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 24, 2023, beginning at 6:20 PM in the Concordia University Texas, 11400 Concordia University Drive, Austin, TX 78726. The following members were present: Anna Smith, Christine Mauer, Trish Bode, Sade Fashokun, Paul Gauthier, and Francesca Romans. Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia was absent.

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: New Hope High School
   B. Resolution from Texas Rep. John Bucy Recognizing Homebound Teacher Mike Sanders
   C. Leader in Me Lighthouse Recertification - Westside Elementary School
   D. National High School Musical Theatre Jimmy Awards for Best Performance by an Actor - Langston Lee, Rouse High School Graduate
   E. Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Region 13 High School Assistant Principal of the Year - Wendell Mills, Vista Ridge High School
   F. Texas Educational Theatre Association (TxETA) Exemplary Award of Distinction - Lorri Boyd, Henry Middle School
   G. Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) 3C State Honor Band - Henry Middle School
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   7 citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Approval of Grant Adjunct Staff Member Status - Williamson and Travis County

C. Consider Approval of Texas State University Teacher Fellows Program Contract

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Brokers/Dealers and a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Providers of Investment Training

E. Consider Adoption of Board Resolution to Designate Certain Non-Business Days for the Purpose of the Texas Public Information Act for the 2023 Calendar Year

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Beginning of School Update

B. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

C. Empowered Student Learning

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Update on Professional Learning

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Discussion of School Naming Charter Process for Elementary #30 and Other Facilities
2. Discussion and Consider Approval of Contracting Internal Audit Services
3. Consider Adoption of the Board Operating Procedures

I move that the Board adopt the Board Operating Procedures as presented, delegating authority to the Superintendent's Office to make any necessary changes to address non-substantive scriveners errors if necessary. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Trish Bode, passed five in favor with one, Paul Gauthier opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

C. OPERATIONS

1. Discussion of the Population And Survey Analyst (PASA) Process to Develop Enrollment Projections for Leander ISD
2. Consider Approval of Architects for the 2023 Building Program

I move that the Board approve the Architect selection as presented by administration for each of the 2023 Building Program projects and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute the appropriate contracts. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed five in favor with one, Paul Gauthier opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

3. Consider Approval of Construction Managers At Risk for the 2023 Building Program

I move that the Board approve the Construction Manager at Risk recommendations as presented by administration for each of the 2023 Building Program projects presented and authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute the appropriate contracts. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed five in favor with one, Paul Gauthier opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

4. Consider Approval of Texas Education Agency Certification Waiver for Teachers

   I move the Board accept administration's recommendation to apply for Certification Waivers for Teachers due to critical need, not to exceed two years for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed five in favor with one, Paul Gauthier opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

5. Discussion of House Bill 3 - Safety & Security

6. Consider Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Property Tax Rate

   I move that property taxes be levied for the 2023 tax year by the adoption of a total tax rate of $1.1087. As outlined in the Ordinance, the tax rate includes $0.7787 for Maintenance and Operations and $0.3300 for Interest and Sinking. This motion, made by Trish Bode and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed six in favor and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

7. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

   I move that the Board of Trustees approve the budget transfers and amendments to the 2023-2024 budget as presented. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia absent.

8. Annual Investment Report

9. 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 as revised and adopted on May 25, 2023, as part of TASB's Comprehensive Policy Review. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed six in favor and one, Gloria Gonzeles-Dholakia absent.

10. Business and Finance Monthly Reports
    a. Monthly Financial Report
    b. Monthly Bond Status Report
    c. Monthly Investment Report
    d. Monthly Tax Collection Report

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

   The Board of Trustees went into closed session at 10:21 PM after the Board Vice-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 551.076: deliberations regarding security devices or security audits

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 10:50 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**
10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.
Time: 10:51 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.