

Regular Meeting

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Lamar Consolidated Independent School District §

Notice of Regular Meeting Held

On this the 17th day of October 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District of Fort Bend County, Texas met in Regular Session in Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

This meeting was duly called to order by the President of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Mandi Bronsell, at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mandi Bronsell	President
Zach Lambert	Vice President
Kay Danziger	Secretary
Suzanne Box	Member
Jacci Hotzel	Member
Joe Hubenak	Member
Jon Welch	Member

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Alphonso Bates	Deputy Superintendent
Greg Buchanan	Chief Operations Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Christi Cottongame	Chief Learning Officer
Jill Ludwig	Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Marlon Waites	Chief Student Services Officer

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Business properly coming before the Board was transacted as follows: to witness—

OPENING OF MEETING

A moment of silence was observed. The pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas Flag were led by Wertheimer Middle School students Cameron Bell and Tyler Williams.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

There were not any recognitions or awards this month.

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INTRODUCTIONS

There were not any introductions this month.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Welch spoke at a session at the TASA/TASB txEDCON conference in Dallas and attended the Rosenberg National Night Out event in Brazos Town Center. He was a guest on the radio program “The Flip Side” in Houston and attended the CCMR Night at Lamar Consolidated High School. Mr. Welch attended the Gather and Grow breakfast at the Administration Building and attended the State of the Schools luncheon hosted by the Fort Bend Chamber. He also went to several athletic events throughout the District. Mr. Welch explained why he wore a shirt with a Fort Bend ISD logo to the Board meeting.

Mrs. Danziger attended the TASA/TASB txEDCON conference in Dallas and attended the State of the Schools luncheon hosted by the Fort Bend Chamber. She also went to several plays and football games throughout the District.

Mr. Lambert attended the LEAF Board meeting and attended a performance of Nightfall with Edgar Allen Poe at Terry High School.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Nivens thanked the Trustees and staff for serving the students of Lamar CISD and shared comments about the 2023 bond referendum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donald Clark shared comments about school chaplains in Lamar CISD.

Ms. Roxanne Taylor shared comments about school chaplains in Lamar CISD.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mr. Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes from September 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the September 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Consider ratification of monthly financial and investment reports and report of quarterly investment activity

The Board of Trustees ratified the monthly financial and investment reports and the report of quarterly investment activity.

Consider approval of budget amendment requests

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

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Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Parent Involvement Week

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Parent Involvement Week.

Consider approval of deductive change order and final payment to Jamail & Smith for renovations to Dickinson Elementary School and Williams Elementary School

The Board of Trustees approved the deductive change order and final payment to Jamail & Smith for the renovations to Dickinson Elementary School and Williams Elementary School.

Consider approval of amendment #4 for GMP #4 to Drymalla's contract for Tomas High School, Banks Junior High School and Middle School #7

The Board of Trustees approved amendment #4 for GMP #4 to Drymalla's contract for Tomas High School, Banks Junior High School and Middle School #7.

Consider approval of RFP #48-2023SE for District security and fire alarm monitoring and services

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #48-2023SE for District security and fire alarm monitoring and services.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider approval of creation of policy authorizing a campus to employ or accept as volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23 of Education Code

Dr. Marlon Waites presented information on creating a policy authorizing a campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23 of the Education Code.

Mr. Welch shared comments on creating a policy authorizing a campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23 of the Education Code.

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve creating a draft policy authorizing a campus to employ or accept chaplain volunteers pursuant to Chapter 23 of the Texas Education Code, with such policy being considered for approval at a future board meeting.

During discussion Mr. Welch shared comments about chaplains and recommendations to consider when drafting a policy.

Mr. Lambert stated that policy GKG (Legal) covers some of the duties that chaplains would be responsible for.

The motion did not carry, 1-6, with Mrs. Hotzel, Mr. Hubenak, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Bronsell, Mrs. Danziger, and Mrs. Box voting against.

Consider approval of design development for Elementary School #36

Greg Buchanan presented information regarding the design development for Elementary School #36.

