

**LAMAR CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
BRAZOS CROSSING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
3911 AVENUE I
ROSENBERG, TEXAS 77471
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum
2. Opening of meeting
3. Public Comment
4. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. **Goal: Planning**
 1. Budget Update
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 - b. Consider approval of date for public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate 4
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5. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: (Time _____)
 1. Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
 - a. Approval of personnel recommendations for employment of professional personnel
 - b. Employment of professional personnel (Information)
 - c. Employee resignations and retirements (Information)
 2. Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
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 3. Section 551.071 - To meet with the District's attorney to discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including the grievance/complaint hearing.
 - a. Any item listed on the agenda
 - b. Discuss pending, threatened, or potential litigation, including school finance litigation

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION
Action on Closed Session Items

ADJOURNMENT: (Time _____)

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to an item noticed in this meeting, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour or place given in this notice or as soon after the

commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071-551.084, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Section 551.073 - For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.

Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Section 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.

Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

Section 551.083 - For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.

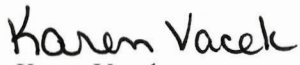
Section 551.0821 – For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation.

Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed session, then such final action, final decision or final vote shall be at either:

- a. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- b. at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board may determine.

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

On this 2nd day of August 2021 at 4:00 p.m., this notice was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public in the central administrative offices of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, 3911 Avenue I, Rosenberg, Texas 77471, and in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times.


Karen Vacek
Secretary to Superintendent

BUDGET UPDATE

Jill Ludwig and Yvonne Dawson will provide the Board details regarding the 2021 – 2022 budget.

Resource Persons: Jill Ludwig, CPA, RTSBA, Chief Financial Officer
Yvonne Dawson, RTSBA, Director of Budget and Treasury

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING TO
DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve August 19, 2021 as the date for the public meeting to discuss budget and the proposed tax rate.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

After the board agrees upon the proposed tax rate and publishes the notice, the board must call the required public meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate. At least 10, but no more than 30 days before the public meeting, the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate must be published in strict accordance with the requirements of Texas Education Code Section 44.004. The budget must be approved by law prior to September 1.

Submitted by: Jill Ludwig, CPA, RTSBA, Chief Financial Officer
Yvonne Dawson, RTSBA, Director of Budget and Treasury

Recommended for approval:



Dr. Roosevelt Nivens
Superintendent

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TAX RATE THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN THE NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the tax rate to be published in the newspaper in the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

M&O: \$ _____
I&S: \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

The two-part tax rate and additional information will be presented at the meeting during the Budget Update. The Maintenance and Operations rate will be proposed separately from the Interest and Sinking rate.

Submitted by: Jill Ludwig, CPA, RTSBA, Chief Financial Officer
 Yvonne Dawson, RTSBA, Director of Budget and Treasury

Recommended for approval:



Dr. Roosevelt Nivens
Superintendent

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2021-2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOL

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

As part of continuous planning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Trustees will review of the Lamar CISD COVID-19 protocol.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Lamar CISD continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19, while receiving regular updates and guidance from local, state and federal agencies. With so much uncertainty, the District wants to ensure our parents have educational options for their children while also meeting the requirements from the Texas Education Agency.

Lamar CISD staff will provide an update and answer any questions.

Parent Letter – 2021-2022 Lamar CISD COVID-19 Protocols

Lamar CISD Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, Lamar CISD looks forward to welcoming all of our students back to campus.

The District is committed to creating a safe learning environment for our students and staff, and we continue to work in partnership with local and state health officials to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

To ensure safe in-person learning experiences, the following COVID-19 protocols will be in place in District facilities for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Face coverings in schools are optional. Parents are best equipped to decide whether or not their child should wear a mask.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day and staff will be required to self-screen before reporting to work.
- The District will continue to disinfect facilities and high-touch areas on a daily basis.
- Plexiglass dividers will be available upon request from the parent. Information regarding feedback from teachers about the cleanliness, durability and spacing will be shared with the parents at the time of the request, for full disclosure.
- If the County's COVID-19 Risk Level is at Red, all District campuses will screen visitors during the school day and campuses will utilize virtual meetings and electronic communication options when necessary.
- Any individuals with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive test may return to school or work when the following criteria are met:
 - o At least two days (48 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and
 - o The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

Due to lack of student interest and funding from the recent Texas Legislative Session, Lamar CISD will not provide a virtual learning option for students during the 2021-2022 school year. However, the District will continue to serve our immunocompromised students on a case-by-case basis through homebound services or the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) Online Schools program.

You can find more details on our 2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocols [here](#). Please note that these protocols may change with Board approval, based on local, state and CDC guidance. Please continue to check our District website for the most up-to-date information.

As always, we thank you for your continued flexibility and support as we work to keep the Lamar CISD community safe.

