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 22, 2024, beginning at 6:15 PM in Concordia University Texas located at 11400 Concordia University Drive, Austin, TX 78726. The following members were present: Gloria Gonzales-Dholakia, Christine Mauer, Trish Bode, Sade Fashokun, Paul Gauthier, and Francesca Romans. Anna Smith 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: 18+ Transition Services
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   One citizen addressed the Board of Trustees.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   I move the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed four in favor, one, Paul Gauthier, opposed, one, Trish Bode, abstained and one, Anna Smith, absent.
   A. Consider Adoption of Policy BBE(LOCAL)
   B. Consider Approval of Grant Adjunct Staff Member Status for Williamson and Travis Counties and 4-H as an Extracurricular Activity
   C. Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #2 for Science Materials and 18+ Transitional Services Building Project
   D. Consider Approval of Innovative Course Proposal for 2025-26 Course Catalog
   E. Consider Approval of Minutes of Regular and Called Board Meetings
   F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Brokers/Dealers and a Resolution Approving List of Authorized Providers of Investment Training

G. Consider Approval of the Superintendent's Professional Education Organization Membership Fees

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Start of School Year Update

B. Empowered Student Learning

C. Empowered Staff Learning

D. Safe and Innovative Learning Environments

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Strategic Plan & District Improvement Plan Formative Review - Empowered Learning Part 1

B. GOVERNANCE

1. Legislative Update

a. Legislative Committee Update

b. 89th Legislative Session and State Board of Education Update

C. OPERATIONS

1. LISD Council of PTA's State of the Council 2024 Annual Report

2. Annual Investment Report

3. 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 from the 2023-2024 school year. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed six in favor, one, Anna Smith, absent and none opposed.

4. Consider Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Property Tax Rate
I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $1.0869, which is effectively a 2.5% increase in the tax rate. As outlined in the Ordinance, the tax rate includes $0.7569 for Maintenance and Operations and $0.3300 for Interest and Sinking for a total tax rate of $1.0869. This rate reflects a $0.0218 cent decrease from the prior year's rate. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one, Anna Smith, absent and none opposed.

5. Consider Approval of FY25 Budget Amendment - #2
I move that the Board of Trustees approve FY25 Budget Amendment - #2 as presented. This motion, made by Christine Mauer and seconded by Francesca Romans, passed six in favor, one, Anna Smith, absent and none opposed.

6. Quarterly Cash Flow Report

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 of Trustees went into closed session at 8:50 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: 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: Superintendent Summative Evaluation

E. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Assistant Superintendent, Empowered Learning

F. Texas Government Code 551.074: deliberation and consideration of employment of Assistant Superintendent, Advanced Academic Pathways

The Board returned from closed session at 9:44 pm.

9. **ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of Assistant Superintendent, Empowered Learning
I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Brenda Cruz for Assistant Superintendent for Empowered Learning 1 year probationary employment contract for personnel addition as presented in accordance with the salary scale, policies and contract of Leander Independent School District for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one, Anna Smith, absent and none opposed.

B. Consider Employment of Assistant Superintendent, Advanced Academics & Pathways
I move that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of Dr. Dustin Binnicker for Assistant Superintendent for Advanced Academics & Pathways 1 year probationary employment contract for personnel addition as presented in accordance with the salary scale, policies and contract of Leander Independent School District for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Francesca Romans and seconded by Christine Mauer, passed six in favor, one, Anna Smith, absent and none opposed.

10. **BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ADJOURNED THE MEETING.
Time: 9:46 PM

These minutes were read and approved by the Board of Trustees on the 19th day of September 2024.

_____ _____

President Secretary

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