

**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 21st day of March 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:**

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| 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:**

|                      |                              |
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| 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      |

**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 6th grader Kimberly Crawford and Jackson Elementary School 5th grader Manuel Alderete.

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### **RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS**

Ms. Sonya Cole-Hamilton recognized the Foster High School yearbook staff for receiving the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Silver Crown Award.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Foster High School junior Madison Canales for placing 1st in the 126-pound weight class at the State wrestling tournament.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized the Foster High School boys swim team for placing 3rd in the 200-meter freestyle relay at the State swim meet.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized the Fulshear High School girls' basketball team for placing 3rd in the 5A UIL Girls Basketball State Championship.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton recognized Foster High School seniors Andrew Kunz, Corrine Wang and Benjamin Wu for advancing to Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Alphonso Bates introduced Amy Araguz as the new principal of Foster High School.

Mr. Bates introduced Brian Forshee as the new principal of Fulshear High School.

Mr. Bates introduced Amey Frazier as the new principal at Long Elementary School.

Mr. Bates recognized retiring principals Dan Ward and Jerry Kipping for their dedication to Lamar CISD.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Bronsell attended several one-act plays at Fulshear High School.

Mr. Lambert attended baseball games at Randle High School and Foster High School and went to the 30th anniversary event at Dickinson Elementary School. He also visited the new splash pad in Rosenberg. Mr. Lambert attended a City of Richmond Commissioner's meeting. He also celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by wearing colorful socks. Mr. Lambert accompanied CTE students to the University of Houston-Sugar Land.

Mrs. Danziger attended the cookie challenge at Long Acres Ranch with the Fort Bend County Retired Educators Association (FBCREA). She and FBCREA also gave away books to students at Velasquez Elementary School. Mrs. Danziger participated in Read Across America at Austin Elementary School and attended the 10-year anniversary event at Adolphus Elementary School. She also went to the 30th anniversary event at Dickinson Elementary School, attended the Lamar CISD job fair and participated in the Lunches of Love walk-a thon.

Mrs. Williams attended tennis matches at Terry High School, Lamar Consolidated High School and Randle High School. She also watched lacrosse and baseball games at George Ranch High School.

Mr. Welch attended Fort Bend County Day in Austin. He also went to a junior varsity baseball game at George Ranch High School and the 2nd-grade musical at Velasquez Elementary School. Mr. Welch visited Randle High School and attended the Cougar Carnival at Campbell Elementary School. He went to the 30th anniversary event at Dickinson Elementary School and spoke at the Capitol.

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Mr. Hunt visited career day at JJAEP and went to the Juvenile Detention Center. He also visited with family support specialists and went to the Jane Long Gym and Common Threads. Mr. Hunt went to the medical and dental clinics in the District and attended the Lamar CISD job fair. He also attended Fulshear High School girls' basketball games and visited several campuses.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Nivens shared comments about being grateful.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Michael Sherman shared concerns he has with Lamar CISD staff.

Ms. Betty Braun shared comments on district of innovation.

Ms. Amy Okie shared comments on district of innovation.

### **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.

Mr. Welch requested additional information on the 2017 available bond funds. Mr. Buchanan explained why the District is moving students for the 2023-2024 school year and explained the associated costs.

The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Consider approval of minutes from February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

#### **Consider approval of financial and investment reports**

The Board of Trustees approved the financial and investment reports.

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

The Board of Trustees approved the budget amendment requests.

#### **Consider approval of RFP #25-2023SE for purchase of CTE supplies, services, equipment, and related services**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #25-2023SE for the purchase of CTE supplies, services, equipment and related services.

#### **Consider approval of RFP #26-2023SE for purchase of Fine Arts consultants (supplemental)**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #26-2023SE for the purchase of Fine Arts consultants (supplemental).

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### **Consider approval of RFP #27-2023SE for purchase of fleet equipment supplies, services, & related items**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #27-2023SE for the purchase of fleet equipment supplies, services and related items.

### **Consider approval of RFP #28-2023RL for purchase of dry van trailers**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #28-2023RL for the purchase of dry van trailers.

### **Consider approval of RFP #34-2023SE for purchase of instructional materials, supplies, consulting, and related services**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP #34-2023SE for the purchase of instructional materials, supplies, consulting and related services.

### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Volunteer Appreciation Week**

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Volunteer Appreciation Week.

### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming School Librarians' Week**

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming School Librarians' Week.

### **Consider approval of resolution proclaiming Educational Administrative Professionals' Week**

The Board of Trustees approved the resolution proclaiming Educational Administrative Professionals' Week.

### **Consider approval of final payment to Drymalla for construction of Phelan Elementary School**

The Board of Trustees approved the final payment to Drymalla for the construction of Phelan Elementary School.

### **Consider approval of GMP #1 amendment to Gilbane Building Company's contract for renovations to Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Long Elementary School and Smith Elementary School**

The Board of Trustees approved GMP #1 amendment to Gilbane Building Company's contract for the renovations to Lamar Consolidated High School, Lamar Junior High School, Pink Elementary School, Long Elementary School and Smith Elementary School.

### **Consider approval of CSP#13-2023F&P for Wessendorff Middle School renovations**

The Board of Trustees approved CSP#13-2023F&P for the Wessendorff Middle School renovations.

