

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

Call To Order

President Susan Tolles called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Quorum Determination

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

Closed Session

Trustees convened into closed session at 6:06 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 on matters which should be confidential under Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2).
2. 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

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 6:25 p.m. Open Session resumed at 6:28 p.m.

Child Care Services Public Hearing

The hearing began at 6:28 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 6:29 p.m.

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

Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing

Johnny Hill, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Financial 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. Comments were made by the following community members:

Robert Saldo – Lake Pointe Community Member

The Proposed Tax Rate Hearing adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The Board of Trustees took a short break.

Open session resumed at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Audience members and Boy Scouts Jason Easter and Clark Mannas led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Audience Comments

The following individuals addressed the trustees:

David Lovelace – Tax Rate

Taylor Fyfe – Tax Rate

Susan Jones – Teachers working without coverage

Matt Womack - Rollback Tax

Discussion and/or Action

Finance and Support Services

2008-09 Budget Amendments - Mr. Hill 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 MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve 2008-09 Budget Amendments as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0).

Issuance of the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 – Mr. Hill introduced Dusty Traylor with RBC Capital Markets. Mr. Traylor provided information on restructuring the District's approximately \$3.1 million in older bond obligations. Doing so positions the District to take advantage of favorable low interest rates, while building debt service capacity for future years.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Davidson, to approve an order to authorize the issuance of the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 as presented:

Consideration and approval of an order by the Board of Trustees of the Lake Travis Independent School District authorizing the issuance of "Lake Travis Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2009"; Levying a continuing direct annual AD Valorem Tax for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance sale, and delivery of the Bonds; including the approval and distribution of an official statement

pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrars agreement, an escrow and trust agreement, and a purchase contract; complying with the letter of representations with the depository trust company; and providing an effective date.
All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0).

Instructional Staffing Requests- Dr. Frost, Deputy Superintendent, provided information on the enrollment numbers across the District for the first week of school. The District has used 4.5 of the 6 contingency positions approved in June, 2009 to meet enrollment needs and the special needs of particular students. The administration is seeking an additional 3 contingency positions, of which 1.5 positions will be used to meet current needs and the other 1.5 will be used for future growth. A discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Clayton, to approve the 3 FTE contingency positions as requested by the administration. All Trustees present voted in favor (7-0).

2009-10 Proposed Budget – Mr. Hill provided information on the 2009-10 proposed budget. The proposed budget funds the District's programs and initiatives, provides a competitive salary adjustment for staff, includes an additional 2 cents of unrecaptured taxes (the tax rate to be put before the voters in November) and provides for a projected ending fund balance of \$21.1 million.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the 2009-10 Budget, as presented by the administration, to fund the new fiscal year. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

2009 Tax Rate to Fund 2009-10 School Year Budget – Mr. Hill presented the resolution for the 2009 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 2009-10 school year.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Goff, to approve the resolution to adopt the 2009 Tax Rate at \$1.3359/\$100 taxable value. This reflects \$1.06 Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate and \$0.2759 Interest & Sinking Tax Rate. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

FOR

Susan Tolles
Jason Buddin
Alan Williams
Guy Clayton
Mayo Davidson
Fred Goff
Lisa Johnson

AGAINST

None

Order Calling November 3, 2009 Tax Ratification Election- Mr. Hill presented the order for calling the Tax Ratification Election as the school board has adopted a tax rate that exceeds the District's rollback tax rate, the District must hold an election for voter approval

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the November 3, 2009 Order Tax Ratification Election for. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Voting Locations for November 3, 2009 Tax Ratification Election- Mr. Hill stated he has not received the information from Travis County on the November 3rd voting locations. This item will be placed on the September 8th Board meeting agenda.

Bond Program Update – Jim Ratcliff, Senior Director Facilities, Construction and Support Services provided an update on the bond program construction. The 2004 Bond program should be closed out in the next few months.

Prevailing Wage Rate Adoption - Construction Trade Workers- Mr. Ratcliff provided information on the Texas Government Code which requires political subdivisions of the state to adopt the prevailing wage rate when awarding contracts for public work. The wage rate adoption is required every three years.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the administration's recommendation to adopt of the Texas Workforce Commission wage rate survey data dated August 11, 2009 for construction trade workers in the Austin-Round Rock, Texas Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Authorization to negotiate and execute agreement with Fields and Associates Architects for Architectural Consulting Services- Mr. Ratcliff provided an overview of future bond needs and the planning of those new facilities. The services of an architectural consultant are needed by the administration to assist in the scope development for these potential projects.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Davidson, to authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate a contract for architectural consulting services for scope development for the next district bond program with Fields and Associates Architects. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Electric distribution utility easement to Austin Energy- Mr. Ratcliff provided information on the 479 square foot electric distribution utility easement to Austin Energy on property owned by the District. The property is located on Highway 71. The purpose of the easement is so that Austin Energy may bring electric distribution and telecommunications lines and systems to the tract and surrounding parcels.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Clayton, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the grant of the easement to Austin Energy. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Governance & Legal Services