2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocols – WEBSITE

****NOTE: The outlined protocols are subject to change based on local, state and CDC guidance, as well as environmental changes. Please continue to check back for the most up-to-date information.***

Overview

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, Lamar CISD looks forward to welcoming all of our students back to campus. The District continues to work in partnership with local and state health officials to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Lamar CISD is committed to creating a safe learning environment for our students and staff. To ensure safe in-person learning experiences this year, the following COVID-19 protocols will be in place in District facilities for the 2021-2022 school year.

Virtual Instruction

Due to lack of student interest and funding from the recent Texas Legislative Session, Lamar CISD will not provide a virtual learning option for students during the 2021-2022 school year.

However, the District will continue to serve our immunocompromised students on a case-by-case basis through homebound services or the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) Online Schools program. Students who may qualify for the District's homebound services should contact the Special Education Department at 832-223-0468.

Lamar CISD staff who would like to request an accommodation should contact the Human Resources Department.

Disease Mitigation Protocols

Face Covering Protocols

Face coverings are optional. Parents are best equipped to decide the whether or not their child should wear a mask.

The District will support any student or staff member who chooses to wear a face covering.

Lamar CISD staff can contact the Support Services Department to request face coverings and other PPE.

Screening Protocols

Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day.

Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.

Plexiglass dividers will be available upon request from the parent/guardian. Information regarding feedback from teachers about the cleanliness, durability and spacing will be shared with the parents at the time of the request, for full disclosure.

Handwashing & Sanitizing

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in office areas, in the cafeteria, outside of the nurse's clinic and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- Students should wash their hands thoroughly after recess/outdoors, before and after eating, following restroom breaks, and before and after using shared supplies (i.e. technology, band instruments).

Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Each District facility will be cleaned and disinfected daily, including high-touch surfaces.
- The cafeteria tables will be cleaned between lunch periods.
- Staff will Emist District facilities on a monthly basis.

Positive Cases on Campus

Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 must inform their principal/supervisor of the positive case. While Lamar CISD will not be conducting contact tracing during the 2021-2022 school year, per TEA directives, the District must continue to report positive cases to TEA and Fort Bend County.

Isolation Protocols

- Any individuals with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive test may return to school or work when the following criteria are met:
 - o At least two days (48 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and
 - o The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

Exposure and Quarantine

- Lamar CISD will not be conducting contact tracing or quarantining individuals during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Compulsory attendance still applies for students. Any student placed in quarantine by an outside entity (physician, County, etc.) will need to provide medical documentation to the campus for the absences to be excused.

COVID-19 Notifications

Lamar CISD will notify staff and parents via a daily email if there is a confirmed positive COVID-19 case on their campus.

Protocols for Campus Visitors

If the County's COVID-19 Risk Level is at Red, all District campuses and facilities will screen visitors during the school day and staff will utilize virtual meetings and electronic communication options when necessary. *(This includes parents, first day of school visitors, etc.)*

Afterschool groups, parent organizations and other visitors can visit our campuses before/after school hours and during student holidays. Parents who wish to have lunch with their student(s) will sit in a designated area, as determined by the campus.

ARD, 504 and LPAC meetings can be held virtually or in-person at the request of the parent/guardian. Campuses should designate an area near the front of the building for these meetings.

Campus Operations

Many campus operations will return to normal for the 2021-2022 school year. Campuses will no longer have directional hallways, and class transitions and arrival/dismissal procedures can return to normal.

Campuses can plan afterschool events such as dances and proms and attend in-person field trips and student competitions. Staff can attend in-person professional development as necessary.

Transportation

Buses will be regularly cleaned, focusing on high-touch areas such as bus seats, steering wheels and door handles.

Athletics and Fine Arts

At this time, all athletics and fine arts activities will continue as normal and gym/stadium/auditorium capacity is 100 percent. We will continue to work with TEA and UIL and make updates to these protocols as necessary, with Board approval.

Breakfast/Lunch

- All students will continue to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost during the 2021-2022 school year due to USDA waivers.
- Elementary/middle school lunches will be served on washable lunch trays. Secondary meals will continue to use disposable lunch trays.
- All meals will be served using the "Offer vs. Serve" method as opposed to the straight serve method where all meal components are placed on trays.
- Elementary breakfast will continue to be served as grab-and-go style.
- Lunches will no longer be prepackaged, and milk boxes will be utilized during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Keypads will be reinstated at all cash registers.
- Cash/checks will be accepted for student lunch accounts and a la carte items, however, change will not be given, and the excess amount will be placed in the student's meal account.
- The sale of a la carte items will start on the first day of school for all secondary campuses and the first week of September for elementary campuses.
- Child Nutrition staff will sanitize serving lines between each lunch and can provide sanitizing solution and gloves upon request to clean cafeteria tables.

Sanitization Procedures for Shared Technology Devices

- Students will need to share technology equipment or bring their own devices for on-campus instruction.
- Students are expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after using a shared technology device.
- Students retrieving or returning laptops or iPads will need to follow the procedures below:
 - o Students should wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to retrieving a shared device.
 - o Students should retrieve ONLY their device.
 - o When the student is done working, the student should return only their shared device to the proper location.