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, January 18, 2024, beginning at 6:17 PM at Concordia University Texas located at 11400 Concordia University Drive, Austin, TX 78726. The following members were present: Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Anna Smith, Trish Bode, Sade Fashokun, Paul Gauthier, and Francesca Romans. Christine Mauer 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: Leander Extended Opportunity (LEO) Center
   B. Video Recognitions
      1. School Board Recognition Month
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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

   I move the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This motion made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Anna Smith passed five in favor, one (Paul Gauthier) opposed, and one (Christine Mauer) absent.

   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   B. Consider Adoption of Board Resolution to Designate Certain Non-Business Days for the Purpose of the Texas Public Information Act for the 2024 Calendar Year
   C. Consider Adoption of Local Policies CKE, CRF, FD and FEC
   D. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   A. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments
   B. Empowered Student Learning
   C. Empowered Staff
7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**
   A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE
      1. Consider Approval of Elementary School #30 Attendance Zoning Recommendation

         I move that the Board adopt the implementation of Elementary School 30 Attendance Zoning Scenario 3 for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. This motion made by Trish Bode and seconded by Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia failed with two in favor, four opposed, and one (Christine Mauer) absent.
      2. 2024-2025, 2025-2026 Academic Calendar Discussion
      3. Instructional Materials Adoption Process Overview
      4. Discussion of Leading Measures
   B. GOVERNANCE
   C. OPERATIONS
      1. Child Nutrition Services Annual Report
      2. Discussion and Consider Adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget Assumptions

         I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2024-2025 Proposed Assumptions to be used in preparing the preliminary 2024-2025 General Fund Budget. This motion made by Trish Bode and seconded by Francesca Romans passed six in favor and one (Christine Mauer) absent.
      3. Consider Approval of External Auditor for 2023-2024 Audit Services

         I move that the Board of Trustees approve Whitley Penn be engaged to provide audit services for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This motion made by Anna Smith and seconded by Francesca Romans passed six in favor and one (Christine Mauer) absent.
      4. 2023-2024 Budget Projections
      5. 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 9:55 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 Vista Ridge High School Principal

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: Superintendent Formative Evaluation Quarterly Review

F. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation regarding Superintendent contract

The Board returned from closed session at 11:30 PM.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

   A. Consider Employment of Vista Ridge High School Principal

      No action was taken on this item.

   B. Consider Approval of Superintendent Contract

      I move that the Board offer the Superintendent a new contract effective February 1, 2024, through July 31, 2027, with the terms and benefits recommended by the Board Officers. This motion made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Trish Bode passed five in favor, one (Paul Gauthier) opposed, and one (Christine Mauer) absent.

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.
Time: 11:31 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 15th day of February 2024.

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President Secretary

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