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 10, 2023, beginning at 6:16 PM in the Concordia University Texas, 11400 Concordia University Drive, Bldg C, Room C125, Austin, TX 78726. The following members were present: Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Anna Smith, Christine Mauer, Trish Bode, Sade Fashokun, and Francesca Romans. Paul Gauthier arrived after the Board President made the declaration of quorum and called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
2. **OPENING CEREMONY**
   - A. Pledge of Allegiance
   - B. Moment of Silence
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   25 citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   - A. Consider Endorsement of a Candidate for the TASB Board of Directors Region 13B Position
   - B. Consider Approval of Bagdad and Collaborative Way Right of Way

     I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Trish Bode passed unanimously.
5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   - A. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
   - B. Empowered Student Learning
6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**
   - A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE
     1. Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct

        I move that the Board adopt the 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans passed six in favor and one, Paul Gauthier opposed.
   - B. GOVERNANCE
     1. Legislative Committee Update

2. Discussion and Consider Approval of Appointment and Alternate to Represent Leander ISD at the Texas Association of School Board's 2023 Delegate Assembly

   I move that the Board approve that Leander ISD pays the cost for Trustee Trish Bode to attend the Texas Trustee Advocates Program sponsored by Raise Your Hand Texas in Austin on August 23-25, 2023. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer passed six in favor. Trish Bode abstained from voting.

3. Discussion of 2023-24 Board Member Representation on Board and District Administrative Committees

4. Discussion of Board Operating Procedures

5. Consider Approval for Trustee to Attend the Trustee Advocates Program Summit

   I move that Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia be appointed as Leander ISD's delegate, and Anna Smith be appointed as Leander ISD's alternate representative to the 2023 Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly. This motion made by Trish Bode and seconded by Christine Mauer passed six in favor and one, Paul Gauthier opposed.

C. OPERATIONS

1. Consider Approval of the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Transfer Bond Savings to Technology to Purchase Projector Replacements

   I move that the Board approve the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Transfer $125,000 Bond Project Savings to Technology to Purchase Projector Replacements. This motion made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans passed unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of Student Capacity for Elementary School Design

   I move that the Board approve the Leander ISD standard elementary design to be 800 students. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Christine Mauer passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of an Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Property Tax Rate

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into its first closed session at 6:19 PM after the Board president announced the right to do so under Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.074.

The Board went into its second closed session at 9:50 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 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of River Ridge Elementary School Principal

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of Chief of Schools

F. Texas Government Code 551.089: discussion of districtwide intruder detection audit report findings

The Board returned from its first closed session at 6:28 PM.

The Board returned from its second closed session at 10:10 PM.

8. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of River Ridge Elementary School Principal

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation(s) of Dr. Sally Sosa for Principal at River Ridge Elementary School 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 2023-24 school year. This motion made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Trish Bode passed unanimously.

B. Consider Employment of Chief of Schools

No action was taken at this meeting as administration did not make a recommendation for a Chief of Schools.

9. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 10:11 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 21st day of September 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.