It was moved by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve option #3 of the design development for Elementary School # 36, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

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Consider approval of Master Plan Principles

Mr. Buchanan presented information regarding the Master Plan Principles for Lamar CISD.

Mrs. Danziger asked if a change to the Master Plan Principles would change the schools that are currently being designed. Mr. Buchanan said bond funding is not available to change current designs.

Mrs. Box asked if the demographers could be used to help determine the growth that is expected in various areas around the District. Mr. Buchanan said the demographers will present the annual update in February 2024.

Mr. Hubenak asked what the savings are to the District if the Master Plan Principles are increased. Mr. Buchanan said over time, it would allow the District to build fewer secondary complexes.

Dr. Nivens stated that he can have the administration work with the demographers to develop parameters to help determine the size a school needs to be in a particular area of the District. He said Master Plan Principles can then be set for sections of the District.

It was moved by Mrs. Box and seconded by Mrs. Hotzel that the Board of Trustees table the Master Plan Principles. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Consider approval of Swagit as Board meeting production services

Dr. Chad Jones presented information on Swagit to be used for Board meeting production services.

During discussion Mr. Welch shared comments on board meeting viewer engagement.

Mrs. Box shared comments on the price of Swagit services.

Mrs. Danziger asked for clarification on the funding for Swagit services.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve Swagit to be used for Board meeting production services. The motion carried, 4-3, with Mr. Hubenak, Mr. Welch and Mrs. Box voting against.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Discipline Report

Mr. Juan Nava presented the monthly discipline report.

Mr. Welch asked about altercations on the ALC campus. Dr. Melissia Smith explained the procedures the students at ALC must follow and what the expectations are for each student.

Mrs. Box asked to have the ALC referral process explained. Dr. Smith explained the difference between DAEP recommendations and ALC mandatory and discretionary referrals.

Mrs. Box asked to have the referral categories explained. Mr. Nava explained the difference between the State tracked offenses which are reported to PEIMS compared to the offenses reported in Skyward Student Management.

Mrs. Box asked for the number of discipline referrals due to cell phone use. Mr. Nava said offenses written up as a referral in Skyward would be included in the referral chart.

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Instructional Update

Mrs. Christi Cottongame presented an instructional update.

Mrs. Danziger asked how teachers are expected to accommodate differential instruction. Mrs. Cottongame said that addressing differential instruction is built into the planning process.

Mrs. Box asked if additional teacher workdays could be added to assist the teachers with planning. Mrs. Cottongame said the District will bring a revised instructional calendar to the Board that includes additional teacher workdays.

Mrs. Box asked if teacher suggestions are welcome regarding planning time. Mrs. Cottongame said she is open to hearing solutions that teachers may have.

Mr. Welch asked if the planning process is new to the District. Mrs. Cottongame said that this is not a process that teachers are taught in college. Ms. Katie Marchena-Rodan added that pieces of the process have been in place in the District, however, the accountability piece is new.

Mrs. Hotzel asked how struggling teachers are identified. Mrs. Cottongame said the instructional coaches and campus instructional teams can identify any teachers that may need additional help.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Discussion of Tomas High School grade level and rezoning options

Ms. Cole-Hamilton presented information on Tomas High School grade level and rezoning options.

Mr. Welch asked if varsity sports will be impacted with the opening of Tomas High School. Ms. Cole-Hamilton explained the Trustees can consider how many grade levels the campus will open with which could determine varsity eligibility.

FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS

There were not any Future Consent Items pulled to be presented as action items on the November Board meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
 - a. Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel
 - b. Employment of professional personnel (Information)
 - c. Employee resignations and retirements (Information)
2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
 - a. Land
3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
 - a. Any item listed on the agenda

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- b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:17 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve the MOU between the City of Houston and Lamar CISD Police Department as discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were not any future agenda items added for the November Board meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed:

Mandi Bronsell
President of the Board of Trustees

Kay Danziger
Secretary of the Board of Trustees