

Minutes of Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lake Travis Independent School District

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Travis Independent School District was held August 27, 2007, 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 6:00 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 6:00 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 with and receive legal advice from its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including Case No. A-06-CA-046-SS and Case No. A-07-CA-626-SS, both in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

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.)

Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing began at 6:30 p.m.

Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing

Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Support Services, provided an administrative overview of the proposed budget and tax rate. Community members attending the hearing were given an opportunity to make comments regarding the proposed budget and tax rate. Audience comments were made by: Thomas Schrader of Lakeway.

The Proposed Tax Rate Hearing adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and regular session resumed at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Susan Tolles led the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was observed.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kirk asked the senior staff of the Administration to provide an update on the first day of school on behalf of their departments. Dr. Kirk thanked all departments for their hard work and preparations for the first day of school. Dr. Diane Frost, Deputy Superintendent confirmed the first day enrollment for the District as 5,816 students.

Trustee Goff thanked Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for opening the Bee Cave Parkway before the start of the new school year.

Audience Comments

Bob Weest – Multi-purpose facility at LTHS

Mike Hellrung – Thanks, 1st day of school from Paleface Ranch

Andrea Buckley - Travis County Sheriff Department - Bullying Prevention Program

Carrie Fortner – Travis County Sheriff Department - Bullying Prevention Program

President Cummings asked Dr. Kirk to follow up with Mr. Weest on the uses of the new multi-purpose facility.

Discussion and/or Action

Governance

Board Operating Procedures – President Cummings and Dr. Kirk provided the Board revisions to the current Board Operating Procedures. A discussion ensued and the Administration will present to the Board at a future meeting updated Board Operating Procedures and a Board brochure.

Delegate and Alternate for the 2007 TASB Delegate Assembly – Trustees were asked to appoint a delegate and alternate for the Texas Association of School Board's Delegate Assembly on September 29, 2007, in Dallas, Texas. A discussion ensued and the Board appointed Kim Nixon as Delegate and Fred Goff as Alternate. The Administration will look over the legislative agenda and provide direction to the TASB Delegate at the September 6th Board Workshop.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Buddin to approve Kim Nixon as the Delegate and Fred Goff as the Alternate for the 2007 TASB Delegate Assembly. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Engagement of Brackett & Ellis, P.C. – Susan Bohn, General Counsel provided information on an engagement with Brackett & Ellis, P.C. for an attorney who has been assisting the Administration with a matter and would like for the attorney to continue to represent the District.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Tolles to authorize engagement of the services of Brackett & Ellis, under the supervision of the Superintendent and/or the Board President. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Finance and Support Services

2007-08 Budget - Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Support Services, presented information on 2007-08 proposed budget. The proposed budget funds the District's programs and initiatives, provides a competitive salary adjustment for staff, a tax rate and tax bill reduction for the district's taxpayers, and a budgeted surplus for 2007-08.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Tolles to approve the 2007-08 Budget, as presented, to fund the new fiscal year. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

2007 Tax Rate to Fund 2007-08 School Year Budget – Mr. Hart presented the resolution for the 2007 tax rate. The tax rate will be set to levy a tax to help fund the operations and debt service of the school district for the 2007-08 school year.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Nixon, to approve the resolution authorizing a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$1.04/\$100 of Taxable Value, a Debt Service Tax Rate of \$.3185/\$100 of Taxable Value, for a Total Tax Rate of \$1.3585/\$100 of Taxable Value. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

2006-07 Budget Amendments - Mr. Hart presented proposed amendments and justifications of those amendments for the 2006-07 budget . The amendments reflect economic activity related to the finances of the school district.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson seconded by Trustee Goff, to approve 2006-07 Budget Amendments as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

2006 Bond Program Budget Amendments – Mr. Hart presented proposed amendments and justifications of those amendments for the 2006 bond program budget. The amendments reflect economic activity as it relates to the 2006 bond program.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Nixon seconded by Trustee Tolles, to approve 2006 Bond Program Budget Amendments as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Technology and Information Systems Services

Wide Area Network Project - Sean Casey, Assistant Superintendent of Technology and Information System Services presented information on the three phases for the wide area network project. Phase I comprises work at the main District campus connecting new and existing sites, and provides capacity for future growth. Phase II comprises work required to install infrastructure necessary to connect Serene Hills Elementary to the District network and provide capacity for connecting future sites. Phase III of the project will take place in the future, but will entail providing infrastructure necessary to connect the future transportation/warehouse facility to the District network.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Nixon seconded by Trustee Tolles, to authorize administration to execute contracts for Wide Area Network projects with Collier Services for Phase I work and Southern DataCom for Phase II work. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Consent Agenda

1. First Reading: Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to Local Policies:
 - a. DAA (LOCAL) Employment Objectives Equal Employment Opportunity
 - b. EEJA (LOCAL) Individualized Learning Credit by Examination With Prior Instruction
2. Second Reading: Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to Local Policies
 - a. GBAA (LOCAL) Requests for Information
 - b. FNA (LOCAL) Students Rights and Responsibilities Student Expression
3. 2007-08 Memorandum of Understanding for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program of Travis County
4. Professional Development and Appraisal System Appraisal Calendar and LTISD Certified Appraisal Roster
5. June and July 2007 Financials – Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Balance Sheet, and Summary of Tax Collections
6. Minutes – August 13, 2007 Board Meeting

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

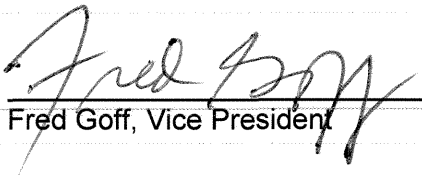
Upcoming Meetings

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

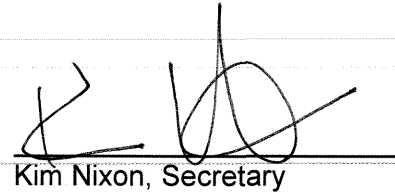
- August 30, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Special Called Meeting, EDC
- September 6, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC
- September 12, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Board/Superintendent Conference
- September 20, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, EDC
- October 4, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC
- October 25, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, EDC (New Date)
- November 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC (Cancelled)

Adjournment

There being no further action, the August 27, 2007, Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.



Fred Goff, Vice President



Kim Nixon, Secretary