

Minutes of Board Workshop

The Board of Trustees Lake Travis Independent School District

A workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Travis Independent School District was held August 12, 2010, at the Educational Development Center, Live Oak Room, 607 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78734.

Call To Order

President Jason Buddin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Quorum Determination

Trustees Jason Buddin, Alan Williams, Lisa Johnson, Guy Clayton, Mayo Davidson, and Fred Goff were in attendance.

Business Financial and Auxiliary Services

Proposed Date for Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing – Johnny Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Financial Services, indicated that school districts must post meeting notices for adoption of their proposed budget and tax rates under Texas Education Code Section 44.004. A school district must publish one notice—*the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate*—in a local newspaper. According to Mr. Hill, the notice must appear in the newspaper no later than 10 days or earlier than 30 days before the date of the public meeting.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goff, to set the Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 26, 2010, at the Lake Travis Independent School District's Educational Development Center (EDC) located at 607 Ranch Road 620 North. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Target Tax Rate – Mr. Hill indicated that Truth-in-Taxation requires school districts to calculate two rates after receiving a certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser: the effective tax rate and the rollback tax rate. Mr. Hill stated the proposed tax rate for 2010-2011 is \$1.0400 for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.2759 for Debt Service, for a total proposed tax rate of \$1.3159 per \$100 of assessed property valuation. This item was for information-only purposes; no action was required.

2010-2011 Budget Update – Mr. Hill reviewed various budget information sheets for the proposed 2010-2011 budget in an effort to inform the Board of Trustees of the District’s most current projections. This item was for information-only purposes; no action was required.

Option 3 Agreement to Equalize District’s Wealth – Mr. Hill indicated the District is eligible for an Option 3 Agreement for the purchase of attendance credits, and the District must submit a signed Option 3 Agreement to the State Funding Division at the Texas Education Agency.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve an Option 3 Agreement to Equalize the District’s Wealth as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Proposals for 2010-2011 Employee Health Insurance – Mr. Hill indicated the District currently contracts with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas to provide medical and prescription benefits for its employees. In April 2010, the District was notified that its renewal rates for the 2010-2011 year would increase between 20-33 percent. As a result, the District chose to entertain Request for Proposals for a new health care provider. Lake Travis ISD received competitive proposals from Humana, United Healthcare and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas. According to Mr. Hill, the Administration is currently in the process of evaluating each of these plans and will have its finding available at the August 26 Board meeting. This item was for information-only purposes; no action was required.

Administrative & Legal Services

2010-2011 Student Code of Conduct – Susan Bohn, Deputy Superintendent and Legal Counsel, indicated that each year, the Lake Travis ISD Student Code of Conduct is reviewed by the Administration and revised if necessary. Prior to seeking Board Approval, the Administration submits the Code of Conduct to the District’s Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) for review and feedback. Discussion ensued.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Clayton, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the 2010-2011 Code of Conduct as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

2010-2011 Professional Development Appraisal System Calendar and Appraiser Roster – Ms. Bohn indicated that Board Policy DNA(LEGAL) requires the District to establish a calendar for teacher appraisals. Additionally, Ms. Bohn stated that Board Policy DNA(LOCAL) requires that a list of qualified appraisers who may appraise teachers shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the 2010-2011 Professional Development Appraisal System Calendar and Appraiser Roster as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Governance

Board Vision Statement

Trustees discussed a Board Vision Statement.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the Board Vision Statement as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Closed Session

Trustees convened into closed session at 7:51 p.m., as permitted by the Texas 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 552.107(1).
 - a. Meadows v. Lake Travis Independent School District, Docket No. 09-50850, In the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.
2. The Board will discuss and receive legal advice from its attorney on matters which should be confidential under the Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2).

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.)

Open Session

The Board of Trustees returned from Closed Session at 8:01 p.m.

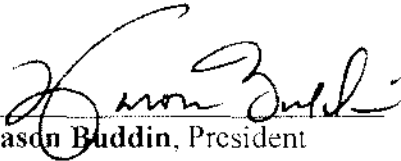
Upcoming Meetings


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

- August 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, EDC
- September 16, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Combined Board Workshop and Regular Board Meeting, EDC

Adjournment

There being no further action, the August 12, 2010 Board of Trustees' workshop adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Jason Buddin, President


Lisa Johnson, Secretary