

**Regular Meeting**

**Be It Remembered**

**The State of Texas** §  
**County of Fort Bend** §  
**Lamar Consolidated Independent School District** §

**Notice of Regular Meeting Held**

On this the 17th day of January 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, Mr. Alex Hunt, at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Alex Hunt	President
Joy Williams	Vice President
Zach Lambert	Secretary
Mandi Bronsell	Member
Kay Danziger	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
Jill Ludwig	Chief Financial 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 Wessendorff Middle School 6th grader Anastasia Cheng.

**RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS**

Ms. Sonya Cole-Hamilton announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month and recognized the Board of Trustees for its work and dedication to the staff and students of Lamar CISD.

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### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Alphonso Bates introduced Saul Hernandez as the new assistant principal of ALC/1621 Place.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **Meetings and Events**

Mr. Welch attended the Districtwide Student Improvement Council (DSIC) meeting and had a lunch meeting Dr. Nivens. He also visited Terry High School.

Mrs. Danziger attended the District holiday party. She also volunteered at the Friends of Vince event at Pink Elementary School. Mrs. Danziger visited 1621 Place. She also attended the musicals Matilda at Lamar Consolidated High School and The Big Fish at Terry High School.

Mrs. Williams attended a basketball game at George Ranch High School. She also participated in a meeting with State Representative Gary Gates to discuss CTE.

Mr. Lambert went to several basketball games and participated in course selection night at Randle High School. He also participated in a meeting with State Representative Gary Gates to discuss CTE.

Mrs. Bronsell attended the musical Matilda at Lamar Consolidated High School. She also visited with the college and career facilitator at Foster High School.

Mr. Hubenak attended several junior varsity soccer games at Foster High School.

Mr. Hunt acknowledged the gifts and cards that the Trustees received for School Board Appreciation Month. He attended the musical Matilda at Lamar Consolidated High School. Mr. Hunt congratulated the cheerleading team from Fulshear High School for placing second in the State competition.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

#### **Meetings and Events**

Dr. Nivens shared comments about the time he spent with his family over the holiday season. He also spoke about extending grace to yourself and others and speaking life.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing on the Gray Elementary School attendance boundaries and related zoning began at 6:48 p.m.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton and Mr. Greg Buchanan presented information on the Gray Elementary School attendance boundaries and related zoning.

Mr. Charles Merek spoke to the Board on behalf of the Gray Elementary School Attendance Boundary Committee.

Mr. Hunt thanked members of the attendance boundary committee for their work.

Mr. Welch asked if the Cottonwood area would likely be rezoned back to Culver Elementary School in 2026. Mr. Buchanan said that the current data points do not show Cottonwood being rezoned back to Culver Elementary School in 2026.

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Mr. Hunt opened up the hearing for comments from the public regarding Gray Elementary School attendance boundaries and related zoning.

Ms. Olivia Yonke spoke regarding Gray Elementary School rezoning Option #4.

Ms. Page Wilson spoke regarding the Gray Elementary School rezoning process and options she would like the Trustees to consider.

Ms. Karla Davis shared comments on Gray Elementary School rezoning.

Mr. Hunt closed the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Adam Hammonds shared comments on the new lunch procedures at Adolphus Elementary School.

Ms. Maryam Guirguis shared comments on district of innovation.

Mr. Danny McRea shared comments on school start times and calendar proposals.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSENT OF APPROVAL:**

Mr. Welch requested that agenda item 9.F. Consider approval of RFQ#19-2023BPO for bond 2022 architects be pulled from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items with the exception of item 9.F. Consider approval of RFQ#19-2023BPO for bond 2022 architects. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Consider approval of minutes from December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

#### **Consider approval of Election Order and Notice**

The Board of Trustees approved the election order and notice.

#### **Consider contracting with Fort Bend County for election services**

The Board of Trustees approved contracting with Fort Bend County for election services.

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

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

#### **Consider approval of budget amendment requests**

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

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### **Consider approval of Localized Policy Manual Update 118**

The Board of Trustees approved Localized Policy Manual Update 118.

### **Consider approval of CSP#11-2023F&P for construction of orchestra rooms at Foster High School, Briscoe Junior High School and Wertheimer Middle School**

The Board of Trustees approved CSP#11-2023F&P for the construction of the orchestra rooms at Foster High School, Briscoe Junior High School and Wertheimer Middle School.

### **Consider approval of CSP#12-2023F&P for construction of orchestra rooms at Fulshear High School, Leaman Junior High School, George Ranch High School and Reading Junior High School**

The Board of Trustees approved CSP#12-2023F&P for the construction of the orchestra rooms at Fulshear High School, Leaman Junior High School, George Ranch High School and Reading Junior High School.

### **Consider approval of CSP#14-2023BPO for construction of Foster High School water well replacement**

The Board of Trustees approved CSP#14-2023BPO for the construction of the Foster High School water well replacement.

### **Consider approval of final payment to Sterling Structures for construction of Williams Elementary School parent drive**

The Board of Trustees approved the final payment to Sterling Structures for the construction of the Williams Elementary School parent drive.

### **Consider approval of design development for Travis Elementary School additions and renovations**

The Board of Trustees approved the design development for the Travis Elementary School additions and renovations.

### **Consider approval of procurement method for high school additions**

The Board of Trustees approved the procurement method for the high school additions.

### **Consider approval of procurement method for safety and security projects**

The Board of Trustees approved the procurement method for the safety and security projects.

### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Black History Month**

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Black History Month.

### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Counselor Week**

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming School Counselor Week.

### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming CTE Month**

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The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming CTE Month.

### **Consider approval to submit state waiver to the Texas Education Agency - George Ranch High School**

The Board of Trustees approved submitting a state waiver to the Texas Education Agency regarding George Ranch High School.

