

Minutes of Board Workshop

The Board of Trustees Lake Travis Independent School District

A workshop of the Board of Trustees of Lake Travis Independent School District was held beginning at 6:00 p.m. on February 7, 2008, in the Educational Development Center, Live Oak Room, 607 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78734.

Call To Order

President Jim Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Quorum Determination

Trustees Jim Cummings, Fred Goff, Kim Nixon, Susan Tolles, Jason Buddin, Mayo Davidson, and Alan Williams were present.

Discussion and/or Action

Department Updates

Mr. Dan Gafford, Director of Maintenance and Operations, provided an update for his department.

Mr. Sean Casey, Director of Technology and Information System Services, provided an update for his department.

Dr. Diane Frost, Deputy Superintendent, provided an update on the TCEA Conference that she attended this week. Dr. Frost was also a member of the TCEA Conference Steering Committee.

Dr. Rocky Kirk provided an update on the Superintendents' Consortium; group will be meeting again in June.

Curriculum and Instructional Services

Community Outreach – Mayo Davidson led a discussion regarding what he called a disconnect between the school system and parents, particularly Hispanic families. Mr. Davidson would like to increase parental involvement which he believes will ultimately result in LTISD achieving an Exemplary rating. Mr. Davidson volunteered to meet with local civic groups and area churches, i.e., Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, to begin discussing partnerships in an effort to assist Hispanic families. The Board expressed their support and agreed that Mr. Davidson would lead the effort. Mr. Davidson stated this would be a long-term project and mentioned he would report his progress to the Board possibly late summer/early fall.

Formative Assessments Update – Ms. Pettit provided an update on the current Curriculum Based Assessments (CBA's) used by the district for assessing grades 3-11 in mathematics and 5-11 in Science. The district has purchased the Comprehensive Curriculum Assessment and Professional Development (CCAP) to help in the development of the CBA's.

Summer School 2008 – Ms. Pettit provided an overview of the reorganization of the Summer School program. Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, the eighth grade students must pass TAKS reading and mathematics to be promoted to the ninth grade.

Finance and Support Services

May 10, 2008 Board of Trustees Election Update – Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services and Chief Financial Officer presented a calendar of key dates for the upcoming Board of Trustees election. Mr. Hart confirmed that two permanent early voting sites have been identified: Randall's located on Hwy 620 in Lakeway and Bee Cave City Hall at the Hill Country Galleria Mall.

Serene Hills Elementary School and Other Campus Furniture Purchase for the 2008-09 School Year – Mr. Hart provided an overview of the current furniture proposals currently under review for Serene Hills Elementary School. Board policy CH (LOCAL) requires the administration to seek board approval prior to awarding certain contracts that exceed \$100,000. The funds for the furniture purchase are budgeted in the 2006 Bond Program and are estimated to be approximately \$250,000.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Cummings to authorize administration to proceed with the acquisition of furniture through a Request for Proposals process and to follow up with a report to the Board of Trustees summarizing furniture proposal information at the February 21 Board meeting.

A discussion ensued and Trustee Davidson withdrew his motion, as did Trustee Cummings. This item will be placed on the consent agenda of the February 21 Board Meeting.

Closed Session

Trustees adjourned into closed session at 9:00 p.m. as permitted under the Texas Open Meeting act, Government Code Section 551.001 et. seq.:

- A. Section 551.072 – Deliberation regarding Real Property**
 - 1. The Board will discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (This may involve consultation with attorney as permitted under Section 551.071.)
- B. Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters**
 - 1. The Board will discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees or officials. (This may involve consultation with attorney, as permitted under Section 551.071.)

Closed Session recessed at 10:26 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

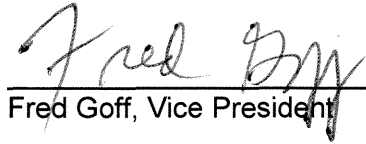
President Cummings announced the following future meetings of the LTISD Board of Trustees:


- February 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, EDC
- March 6, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC

- March 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, EDC

Adjournment

There being no further action, the February 7, 2008, meeting of the LTISD Board of Trustees adjourned at 10:26 p.m.


Fred Goff, Vice President


Kim Nixon, Secretary