

# 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 May 22, 2008, at 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 6:15 p.m.

### Quorum Determination

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

### Closed Session

Trustees convened into closed session at 6:15 p.m., as permitted by the Texas 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.)
- C. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**
  - 1. 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).

Closed Session recessed at 6:50 p.m. Open Session began at 7:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

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

### LTISD Board of Trustees Election

**Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office** – Fred Goff and Mayo Davidson read a “Statement of Elected/Appointed Office” and were administered their “Oath of Office” for a three-year term on the LTISD Board of Trustees.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kirk presented information received by the administration regarding the districts bond financial rating. The new ratings were released and the district's credit rating on debt has increased to AA+. Lake Travis ISD is one of four districts with this rating from Standard & Poor's in the state. The other districts include: Houston ISD, Lewisville ISD, and Richardson ISD. Dr. Kirk thanked Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services and CFO for his hard work and he thanked the Board.

***Administrative Positions*** – Dr. Kirk recognized Ms. Karen Miller-Kopp who recently accepted the position of Principal of Lake Travis Elementary School.

***Student Group Recognition: Lake Travis High School Academic and Extracurricular Spring State Qualifiers*** – The following students were recognized as being a state-level qualifier in an academic or extracurricular program:

**Band** – Kris Anderson, Alex Baczewski, Ana Bar, Rannon Ching, Randy Chu, Elyse Cunningham, Lauren Gilbert, Anthony Guida, Jose Hernandez, Kelsey Milam, Nathan Nix, Scott Palmer, James Powell, Rachel Rische, Kaitlyn Sisk, Allison Slay, Steven Sproer, Ariana Triesault, Darby Verdorn, Jordan Wahl, Gordon Weest

**Choir** – Jessica Alonzo, Andrea Treaccar

**Debate** – Hannah Fussell, Angela Loftus, Amanda Overstreet

**DECA** – Carrie Cadenhead, Sarah Eads, Rylie Glenn, Tyler Pankonien, Steven Pomikahl, Tina Scott, LD Stacy

**Golf** – Brooke Baldwin, Chelsea Bretcher, Lexie Hall, Hudson Hansard, Greg Lanehart, Mei Liu, Tayler Termeer, Sarina Saletta, Adam Wennerstrom, Payne Wilkie

**Orchestra** – Catherine Parke, Grace Schaack, Lori Xu

**Special Olympic Girls - 4 X 100 Relay Team** – Gracie Eudy, Taylor Giardina, Morgaine Moore, Rachel Williams

**Swim Team** – Yvonne Le, Rachael Thomas, Amber Pace, Juliet Denner, Darcy Argueta, Alexandra Bettridge, Andy Hoffmann, Kyle Wilson, Drew Cauthorn, Chad Skowronek, Zach Hoffmann, Chris Griffin

**Tennis** – Phillip Allen, Adam Chirhart, Hillary Davis, Alex McKinzie, Millie Nichols

**UIL Science Team** – Jeff Coursen, Alex Petty, Daniel Justiss, Brian Wilson

**Visual Arts-V.A.S.E** – Brooke Baldwin, Katelyn Berg, Ricky Bright, Thea Blesener, Lauren Calloway, Christopher Cribb, Mandy Elkins, Zack Hoffman, Vivian Jauregui, Rachel Jones Andras Juhas, Eleni Karalexis, Bobby King, Nick Karalexis, Bryant Lagasse, Calina Man Steven Morris, Rebeke Myers, Kathleen Nash, Erin Poling, Kyle Scallon, Lindsey Scott, Sarah Walters

Lake Travis High School Associate Principal, Karen Miller-Kopp, and Assistant Principal, Russell Meadgen were in attendance to present the recognized students.

### **2008 Teachers of the Year**

Dr. Diane Frost, Deputy Superintendent, introduced the following LTISD Teachers of the Year:

Caren Goodman – *Lake Travis High School*

Melanie Snow – *Lake Travis Middle School*

Nicki Campbell – *Hudson Bend Middle School*

Marla Retano – *Lake Travis Elementary School*

Kate Starkes – *Lakeway Elementary School*

Sandra Tuck – *Bee Cave Elementary School*  
 Karen Frey – *Lake Pointe Elementary School*

Dr. Frost announced that Karen Frey was chosen as the 2007-2008 LTISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Caren Goodman was chosen as the 2007-2008 LTISD Secondary Teacher of the Year.

