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Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 6:30p.m.

- I. Called to Order 6:45p.m.
- II. Roll call was taken. Mr. Sevier and Mr. Corte were present. Mrs. Wallace was in route but on speaker phone, Mr. Donaldson and Mrs. Valdivia was not present. The meeting continued to receive reports from ILTexas staff with only two members present but with no action to be taken until an additional board member was present to make a quorum. Mr. Sevier was assigned as the Acting Secretary of the meeting to take notes for the minutes by the Board President.
- III. General/Public Comment none was provided
- IV. CEO/Superintendent Report: Eddie Conger- reported that all District operations were being conducted as planned and with great outcomes. He reported on the enrollment increase to 2572. He also reported that December 24th FSP payment would be \$19,391.343 which would be an increase of \$840,455. While this is good news the original budget projected an enrollment that would be higher and that in the CFO would report on actions to adjust the budget in needed after the first of the year. In November Mr. Conger, Mr. McCreight, Mrs. Carrasco, and Ms. Qualls attended the Texas Charter School Association in Ft. Worth where there was great training on governance, finance, and academics. Thirteen principals from Lewisville tour the Garland ILTexas campus to learn more about ILTexas. They had a great visit. Mr. Coger reported that Safety and Academics were the two top priorities.



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Budgeting for 2014-2015 process had begun but it was reported that additional \$500,000 would be needed for January to September 2014 for start funds for the Keller Campus. Recruiting for 2014-2015 began on Monday, Dec. 16th and had 75 applications for 144 kindergarten seats in Garland and 50 applications in Arlington with the first 48 hours of the website being up. Mr. Conger reported on his trip to China where he visited two additional high schools and one private school. He also reported that SOGOAL has committed to contributing \$20,000 to be used for scholarships for our high school students to travel this summer to study in China. A trip is being planned for return to China in February for final coordination with parents of Chinese students who are applying to ILTexas. Lastly, Mr. Conger reported the new construction that AES/MS was underway, GHA final construction meeting would take place on January 2nd. Keller K-8 construction would begin in January. All construction of these facilities have a delivery date of July 15th, 2014.

A. CFO Report, Jerry McCeight. Reported the income statement and balance sheet rollup for the period for 11/01/2013 to 11/30/2013. He also reported the increase in the FSP but stated like Mr. Conger that the original enrollment estimate was higher that current enrollment would create a shortfall in future FSP payments and the 2013 – 2014 budget would have to be adjusted. He reported that next month we would be able to report on any proposed budget adjustments.



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- B. COO Report, Chris Florance not verbal report was given. However a written report was submitted to the board members in their packets.
- C. Chief Academic Officer Report, Dr. Laura Carrasco Reported on the Texas Spain Initiative that would involve a visiting teacher program and development in other education programs that involve American students and teachers that would promote teaching Spanish as second language including a better understanding of the Spanish language and culture. For the 2013 – 2014 school year, we hope to participate in the Texas Visiting Teacher Program. Mrs. Carrasco reported that ILTexas participated in the first TCSAAL academic event last week, the middle school regional spelling bee contest. As result, three of the 6th graders from ILTexas Garland MS have advanced to the state competition which will be held in January. Additionally ILTexas was hosting the Regional Chess Tournament at the very moment of the Board Meeting in the Gym of the Garland ES/MS campus. She reported ILTexas will host a Chinese New Year celebration on Saturday, February 1st. It will be hosted at both Arlington and Garland campus. Lastly Dr. Carrasco reported on Project Share, this a state funded program that provides an online environment where educators collaborate with one another, share best practices and instructional resources, have access to learning application, professional development, and e-portfolios for each of



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our new students. It was reported that ILTexas was researching the implementation of Project Share and would have more to report in January.

- D. Special Education Report, Deborah Vyborny. The SPED enrollment of 124 of 2566 students was reported that represents 4.8%. The all district SPED personal was reported that all position were filled. Additionally testing will determine future needs for requesting additional days.
- E. Foundation Development Report, Katie Qualls. The Community outreach was reported along with meeting from Community Leaders. SEVIS /SEVP application update was reported. Ms. Qualls reported on Marketing and Recruitment, the implementation of the new website, a communications plan, and that a story was being planned by KERA on ILTexas in the latter part of December. A report was given on the Keller outreach and recruitment.
- F. Athletic Director Report, Tomas Sanchez. It was reported that the Garland HS 9 -10 Girls Volleyball team were the 2013-2014 TCAALS State Champions. Members of the team were present for a presentation of the trophy to the Board of Directors. A quick recess was called by the President to allow pictures to be taken with the team and board members.
- G. Director of Testing & Technology, Joyce Wheeler. A written report was provided.
- H. Principals' Report:



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- 1. High School Garland Nadia Ayala, Principal (Written)
- 2. Middle School Myrna Apodaca, Principal (Written)
- 3. Elementary Garland Angela Marcellus, Principal (Written)
- 4. Middle School Arlington Constance Jawaid, Principal (Written)
- 5. Elementary Arlington Elizabeth Lawlor, Principal (Written)

V. Discussion Items:

- A. Enrollment
- B. Budget impact on Enrollment
- VI. Executive Session: Board Member Connie Wallace was present and a quorum was present for the executive session at 8:05pm
 - A. Discuss Personnel Hiring, Termination and Resignations
 - B. Discuss Real Estate

VII. Action Items:

- A. Discuss/Act on hiring of new personal, termination, and resignations. 1^{st} and 2^{nd} motions were made and accepted, vote was taken, approved 3 ayes and no nays.
- B. Discuss/Act on approval of Special Education Policy, 1st and 2nd motions were made and accepted, vote was taken, approved 3 ayes and no nays.
- C. Discuss/Act on approving the Superintendent seeking an additional \$500,000 loan to support district expansion in Keller, Texas for a K-8 campus for the 2014-2015 school year. A resolution was provided to



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approve this action. Motions were made and accepted, vote was taken 3 ayes and no nays.

VIII. Adjourn 9:05 p.m.