### **Consider approval of RFP# 39-2023BPO for high school additions CMAR**

The Board of Trustees approved RFP# 39-2023BPO for the high school additions CMAR.

### **Consider approval of architect contract for Elementary School #35**

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract for Elementary School #35.

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### **Consider approval of procurement method for construction of Elementary School #35**

The Board of Trustees approved the procurement method for the construction of Elementary School #35.

### **Consider approval of architect contract for Elementary School #36**

The Board of Trustees approved the architect contract for Elementary School #36.

### **Consider approval of procurement method for construction of Elementary School #36**

The Board of Trustees approved the procurement method for the construction of Elementary School #36.

### **Consider approval of the use of 2017 Bond available funds**

The Board of Trustees approved the use of the 2017 Bond available funds.

### **Consider approval of design development for Rosenberg Transportation**

The Board of Trustees approved the design development for the Rosenberg Transportation Center.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consider approval of design development for Tomas High School and Banks Junior High School**

Mr. Greg Buchanan presented information on the design development for Tomas High School and Banks Junior High School.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the committee considered input from individuals in the neighborhood. Mr. Buchanan said that design elements were pulled from the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Welch asked if the design of the school is changing. Mr. Buchanan said the layout of the campus is the same, but the exterior elements are different.

It was moved by Mr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve Option 1 for the design development for Tomas High School and Banks Junior High School. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

### **Discussion and possible action on district of innovation**

Ms. Katie Marchena-Roldan and Ms. Sara Ryan presented information from the Districtwide Student Improvement Council's (DSIC) meeting on Lamar CISD becoming a district of innovation.

Mrs. Danziger asked if TEA can make changes to the innovations. Ms. Ryan said that changes could happen if there are updates to the law.

Mrs. Williams asked if there is a teacher shortage. Ms. Ryan said there is a teacher shortage and the District is actively trying to hire the best qualified individuals from the pool of applicants.

Mrs. Bronsell asked if there would be a cap on classroom sizes. Dr. Nivens said that the proposed plan does not address class size.

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Mrs. Bronsell asked if the information on district of innovation was posted for 30 days. Ms. Ryan stated that the plan was posted to the District's website on February 3 and individuals had an opportunity to leave comments.

Mr. Welch shared comments on district of innovation and the process the District used to develop the innovations presented.

Mr. Hunt shared comments on district of innovation.

Mrs. Danziger shared comments on district of innovation.

Mr. Lambert shared comments on district of innovation.

The Board of Trustees recessed for a break at 8:24 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Williams that the Board of Trustees approve Innovation #1 – Teacher Certification for district of innovation.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the District will work with non-certified teachers to help them become certified. Ms. Marchena-Roldan said the District will provide the necessary training and support to non-certified teachers so they can be successful in the classroom, but there will not be a requirement for non-certified teachers to become certified.

Mrs. Bronsell shared comments on non-certified teachers in CTE classrooms and world languages classrooms.

Mr. Hubenak shared comments on non-certified teachers in CTE classrooms.

Mr. Lambert shared comments on the alternative certification program.

Mr. Bates explained the criteria needed for TEA to consider allowing a district to hire a non-certified teacher.

The motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Hubenak and Mr. Welch voting in the negative.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Williams that the Board of Trustees approve Innovation #2 – First Day of Instruction for district of innovation.

Mrs. Danziger shared comments on instructional calendars and the first day of school.

The motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Hubenak and Mr. Welch voting in the negative.

It was moved by Mrs. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Bronsell that the Board of Trustees approve Innovation #3 – Required Staff Development for district of innovation.

Mrs. Danziger asked if newly hired teachers would be exempt from staff development. Ms. Marchena-Roldan stated that new teachers would be required to complete all staff development.

The motion failed 4-3 with Mr. Hubenak, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Welch voting in the negative.

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It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Williams that the Board of Trustees approve Innovation #4 – Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator for district of innovation. The motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Hubenak and Mr. Welch voting in the negative.

### **Consider approval of academic calendar for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years**

Ms. Cole-Hamilton presented information on the academic calendars for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Mr. Hubenak and Mr. Welch shared comments on the calendar options in relation to being a district of innovation.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mrs. Williams that the Board of Trustees approve Option B for the academic calendar for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Mr. Welch abstaining.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Bond Projects Update**

Mr. Buchanan presented an update on the bond projects in the District.

### **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

There were not any future action items on the agenda.

### **FUTURE CONSENT ITEMS**

There were not any future consent items pulled to be presented as action items on the April 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
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 9:24 p.m. for the purposes listed above.

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**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:38 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Danziger and seconded by Mr. Lambert that the Board of Trustees approve a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire an approximately 253-acre tract of land on F.M. 359 for future public school buildings.

Mrs. Danziger read the resolution.

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Mr. Welch abstaining.

It was moved by Mrs. Bronsell and seconded by Mr. Welch that the Board of Trustees approve the renewal and/or extension of administrative and/or professional contracts, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Williams that the Board of Trustees approve the superintendent's evaluation as discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Dr. Nivens will ask Jamie Vincek to update the Board of Trustees on the Grow Your Own program.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards' Spring Workshop on April 12, 2023 at Region 4.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 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**