

Minutes of Regular 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 December 13, 2007, at the Educational Development Center, Live Oak Room, 607 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78738.

Call To Order

President Jim Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Quorum Determination

Trustees Jim Cummings, Kim Nixon, Jason Buddin, Mayo Davidson, Susan Tolles and Alan Williams were present. Fred Goff was not in attendance.

Closed Session

A. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

1. The Board will discuss and receive legal advice from its attorneys regarding pending litigation, Case No. A-06-CA-046-SS (Consolidated with Case No. A-07-CA-626-SS) in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, and Lake Travis Independent School District vs. David and Melissa Lovelace, in the Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, at Austin, and 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 adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and Open Session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Severance. A moment of silence was observed.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Student Group – Lakeway Elementary Discovery Program provided an overview of the science experiment they presented at the Texas Association for Gifted and Talented annual convention in Houston last month.

Students in attendance were: Hunter Heath, Tate Searle, Steven Severance, Meghana Gaur, Annie Nagel, Clare Ghilarducci, Ashley Naveira. Also in attendance were Tom Seabolt and Principal Sam Hicks.

Recognition of Mr. Art Cory, Chief Appraiser of the Travis County Appraisal District and introduction of Mr. Patrick Brown - Bob Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services and Chief Financial Officer, recognized Mr. Art Cory, former Chief Appraiser of the Travis County Appraisal District, and thanked him for his consistent support through the years. Mr. Hart stated all of Mr. Cory's efforts as the district's legislative liaison through appeals and audits that resulted in significant financial savings to LTISD.

Mr. Hart introduced and welcomed Mr. Patrick Brown, the new Chief Appraiser, Travis County Appraisal District.

Trustee Cummings read Resolution No. 121307-01 recognizing Mr. Cory.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Tolles to adopt Resolution No. 121307-01 *RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR MR. ART CORY, CHIEF APPRIASER, TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT*. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Audience Comments

There were no public comments.

Discussion and/or Action

Governance and Legal Services

Board Training – Board President Jim Cummings asked the Board Secretary to have the minutes reflect that each LTISD Trustee has met all required training as of December 13, 2007.

Resolution authorizing administration to execute all documents necessary to finalize the acquisition through donation of approximately 12.75 acres of land in the H. Reimers Survey No. 68, Abstract 2500, in Travis County, Texas. Said 12.75 acre tract being a portion of a called 343.80 acre tract of land described in a deed to Cypress Ranch, LTD., as recorded in document no. 2002048694 of the official public records of Travis County, Texas

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tolles, seconded by Trustee Buddin to adopt Resolution No. 121307-04 - *A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE TRAVIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINDING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY TO LOCATE REAL PROPERTY TO CONSTRUCT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE*. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Resolution authorizing administration to close on the purchase of approximately 43.2085 acres of that certain tract or parcel of land out of the H. Reimers Survey No. 38, Abstract No. 2498 and the J.B. Sharpless Survey No. 35 in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 22.11 acre tract of land as conveyed to John Craig Hert by instrument recorded in document no. 2007157111 of the official public records of Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of that certain 45.010 acre tract of land as conveyed to John Craig Hert by instrument recorded in document no. 2000096670 of the official public records of Travis County, Texas

A MOTION was made by Trustee Nixon, seconded by Trustee Tolles to adopt Resolution No. 121307-03 - *A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE TRAVIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINDING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY TO LOCATE REAL PROPERTY TO CONSTRUCT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE*. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Dr. Kirk thanked Bob Hart, Jim Ratcliff and Susan Bohn for all of their hard work on these real estate transactions.

Agreement for The Lake Travis Youth Association's use of a portion of the Hudson Bend Middle School site for sports activities-

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Tolles to authorize the administration to execute the Use Agreement between Lake Travis ISD and Lake Travis Youth Association as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Administrative Services

District Report on MRSA - Dr. Diane Frost, Deputy Superintendent, provided an update on the districts continued efforts to ensure the campuses are properly disinfected in order to help prevent the spread of the MRSA virus.

Director of Purchasing Position- Dr. Kirk provided an overview of the proposed Director of Purchasing position requested by the administration. The new position would replace the Purchasing Clerk position that is currently vacant. A director level position will be required with the opening of the warehouse facility in the near future.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Nixon, seconded by Trustee Tolles to approve replacing the Purchasing Clerk position with the Director of Purchasing position. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Curriculum and instructional Services

Lake Travis Scholars Program - Myra Pettit, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services presented three recommendations for the Lake Travis Scholars Program as developed in the committee meeting on November 7th, 2007. The committee consisted of one parent, five students, four teachers, one counselor, and three administrators.

Trustee Cummings made the following statement: It is my understanding that, in approving and supporting Lake Travis Scholars, the Board believes that it is a very valuable program for the District, in that it assists in helping the District accomplish its public purpose of producing young adults who are educated at the highest level, well-rounded, and committed to serving their communities.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Buddin, I move that the Board approve the recommended changes to the requirements for the students participating in the Lake Travis Scholars Program. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Finance and Support Services

2006-07 Audit Report- Mr. Hart introduced Sharon Smith, Lead Auditor and Heather Bendes, Associate Auditor with Maxwell, Locke & Ritter, LLP. The auditors presented the 2006-07 audit report to the Board of Trustees.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Nixon to move that the Board approve the audit report as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Bond Program Update - Jim Ratcliff, Director of Facility Planning and Construction, provided an update on the bond program construction. Mr. Hart provided the financial update to the 2004 and 2006 bond programs.

2004 and 2006 Bond Program Budget Amendments- Mr. Hart presented the proposed bond program budget amendments. The amendments increase the estimated interest revenue and establish an off-setting appropriation for future liabilities based on interest earnings subject to arbitrage. The amendments reflect an accounting transaction and do not effect the overall financial position of the bond program.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tolles, seconded by Trustee Davidson to approve the 2004 and 2006 Bond Program Budget Amendments as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

Consent Agenda

1. Second Reading: Revisions, Deletions, and/or Additions to Local Policies:
 - a. CW (LOCAL) New Facilities
2. Physical Education Provider List
3. Resolution Approving Investment Policy CDA Legal and Local
4. Minutes - November 15, 2007 Board Meeting

A MOTION was made by Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Nixon, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All Trustees present voted in favor (6-0).

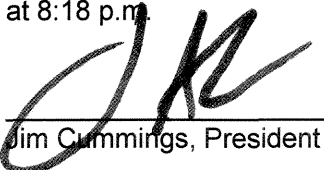
Upcoming Meetings

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

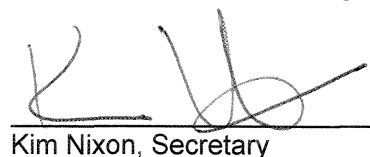
- January 10, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC
- January 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, EDC
- February 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Board Workshop, EDC

Adjournment

There being no further action, the December 13, 2007, Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Jim Cummings, President



Kim Nixon, Secretary