

# **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 June 18, 2009, at the Educational Development Center, Live Oak Room, 607 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78734.

The items below do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were addressed at the meeting.

### **Call To Order**

President Susan Tolles called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

### **Quorum Determination**

Trustees Susan Tolles, Jason Buddin, Alan Williams, Guy Clayton, Mayo Davidson, Fred Goff, and Lisa Johnson were present.

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

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

### **Child Care Services Public Hearing**

The hearing began at 6:11 p.m. and Myra Pettit, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services, explained the requirements for the hearing.

There were no public comments during the hearing.

The Child Care Services Public Hearing concluded at 6:12 p.m.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Jim Ratcliff, Executive Director of Construction, Facilities and Support Services introduced Rhonda Davis as the new Director of Transportation. Mrs. Davis is moving to LTISD from Dickinson ISD. Mrs. Davis thanked Dr. Kirk and the Board for the opportunity to work at LTISD.

LTISD Board Members recognized Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, for his 20 years of service to the District.

### **Audience Comments**

Chris Wilson – *Lake Travis High School*

**Discussion and/or Action**

**Governance and Legal Services**

***Approximately .56-acre electric utility easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. located along the southwest and southeast boundaries of District property located on Bee Creek Road*** – Mr. Ratcliff provided an overview of the utility easement.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve approximately .56-acre electric utility easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

***Approximately .42-acre wastewater easement to Travis County Water Control & Improvement District No. 17, located along the southwest and southeast boundaries of District property housing Lake Travis Elementary School and the Educational Development Center*** - Mr. Ratcliff provided an overview of the wastewater easement. A discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Buddin, to approve the approximately .42-acre wastewater easement at Lake Travis Elementary as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

***Bond Program Update*** – Mr. Ratcliff provided an update on the bond program construction.

***2009-10 Budget Overview***– Mr. Hart provided an update on the proposed 2009-10 budget. There is a projected \$1.6 million shortfall and the administration is waiting on federal and state determinations related to the legislated teacher pay raise before the budget can be finalized. A discussion ensued and the final budget will be presented for Board approval at a later date.

***2009-10 New Staffing Positions*** – Dr. Diane Frost, Deputy Superintendent, presented additional staffing positions being requested for the 2009-2010 school year.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Goff, to approve the additional positions for the 2009-10 school year as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

***2008-09 Budget Amendments*** - Mr. Hart presented proposed amendments and justifications of those amendments for the 2008-09 budget. The amendments reflect economic activity related to the finances of the school district. A discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Goff, to approve 2008-09 Budget Amendments as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

**2004 and 2006 Bond Program Budget Amendments** – Mr. Hart presented proposed amendments and justifications of those amendments for the 2004 and 2006 bond program budgets. A discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Clayton, to approve the 2004 and 2006 bond program budget amendments as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

**Closed Session**

Trustees convened into closed session at 7:25 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. 1:08-CV-819-SS, in the United States District Court, Western District of 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.)

Closed session recessed at 8:28 p.m. and open session resumed at 8:29 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to Board Policies
  - a. CV (Local) Facilities Construction
  - b. GRB (Local) Relations with Governmental Entities: County Governmental Authorities
- 2. Engagement of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC
- 3. Resolution Amending Authorized TexPool Representatives
- 4. May 2009 Financials - Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, Balance Sheet, Summary of Tax Collections, Quarterly Investment Report
- 5. Minutes - May 19, 2009 Canvass of Board Election, May 21, 2009 Board Meeting, June 9, 2009 Board Workshop

Dr. Kirk pulled item D3 from the consent agenda for further discussion.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the consent agenda excluding item D3. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

A discussion ensued regarding consent agenda item D3 and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Buddin, to revise item D3 to include the signature of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, and Director of Budget and Accounting. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

***Potential Tax Rollback Election and Current and Future Debt Service Capacity –***

The Board heard presentations from the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, regarding the 2009-2010 projected budget and future fiscal year projection that could potentially necessitate a tax rollback election. In order to provide the Board with additional information related to the fiscal integrity and capacity of the district, the Board received information regarding preliminary projected future capital needs and the impact of such on the future I&S component of the budget.

The intent of both presentations (M&O and I&S) was to provide as much information as possible for the Board so that they have sufficient context for making future decisions, including the possibility of a two-cent tax rollback election, as early as November 2009.

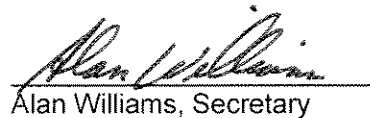
Open session recessed at 9:52 p.m. and closed session reconvened at 9:52 p.m.

Closed session adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further action, the June 18, 2009, Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

  
Susan Tolles, President

  
Alan Williams, Secretary