Delegate and Alternate for the 2007 TASB Delegate Assembly – Trustees were asked to appoint a delegate and alternate for the Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly on October 2, 2009, in Houston, Texas. A discussion ensued and the Board appointed Trustee Tolles as Delegate and Trustee Davidson as Alternate.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve Trustee Tolles as the Delegate and Trustee Davidson as the Alternate for the 2009 TASB Delegate Assembly. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Region XIII, Position C, Board of Directors – Board members reviewed the materials provided to them on the two candidates running for Position C. A discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Williams, to endorse Vernagene Mott to fill the vacant position on TASB Board of Directors, Region XIII, Position C. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Administration and Accountability

Back to School Update - Dr. Frost provided an overview of the first day of school and confirmed the current enrollment for the District at 6,506 students. Myra Pettit, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on summer staff development. Sean Casey, Assistant Superintendent of Technology and Information System Services, provided an update on the District's technology upgrades. Dr. Kirk thanked Marco Alvarado, Director of Communications for his efforts and participation at the employee convocation.

H1N1 Update – Dr. Frost provided an overview of the prevention plan the District is currently working on and an action plan should an outbreak occur in the District or the Lake Travis area. The administration's goal is to decrease the exposure to the seasonal flu and H1N1, while limiting the disruption to learning. The District is working to stay informed of information disseminated from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services, and the local health departments to monitor and control flu conditions.

Curriculum and Instructional Services

School Health Advisory Committee Report- Myra Pettit, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services, presented the recommendations to the local school health advisory council report. Ms. Pettit also provided the recommended changes to the LTISD comprehensive health plan for 2009-10.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Goff, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the Student Health Advisory Committee Report as presented. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

Consent Agenda

1. Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to Board Policies
 - a. BQA (Local) Planning and Decision-Making process: District Level
 - b. BQB (Local) Planning and Decision-Making process: Campus Level

- c. CNB (Local) Transportation Management: District Level
 - d. CQ (Local) Electronic Communication and Data Management
 - e. DEC (Local) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences
 - f. DPB (Local) Personnel Positions: Substitute, Temporary, and Part Time Positions
 - g. EIE (Local) Academic Achievement: Retention and Promotion
 - h. EIF (Local) Academic Achievement: Graduation
 - i. FL (Local) Student Records
 - J. GKD (Local) Community Relations: Non School Use of School Facilities
 - k. GRA (Local) Relations with Governmental Entities: Local Governmental Authorities
2. Professional Development and Appraisal System Appraisal Calendar and LTISD Certified Appraiser Roster
 3. Day School Program for the Deaf – Shared Services Agreement
 4. Physical Education Waivers
 5. Technology Purchase
 6. June and July 2009 Financials - Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, Balance Sheet, Summary of Tax Collections Report
 7. Minutes - June 16, 2009, Board/Superintendent Conference, June 18, 2009 Board Meeting, August 6, 2009 Board Workshop

Trustee Davidson asked to pull items 1C, 1F and item 5 from the consent agenda. Trustee Goff asked to pull item 1B from the consent agenda.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Buddin, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items 1B, 1C, 1F, and 5. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

A discussion ensued regarding consent item 1B and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve item 1B from the consent agenda BQB (Local). Motion carried (6-1). Trustee Goff opposed the motion.

A discussion ensued regarding item 1C and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve item 1C, CNB (local) from the consent agenda. All Trustees voted in favor (7-0).

A discussion ensued regarding item 1F and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Buddin, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve item 1F, DBP (local) from the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-1). Trustee Goff opposed the motion.

A discussion ensued regarding item 5-Technology Purchase. The administration provided the necessary information to the Trustees and this item was for information only and Board approval was not needed.

Upcoming Meetings

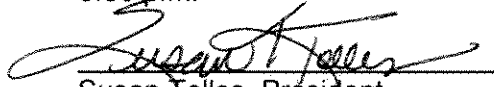
President Tolles announced the following future meetings of the LTISD Board of Trustees:

- September 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, EDC

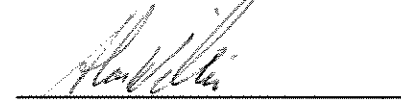
- September 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Board/Superintendent Conference, EDC
- October 8, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC
- October 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting, EDC

Adjournment

There being no further action, the August 27, 2009, Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Susan Tolles, President



Alan Williams, Secretary