

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Notice of Regular Meeting Held**

On this the 15th day of November 2022, 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
Dr. Terri Mossige	Deputy Superintendent

**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 Roberts Middle School 6th grader Jayce Mason.

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### **RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS**

Ms. Sonya Cole-Hamilton recognized the Foster Boys Water Polo Team for placing 3rd in the State tournament. She also recognized Elijah Molina for being chosen to the All-Tournament Team at the State tournament.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized the Foster Girls Water Polo Team for placing 1st in the State tournament. She also recognized Lola Trujillo for being named the UIL State MVP and Clara McKee and Dalia Kohn for being named to the All-Tournament Team.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Alphonso Bates introduced Gracie Martinez, Director of Communications, Stephen Sluder, Director of Transportation and Ashley Smith, Principal of Jackson Elementary School.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **Meetings and Events**

Trustee Welch visited George Ranch High School and Wright Junior High School. He also welcomed the new police chief of Sugar Land. Mr. Welch went to a George Ranch High School pro-grad event and the Carter Elementary School Veterans' Day program. He also spoke to Cub Scout Pack 133 – The Arrow of Light Den.

Trustee Danziger attended the musical "High School Musical" at George Ranch High School. She also read to students at Arredondo Elementary School and attended the National Elementary Honor Society induction for Arredondo Elementary School. Mrs. Danziger went to a George Ranch High School pro-grad event. She also attended Frosty's Market at Frost Elementary School and went to the Fulshear High School football playoff game. Mrs. Danziger acknowledged the thank you messages she has received.

Vice President Williams attended a George Ranch High School football game and acknowledged the thank you messages she has received. She thanked the administration for the work they did on the bond.

President Hunt read to students at Arredondo Elementary School and attended the Veterans' Day program at Lindsey Elementary School. He also thanked voters for coming out on Election Day. Mr. Hunt recognized Dr. Nivens and his team for their work on informing the public about the bond.

Secretary Lambert went to fall festivals held at various campuses and helped with car rider lines. He also visited with students at 1621 Place. Mr. Lambert went to a community listening event in North Rosenberg. He also acknowledged the Trustees and District administration for the work they did on the bond.

Trustee Bronsell attended the Foster High School play and the musical "High School Musical" at George Ranch High School. She also thanked the administration for the work they did on the bond.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

#### **Meetings and Events**

Dr. Nivens thanked the staff, parents and Trustees for the work they did on the bond.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Ms. Sara Ryan shared comments on the District considering becoming a district of innovation.

Ms. Dawn Hopkins shared comments on the District considering becoming a district of innovation.

Ms. Debra Helbert shared comments on the District considering becoming a district of innovation.

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

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Consider Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes.

#### **Consider Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2022 Board Workshop**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes.

#### **Consider Ratification of Financial and Investment Reports**

The Board of Trustees ratified the financial and investment reports.

#### **Consider Approval of Budget Amendments**

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendments.

#### **Consider Ratification of Donations to the District**

The Board of Trustees ratified the donations to the District.

#### **Consider Approval of CSP #09-2023F&P for the Renovations to Meyer Elementary School, Navarro Middle School and Ray Elementary School**

The Board of Trustees approved CSP #09-2023F&P for the renovations to Meyer Elementary School, Navarro Middle School and Ray Elementary School.

#### **Consider Approval of CSP #10-2023F&P for Renovations at Seguin Early Childhood Center**

The Board of Trustees approved CSP #10-2023F&P for renovations at the Seguin Early Childhood Center.

#### **Consider Approval of Procurement Method for Construction of Rosenberg Transportation Center Additions and Renovations**

The Board of Trustees approved the procurement method for the construction of the Rosenberg Transportation Center additions and renovations.

#### **Consider Approval of Architect Contract for Existing High School Additions**

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract for the existing high school additions.

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### **Consider Approval of Architect Contract For Middle School #7**

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract for middle school #7.

### **Consider Approval of RFP 03-2023SE for Band and Orchestra Instruments, Equipment and Related Items and Services**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP 03-2023SE for band and orchestra instruments, equipment and related items and services.

### **Consider Approval of RFP 04-2023SE for Awards, Custom Apparel and Promotional Items (Supplemental)**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP 04-2023SE for awards, custom apparel and promotional items (supplemental).

### **Consider Approval of Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring the Results of Bond Election Held in the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District on November 8, 2022**

The Board of Trustees approved an order canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the bond election held in the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District on November 8, 2022.

### **Consider Approval to Submit State Waiver to the Texas Education Agency**

The Board of Trustees approved submitting a State waiver to the Texas Education Agency.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consider Approval of MOU for Boys and Girls Club After School Programming at Navarro Middle School and Pink Elementary School with Funding Through TCLAS**

Dr. Terri Mossige presented information on the Boys and Girls Club after school programming at Navarro Middle School and Pink Elementary School with funding through TCLAS.

Mrs. Danziger asked how students would be chosen to participate. Dr. Mossige said that students are selected through an application process and tutoring needs.