### **Audience Comments**

The following individuals addressed the Trustees:

Kevin Halfmann, LTHS Teacher – *Board policy on sick days*

### **Discussion and/or Action**

#### **Governance and Legal Services**

***LTISD Board of Trustees Election of Officers*** - The following action was taken:

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Davidson, to elect Trustee Cummings as President of LTISD Board of Trustees. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Davidson, to elect Trustee Tolles as Vice President of LTISD Board of Trustees. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Davidson, to elect Trustee Buddin as Secretary of LTISD Board of Trustees. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

***Resolution Authorizing Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Execute Agreement for the Purchase of Approximately 136 Acres Out of the 1,572.26 Acre Tract Located in the Abram G. Compton Survey No. 85; the H.Pruett Survey No. 51; the F. Sterzing Survey No. 62; the Sam Wildy Survey No. 527; the C. J. Strother Survey No. 606; the J. H. Lohman Survey No. 524; the W.A. Barlow Survey No. 86; the J.Moat Survey No. 521; the E.Hallman Survey No. 61; the G.F. Lunsford Survey No. 648; the J.Palmer Survey No. 636; the J.C.Degman Survey No. 182; all in Travis County, Texas and Being a Remainder of a 2,259.122 Acre Tract Conveyed to Forest City Sweetwater, L.P. , as Described in Document No. 200600162, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas –***

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tolles, seconded by Trustee Buddin to approve the resolution authorizing the superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute an agreement for the purchase of approximately 136 Acres as presented and as outlined by the administration. All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0).

***Pedernales Electric Co-OP District 3 Director Election*** – Dr. Kirk provided information received by the administration for the election of a member to the Board of Directors for Pedernales Electric Co-Op. A discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Nixon to authorize the administration to cast a vote in the PEC place 3 Director election. Motion failed (2-5)

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Nixon	Cummings
Goff	Buddin
	Davidson
	Tolles
	Williams

### **Curriculum and Instructional Services**

**Staff Development** – Myra Pettit, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services, presented the staff development opportunities being offered this summer. This was presented as informational only and no action was required.

### **Finance and Support Services**

**Bond Program Update** - Jim Ratcliff, Director of Facility Planning and Construction, provided an update on the bond program construction. Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services and CFO provided a financial update for the 2004 and 2006 bond programs. This was presented as informational only and no action was required.

**Lake Pointe Elementary Fence Construction Agreement** - Mr. Hart provided information on a new perimeter fence that the Lake Pointe HOA and area municipal utility districts are planning to construct around the Lake Pointe neighborhood. A portion of the fence is located on district property at Lake Pointe Elementary. The existing fence, which is made of wood and masonry, would be replaced with a new masonry fence/wall, and the district would be responsible for the maintenance of the new fence/wall.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson seconded by Trustee Tolles to authorize administration to negotiate and execute an agreement for the construction of the fence. Trustee Goff abstained from the vote. All other Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Robert Salgo, a Lake Pointe representative, was also present.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. First Reading: Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to
  - a. GKC (LOCAL) Community Relations Visitors to School
  - b. EHAB (LOCAL) Basic Instructional Program Required Instruction- Elementary (Repeal)
2. Second Reading: Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to
  - a. DCB (LOCAL) Employment Practices/Educator Term Contracts (Repeal)
3. Bond Technology Purchase
4. April 2008 Financials - Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, Balance Sheet, Summary of Tax Collections
5. Minutes - April 24, 2008 Board Meeting; April 28, 2008 Special Called Meeting; May 8, 2008 Board Workshop; May 12, 2008 Special Board Finance and Budget Meeting

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

Open Session adjourned at 8:42 p.m. and Closed Session resumed at 8:42 p.m.


Closed Session adjourned at 10:33 p.m. No action was taken based on discussion occurring in closed session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further action, the May 22, 2008, Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.



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Jim Cummings, President



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Jason Buddin, Secretary