### **Consider approval to submit state waiver to the Texas Education Agency - class size**

The Board of Trustees approved submitting a state waiver to the Texas Education Agency regarding class size.

### **Consider approval of RFQ#19-2023BPO for bond 2022 architects**

Mr. Welch shared comments about architect selection process the District used for the bond 2022 projects. Mr. Buchanan explained the request for qualifications process.

Mr. Welch asked why the District doesn't use an open solicitation process for each project listed in the 2022 bond. Mr. Buchanan explained the reasons why the District uses the current request for qualifications process and said that the time for completion of each project would lengthen if projects were solicited individually.

Mrs. Danziger said she was previously on the Board committee which assisted in selecting the architect firms. She compared the previous selection process with the current process used.

Mr. Welch read the names of the architect firms being considered.

Mr. Hunt asked if a rubric is used to score each architect firm during the process. Mr. Buchanan said the selection group uses a rubric and then calculates an average of all six rubrics to get the final score for each.

It was moved by Mrs. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Danziger that the Board of Trustees approve RFQ#19-2023BPO for the bond 2022 architects. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Trustees recessed at 7:51 p.m.

The Board of Trustees resumed the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consider approval of Lamar CISD annual comprehensive financial report for 2021-2022**

Jill Ludwig introduced Celina Cereceres from Whitley Penn who presented information regarding the Lamar CISD annual comprehensive financial report for 2021-2022.

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approve the Lamar CISD annual comprehensive financial report for 2021-2022. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider approval of Gray Elementary School and Terrell Elementary School mascot selection**

Ms. Cole-Hamilton presented information on the Gray Elementary School and Terrell Elementary School mascot selection process.

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It was moved by Mrs. Bronsell and seconded by Mr. Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve the Gray Elementary School and Terrell Elementary School mascot selection. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider approval of Gray Elementary School attendance boundaries and related rezoning plans**

Mr. Hunt asked if the Bowie Elementary School capacity number includes the portable buildings located on the campus. Mr. Buchanan said the total capacity for Bowie Elementary School is 785 which includes the campus and portable buildings.

Mr. Hunt asked why Bowie Elementary School has portables on the campus if the enrollment is under capacity. Mr. Buchanan said there are several classrooms that have less than 21 students. He also said that some of the portables on the campus are used for offices and meeting space.

Mrs. Danziger asked for clarification on why Bowie Elementary School is being included in the zoning process. Buchanan said there are new projected neighborhoods in the area that will increase enrollment.

Dr. Nivens said the District will look at current programming and ensure efficiencies in staff-to-student ratios and make certain that classroom are not used as offices, meeting spaces or storage.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approved Option #3 for the Gray Elementary School attendance boundaries and related rezoning plans. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider approval of resolution for public school funding**

Mr. Hunt presented information on public school funding.

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approved the resolution for public school funding. The motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Lamar CISD Athletic Turf Update**

Ms. Nikki Nelson presented information on the athletic turf at Lamar CISD facilities.

Mrs. Danziger asked if limiting the number of coaches limits the number of students that can participate in athletics. Ms. Nelson said that limiting coaches could potentially limit student involvement and limit the number of teams.

Mrs. Danziger asked when the condition of the field will begin to jeopardize student safety. Ms. Nelson said the G-max test showed the substrate was still in working condition, however, there are visible holes in the turf.

Mrs. Williams asked what the process would be to offer naming rights at the stadium and could it happen for the next school year. Ms. Nelson said the District would need to release a request for proposals and then develop a contract. She said the finance team would be able to provide additional details of the process, but it would not be something that could happen by the start of next school year.

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Mr. Hunt asked how urgent the need for new turf is and who is responsible for making decisions. Dr. Nivens said this is information for the Board and the public, but it is an operational decision that staff will make. He said the Trustees would only have to decide if a bond is called.

Mrs. Danziger asked if all high schools will have a game moved to the sub-varsity field. Ms. Nelson said the plan is to spread the games out among all high schools.

Mr. Welch asked if replacing the turf with grass would be an option. Ms. Nelson explained the process involved with changing the turf fields to grass fields.

Mr. Welch asked if the District considered club teams for student athletes. Ms. Nelson said there are other cost-saving options the District would consider before cutting a program and changing the fundamental structure.

Mr. Welch asked if the games at the sub-varsity stadiums could be streamed. Ms. Nelson said that the sub-varsity stadiums are not set up to stream games.

### **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Discussion of proposed options for bus tiers and school hours**

Ms. Cole-Hamilton and Mr. Buchanan presented information on the proposed options for bus tiers and school hours.

Mr. Hunt explained why the District is considering adjusting bus tiers and school hours.

Mrs. Danziger asked what time the middle schools and junior high schools would open for breakfast if those campuses are the last to start school in the morning. Ms. Cole-Hamilton said that campuses open 30 minutes before the first bell.

Mr. Lambert asked how the District decided which elementary campuses would be on each tier. Mr. Buchanan said that administration reviewed the proximity of schools within each color track to help develop the proposed bus tiers.

Mr. Hubenak said he spoke with parents in neighboring school districts about their early start times and bus tiers and received positive feedback about both.

### **FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS**

There were not any future consent items pulled to be presented as an Action Item on the February 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)
  - d. Deliberate recommendation to terminate probationary and term contracts for good cause pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074

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

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:09 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:53 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of personnel, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve the action on land as discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

January 27 – 29	Foster High School musical Once on this Island
February 18	Men Who Cook
February 23	Fort Bend County Day at the Capitol

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Signed:**

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**Alex Hunt**  
**President of the Board of Trustees**

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**Zach Lambert**  
**Secretary of the Board of Trustees**