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 26, 2021, beginning at 6:18 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. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   A. Superintendent Remarks
   B. Board Member Remarks
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   Forty-eight citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed with 6 in favor, one absent (Aaron Johnson).

   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between LISD and the City of Cedar Park
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Beginning of School Update
7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda Items taken out of order.

C. OPERATIONS

1. LEEF Update Report Letter
2. LISD Council of PTAs “State of the Council” Annual Report

Agenda Item taken out of order.

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Consider Approval of the Graduate Profile

   I move the Board approve the Graduate Profile as presented. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed unanimously.

Agenda Item taken out of order.

B. GOVERNANCE

8. Strategic Planning Discussion

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 10:10 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

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 10:43 PM.

Agenda Item taken out of order.

B. GOVERNANCE

5. Consider Approval of Novel Local Board Policy AEA – Educational Philosophy Educational Equity

I move that the Board approve Novel Local Board Policy AEA regarding Educational Philosophy and Educational Equity with the changes mentioned. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Anna Smith, passed with 5 in favor; 2 opposed (Aaron Johnson & Elexis Grimes).

6. Consider Approval of Board Policy EF(LOCAL) and EMB(LOCAL).

I move the Board concurrently adopt the revisions to Policy EF(LOCAL), Policy EMB(LOCAL) and the Resolution regarding implementation of Policy EF(LOCAL) including the discussed change to selection criteria item number 4. This motion, made by Aaron Johnson and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, passed with 6 in favor; one opposed (Jim MacKay).

7. Consider Approval of Board Policy EIE (local)

No action was taken.

Agenda Item taken out of order.

C. OPERATIONS

3. Consider and Take Possible Action Concerning the Proposed LISD Alternative Teacher Certification Tuition Scholarship Program for Special Education Teacher Certification

I move the Board of Trustees approve the implementation of the LISD Alternative Teacher Certification Tuition Scholarship Program for special education teacher certification to be funded with federal ESSER funds for the 2021-2022 school year. This motion, made by Anna Smith and seconded by Elexis Grimes, passed unanimously.

4. Consider Approval of 2021-2022 Budget Amendments

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the budget transfers and amendments to the 2021-2022 budget, 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 Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna Smith, passed unanimously.

5. Consider Approval of a Resolution Designating the Tax Rate Calculation Officer for Truth in Taxation

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution designating Larry Gaddes PCAC, CTA, Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector as the Tax Rate Calculation

Officer for Truth in Taxation. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Elexis Grimes, passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Property Tax Rate

   I move that the property tax rate for the 2021 tax year be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate of $1.3345, which includes $0.8720 for Maintenance and Operations and $0.4625 for Interest and Sinking, which is effectively a 1.09% increase in the tax rate as outlined in the Ordinance. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Elexis Grimes, was withdrawn by Jim MacKay.

   I move that the property tax rate for the 2021 tax year be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate of $1.3370, which includes $0.8720 for Maintenance and Operations and $0.4650 for Interest and Sinking, which is effectively a 1.09% increase in the tax rate as outlined in the Ordinance. This motion, made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Aaron Johnson, passed with 4 in favor; 3 opposed (Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Elexis Grimes, Anna Smith).

7. Business and Finance Monthly Reports
   a) Monthly Bond Status Report
   b) Monthly Financial Report - June 2021
   c) Monthly Financial Report - July 2021
   d) Monthly Investment Report
   e) Monthly Tax Collection Report

Agenda Item taken out of order.

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

2. Consider Approval of Remote Conferencing/Remote Homebound Waiver for Students Served in Special Education

   I move to allow LISD administration to seek waivers from TEA to request that remote instruction and/or remote homebound be provided to 19 students and counted as classroom time for either Foundational School program or Homebound funding purposes and count students in attendance when remote instruction is provided. This motion, made by Elexis Grimes and seconded by Anna Smith, passed unanimously.

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Consider Endorsement of a Candidate for the TASB Board of Directors Region 13C Position

   I move that the Board endorse the candidacy of Renae Mitchell from Pflugerville ISD to fill the TASB Board of Directors Region 13C Position. This motion, made by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia and seconded by Anna Smith, passed with 6 in favor and one abstained (Aaron Johnson).

2. Consider Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the Texas Association of School Boards 2021 Delegate Assembly

   I move that Anna Smith be appointed as delegate, and Christine Mauer be appointed as alternate to the 2021 Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly. This motion, made by Elexis Grimes and seconded by Jim MacKay, passed unanimously.

3. Consider Approval of Travis County Election Services Contract

   I move the Board approve the Travis County Election Services Agreement. This motion, made by Elexis Grimes and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed unanimously.

4. Consider Approval of Williamson County Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services

   No action was taken.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 12:31 AM on Friday, August 27, 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 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Chief of Staff

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 1:02 AM on Friday, August 27, 2021.

9. **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 2021-22 school year. This motion made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna Smith, 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 2021-22 school year. This motion made by Jim MacKay and seconded by Anna Smith, passed unanimously.

B. Consider Employment of Chief of Staff

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) of Laurelyn Arterbury for Chief of Staff, for the Office of the 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 Jim MacKay, passed unanimously.

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 1:03 AM on Friday, August 27, 2021

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 30th day of September 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.