

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Lake Travis Independent School District

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Travis Independent School District was held April 23, 2009, at the Educational Development Center, Live Oak Room, 607 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78738.

### Call To Order

President Jim Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

### Quorum Determination

Trustees Jim Cummings, Susan Tolles, Jason Buddin, Mayo Davidson, Fred Goff, and Kim Nixon were present. Alan Williams was not present for quorum determination.

### Closed Session

Trustees convened into closed session at 6:15 p.m., as permitted under Government Code Section 551.001 et. seq.

- A. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**
  - 1. The Board will discuss and receive legal advice from its attorney regarding pending litigation under Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1).
    - a, Meadows v. Lake Travis Independent School District, Docket No. D-1-GN-08-003514, in the 250th Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas.
  - 2. The Board will discuss and receive legal advice from its attorney on matters which should be confidential under Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2).
  
- B. 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.)
  
- C. 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.)
  
- D. Section 551.0821 – Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student**
  - 1. The Board will deliberate a matter regarding a public school student and personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation.

Closed session adjourned at 6:58 p.m. and open session resumed at 7:01 p.m. Trustee Williams joined the meeting during closed session.

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Tolles. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Superintendent's Report**

***Introduction of Assistant Superintendent for Business & Financial Services, effective July 1, 2009*** - Dr. Kirk introduced Johnny Hill as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business and Financial Services. Mr. Hill thanked the Board and Dr. Kirk for giving him the opportunity to serve Lake Travis ISD. Mr. Hill is moving here from Seminole Independent School District.

**Recognition of Sharon Smith, HEB 'Rising Star' Award Finalist** – Dr. Kirk recognized Ms. Sharon Smith, Gifted and Talented Teacher at Lake Point Elementary. Ms. Smith is one of only four finalists in Central Texas for HEB's "Rising Star Award." Dr. Kirk also recognized LPE principal Heidi Gudelman and Ms. Smith's family.

### **Audience Comments**

No Audience Comments.

### **Governance and Legal Services**

***Resolution to Nominate Dr. Rocky Kirk for Texas Association of School Boards' Superintendent of the year.*** - Trustee Cummings stated that the LTISD Board of Trustees will nominate Dr. Rocky Kirk for the Texas Association of School Board's 2009 Superintendent of the Year, thus requiring approval of the proposed resolution.

Prior to taking action, Trustee Cummings read the proposed resolution: "*We the Board of Trustees of Lake Travis Independent School District do hereby resolve to nominate Dr. Donald Rockwell Kirk for Texas Association of School Boards' Superintendent of the Year, 2009, in recognition of his outstanding leadership, dedication, integrity, vision and service to our students, staff and community.*"

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tolles, seconded by Trustee Cummings, to approve the resolution to nominate Dr. Rocky Kirk for the Texas Association of School Boards' 2009 Superintendent of the Year. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Dr. Kirk accepted the nomination and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Board and LTISD staff.

### **Administration and Accountability**

***Bond Program Update*** – Jim Ratcliff, Senior Director of Facilities, Construction and Support Services, provided an update on the bond construction program.

***Requests for 2009-2010 Staff Positions*** – Dr. Diane Frost, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of staffing positions requested for the 2009-2010 school year. The positions requested will address the projected increase in student enrollment as well as increased enrollment in academic courses at the secondary level.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Tolles, to approve the additional staff positions, as presented, in the total amount of \$1,173,125. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

### **Finance and Support Services**

**2009-2010 Budget** – Dr. Kirk provided an overview of the 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget. Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, provided information on the 2009-2010 budget reference summary, proposed salary adjustments, and other operational projections. Mr. Ratcliff and Sean Casey, Assistant Superintendent of Technology and Information System Services, provided rationale for possibly calling the District's next Bond Election for November 2010. Susan Bohn, Legal Counsel, provided an update on the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session and its potential impact on the 2009-2010 school year budget.

**May 9, 2009 board of Trustees Election – Polling Locations** - Mr. Hart provided information on election day, early voting, and mobile early voting locations within the District. The information included the cancellation of the mobile early voting location at the Manor ISD Administration Building. A discussion ensued about communicating voter information to district residents.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tolles, seconded by Trustee Nixon, to approve the election day, early voting and mobile early voting locations presented in Attachments 1, 3 and 4. All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0)

**Agreement to Conduct Joint Elections for May 9, 2009 Elections** – Mr. Hart provided information on Travis County–provided election services for a joint election between LTISD, the City of Lakeway, and other area municipalities.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Nixon, seconded by Trustee Buddin, to approve the Agreement to Conduct Joint Elections for May 9, 2009 Elections as outlined. All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0)

**2009-2011 Depository Proposal and Contract** – Mr. Hart provided information regarding the district's depository contract for 2009-2011. Based on the bids received, Mr. Hart asked that Trustees consider the recommendation of Prosperity Bank for the district's depository bank.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin seconded by Trustee Goff, to approve Prosperity Bank to serve as Lake Travis ISD's depository bank for 2009-11 biennium and authorize execution of the TEA contract with said bank. All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0)

### **Curriculum and Instructional Services**

**Pre-Kindergarten and English Language Learner Programs** – Myra Pettit, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services, provided information on the District partnering with the Head Start Program to provide a comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten program beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

Ms. Pettit provided information on the District refining the bilingual program to clearly articulate the amount of instruction in Spanish and the amount of instruction in English in each grade level. The goal of the bilingual program is for Spanish speaking students leaving elementary school to be bilingual and biliterate.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to Board Policies
  - a. BJCF(Local) Superintendent: Non Renewal
  - b. CDA (Local) Other Revenues: Investments
  - c. CE (Local) Annual Operating Budget
  - d. CI (Local) School Properties disposal
  - e. DFBB (Local) Term Contracts: Non Renewal
  - f. FDB (Local) Admissions: Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments
  - g. FNCE (Local) Student Conduct: Telecommunications/Electronic Devices
  - h. GRB (Local) Relations with Governmental Entities: County Governmental Authorities
2. February and March 2009 Financials – Statement of Revenue & Expenditures, Balance Sheets, Summary of Tax Collections & Quarterly Investment Report
3. Minutes – March 12, 2009 Board Meeting

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

### **Upcoming Meetings**

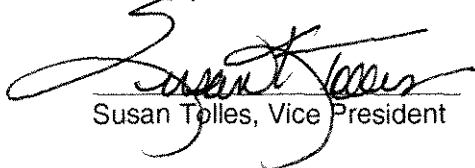
President Cummings announced the following future meetings of the LTISD Board of Trustees:

- May 7, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC
- May 19, 2009, 8:00 a.m., Canvass of Board Election, Central Administration Building
- May 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, EDC
- June 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC
- June 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Board/Superintendent Conference, EDC
- June 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, EDC

Open session adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further action, the April 23, 2009, Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

  
Susan Tolles, Vice President

  
Jason Buddin, Secretary