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, October 26, 2023, beginning at 6:17 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 participated in some of the meeting via video but per Tex. Gov't Code 551.127(h) cannot be counted as present because she was not visible to members of the public in attendance.

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: Henry Middle School
   B. National School Lunch Week, October 9-13 - Child Nutrition Staff
   C. National School Bus Safety Week - October 16-20, Transportation, Crossing Guards
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

   Three citizens addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   Trish Bode requested that item A, Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Board Agenda Planning Calendar be severed. I will make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented minus item A. 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 2023-2024 Board Agenda Planning Calendar
   B. Consider Adoption of Board Policy CFC(LOCAL), CPC(LOCAL), CVA(LOCAL), CVB(LOCAL), and FFBA(LOCAL)
   C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments
   D. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 for Bagdad Elementary School Modernization
   E. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 for Cedar Park High School and South

Performing Arts Center Modernization

F. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 for Running Brushy Middle School Modernization

G. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 for Vista Ridge High School Modernization

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

I. Consider Approval of School Health Advisory Council Committee (SHAC) Amended Membership List

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

B. Empowered Student Learning

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Annual House Bill 3 and Academic Data Overview
2. Global Languages and Cultures Annual Update
3. 2022-2023 Community Based Accountability Report - Part 2

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Legislative Committee Update
2. Annual Announcement Regarding Continuing Education of Board Members

The 2023 announcement regarding continuing education of Board members, attached, was made by the Presiding Officer. Each Board member has completed their continuing education as required under State Board of Education Rule.

C. OPERATIONS

1. Discussion of the Annual Demographic Report
2. Consider Approval of the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation to Build an Early Childhood Center with Bond Funds

I move that the Board Approve the Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation that $60,000,000 of 2023 Bond repurposing funds be used to build an Early Childhood Center on the Halsey property and consider other early childhood programs during the design phase. This motion made by Trish Bode and seconded by Sade Fashokun passed five in favor, one, Paul Gauthier, opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, absent.

3. Consider Approval of an Architect for the Proposed Early Childhood Center

I move that the Board approve O'Connell Robertson for the design of the proposed Early Childhood Center on the Halsey property, that the project be funded from the repurposing of facilities monies in the 2023 Bond Program, and that the Superintendent, or designee, be authorized to negotiate and execute the appropriate contracts. This motion made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer passed five in favor, one, Paul Gauthier, opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, absent.

4. Consider Approval of Selection of Construction Delivery Method for the Proposed Early Childhood Center

   I move that the Board approve the one-step Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) method for the proposed Early Childhood Center so that Administration can receive and rank the proposals and bring back a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval. This motion made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer passed five in favor, one, Paul Gauthier, opposed and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, absent.

5. Consider Approval of Capital Project Bond Fund Budget Amendments

   I move the Board of Trustees approve the closing of the 2007 and 2017 bond projects as presented and moving $2,179,785 to Project Savings. This motion made by Trish Bode and seconded by Francesca Romans passed six in favor, and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, absent.

6. Consider Approval of Purchase of Attendance Credit and Delegation of Authority to Obligate the District

   I move the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit for the 2023-2024 school year, and further move that the Board delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit for the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). This motion made by Sade Fashokun and seconded by Francesca Romans passed six in favor, and one, Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, absent.

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

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into closed session at 6:34 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: 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: Superintendent Summative Evaluation

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of

Elementary School #30 Principal

The Board returned from closed session at 9:00 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

   A. Consider Employment of Elementary School #30 Principal

   No action was taken pursuant to Closed Session.

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING at 12:41 AM on October 27, 2023.

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

2023 Continuing Education of Board Members Report

Under the State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education during each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting Board member.

The requirements for training are measured as of the first anniversary of the date of the Trustee's election or appointment or the two-year anniversary of his or her previous training, as applicable.

There are eight training areas for Board members continuing education:

1. Local District Orientation (1st year Board members)
2. Orientation to the Texas Education Code (1st year Board members)
3. Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code (required after each Legislative session)
4. Team Building
5. Additional Continuing Education
6. Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals
7. Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children
8. School Safety

- **Local District Orientation**
  The following first-year Board members have completed the Local District Orientation:
  - Paul Gauthier
  - Francesca Romans

- **Orientation to the Texas Education Code**
  The following first-year Board members have completed the Orientation to the Texas Education Code:
  - Paul Gauthier
  - Francesca Romans

- **Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code**
  First-year Board members are not required to complete this training. The following Board members have completed the Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code:
  - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
  - Anna Smith
  - Christine Mauer
  - Trish Bode
  - Sade Fashokun
  - Francesca Romans

- **Team Building Training**
  Dr. Gearing and the following Board members have completed the Annual Team Building Training:
    - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
    - Anna Smith
    - Christine Mauer
    - Trish Bode
    - Sade Fashokun
    - Paul Gauthier
    - Francesca Romans

- **Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals**
  The following Board members have completed the biennial training on Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals:
    - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
    - Anna Smith
    - Christine Mauer
    - Trish Bode
    - Sade Fashokun
    - Paul Gauthier
    - Francesca Romans

- **Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children**
  The following Board members have completed the biennial training on Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children:
    - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
    - Anna Smith
    - Christine Mauer
    - Trish Bode
    - Sade Fashokun
    - Paul Gauthier
    - Francesca Romans

- **School Safety**
  The following Board members have completed the biennial training on School Safety:
    - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
    - Anna Smith
    - Christine Mauer
    - Trish Bode
    - Sade Fashokun
    - Paul Gauthier
    - Francesca Romans

- **Additional Continuing Education**
  The following Board members have exceeded the Additional Continuing Education Requirements:
    - Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia
    - Anna Smith
    - Christine Mauer
    - Trish Bode
    - Sade Fashokun
    - Paul Gauthier
    - Francesca Romans