Mrs. Danziger asked if there is a limit to the number of students that can participate. Dr. Mossige said there is not a limit at this time.

Mr. Lambert asked if the program will be licensed. Dr. Mossige said that Boys and Girls Club is licensed.

Mr. Lambert asked if the staff will be employees of the District. Dr. Mossige said that the teachers will be Lamar CISD employees with the funding coming from TCLAS.

Mr. Welch asked for an explanation of TCLAS Grant 11 funds. Dr. Mossige explained why the District was awarded TCLAS funds.

Mr. Welch asked how the program will be funded in the future if the District no longer receives TCLAS funds. Dr. Mossige said the District will work with the Boys and Girls Club to seek outside funding.

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It was moved by Mrs. Danziger seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approve the MOU for the Boys and Girls Club After School Programming at Navarro Middle School and Pink Elementary School with Funding Through TCLAS. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

### **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Discussion of Order Authorizing the Issuance of Lamar CISD Unlimited Tax Schoolhouse Bonds, Series 2023; Approving the Preparation of an Official Statement; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto**

Ms. Jill Ludwig presented information on an order authorizing the issuance of Lamar CISD Unlimited Tax Schoolhouse Bonds, Series 2023; and on approving the preparation of an official statement; and enacting other provisions.

#### **Discussion of Board Approving Committee to Develop a District of Innovation Plan**

Dr. Mossige presented information on the Board of Trustees approving a committee to develop a District of Innovation plan.

Mrs. Danziger asked what the District can do to ensure that Lamar CISD does not encounter negative issues when implementing a district of innovation plan. Dr. Nivens explained the limited options Lamar CISD intends to use the when adopting a district of innovation plan.

Mr. Welch asked if the submitted plan to TEA is binding on the District and can Lamar CISD deviate from that plan. Dr. Mossige explained that the plan must be posted for 30 days and must be approved by the Board. She added that any amendments would require approval by the Trustees. Dr. Nivens added that the Board is the final authority on the district of innovation plan.

Mr. Welch asked if the plan would remove teacher planning periods and teacher lunch periods. Dr. Mossige said that teachers make up a majority of the DSIC and she does not believe they would be in favor of adding that to the plan. She added that the District also has not discussed adding that to the plan. Dr. Nivens said that it would be unwise to remove teacher planning periods and teacher lunch periods.

Mr. Welch asked if the district of innovation plan would allow non-certified teachers to teach. Mr. Bates explained that in emergency situations administration can request that the Board approve a temporary authorization for a permit to teach, but said that is a very rare occurrence. He added that the district of innovation plan could allow individuals with years of industry experience to be hired to teach a CTE course. Dr. Nivens said the district of innovation plan would be used to help find teachers for specific CTE classes and hard to fill positions such as foreign languages.

Mr. Welch asked if being a district of innovation would take away a teacher's rights to appeal through the normal process. Mr. Bates said that changing the Chapter 21 rights for teachers has not been presented as part of the plan. He added that any changes would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Williams asked about the survey process and what feedback would be shared from the district of innovation survey. Dr. Mossige said the DSIC would convene after the Board approves the DSIC to meet to begin consideration on the plan. She added that a survey is an option to consider for obtaining input, but feedback from the community is also expected at the public hearing.

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Mrs. Williams asked if onboarding would be provided for any non-certified teachers hired as a result of the district of innovation distinction. Dr. Mossige said the District is working to create a program that will train alternatively certified teachers and paraprofessionals. Mr. Bates added that non-certified teachers would be held to the same expectations as certified teachers.

Mrs. Danziger asked how non-certified teachers will be categorized within the District. Mr. Bates said non-certified teachers will be on the same pay scale as teachers and would also have the same evaluation process as certified teachers.

Dr. Nivens said there are 1030 schools districts in Texas and 900 have the district of innovation distinction.

### **Discussion of Gray Elementary School Attendance Boundary Process**

Ms. Cole-Hamilton presented information on the attendance boundary process for Gray Elementary School.

Mrs. Danziger requested that parents and the community be allowed an opportunity to share comments on the zoning options before the Board votes on the options.

Mr. Welch requested that the District utilize all of its resources when communicating the zoning options to parents. He also recommended that the attendance boundary committee have the opportunity to submit a modified zoning map.

Mr. Hunt discussed the number of modified maps the Board would accept from the attendance boundary committee.

Dr. Nivens said the District is going to use its resources to frequently communicate to the parents impacted by the rezoning. He added that the traffic flow and traffic patterns for each zoning option would be discussed with the Trustees.

The Board of Trustees came to a consensus that the attendance boundary committee will be allowed to submit one zoning map modification to the Board.

### **FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS**

No future consent items were pulled from the 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
2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
  - a. Land

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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 8:16 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 Mr. Hubenak that the Board of Trustees approve the action on land as discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Williams requested an information item on 1621 Place and recovery credits. Dr. Nivens stated that a district of innovation distinction would allow the District to address this. He said he will talk with staff and have information added to the weekly Board update.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

CTE Pig Dinner on November 16, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 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**