider Approval of Travis County Election Agreement and Joint Election Agreement

   I move the Board approve the Election Agreement between Travis County and Leander ISD and the Travis County Joint Election Agreement for November 8, 2022 Elections. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Anna Smith, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

6. Consider Approval of Board Policies EHB(LOCAL) and EHBAA(LOCAL) as a result of TASB Initiated Localized Policy Update 119

   I move the Board adopt Policy EBH(LOCAL) and Policy EHBAA(LOCAL) as presented. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

7. Discuss General Legal Parameters Regarding Elections Communications

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the budget transfers and amendments to the 2022-2023 budget, increasing the budget deficit by $744,269, as presented, as well as approve the amendment to the budget updating tax rate calculation forms, as required by Tax Code 26.04(e-5). This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Anna Smith, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

2. Consider Approval of Capital Project Bond Fund Budget Amendments

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the amendments to the project budgets under the Capital Project Bond funds to close out $24.5 million of projects not being completed and authorizing the use of $67.4 million of Project Savings towards new projects. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

3. Annual Investment Report

4. 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 Christine Mauer and seconded by Anna Smith, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

5. Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Broker/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 Christine Mauer and seconded by Anna Smith, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

6. 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 8:58 PM after the 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

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 9:17 PM.

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 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 2022-23 school year. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

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 Sade Fashokun and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) for term, probationary, and non-chapter 21 for teacher contract renewals as presented, in accordance with salary scales, policies, and contracts of Leander Independent School District for the 2022-2023 school year. This motion, made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed six in favor, one absent (Elexis Grimes).

12. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 9:19 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 22nd day of September, 2022.

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President Secretary

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