WILLIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AGENDA/NOTICE OF MEETING

SHARON HILL JENNETTE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

WILLIS ISD BOARDROOM 612 N. CAMPBELL STREET WILLIS, TEXAS 77378

POSTED: August 4, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Willis Independent School District will meet in a <u>Regular Board Meeting</u> on <u>August 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.</u> at the Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building in the Willis ISD Boardroom, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis, Texas, and the business to be conducted is listed below.

AGENDA

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting of the Board is required, then such closed or executive meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et. Seq., will be held by the Board of Trustees at the date, hour and place indicated in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the Board of Trustees may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all purposes: Tex. Govt. Code 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084 and 551.129.

Should any final action, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the Board of Trustees with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, decision or vote shall be either in open meeting, or at a subsequent public meeting upon notice thereof, as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER announcement by the Board President as to the presence of a quorum, and that notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ITEM
 - A. Discuss, Consider and Take Action to Adopt a Resolution to Approve a Contingency Fee Engagement Letter with Leon Alcala, PLLC to Serve as Bond Counsel
- IV. *CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of considering matters for which closed sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections (Tex. Govt. Code 551.071-.084 and .129):
 - A. Discuss Teacher Resignations and Employee Appointments. Tex. Gov't Code 551.074.
 - B. Trustees may convene in closed session to (1) discuss the value of and legal issues and options related to the possible sale, lease, or other disposition and use of real property; and (2) receive legal advice the regarding the City's request for the conveyance of a Buffer Zone Easement consisting of 2.7078 acres out of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 56.537 acres conveyed and recorded under Clerk's File No. 2009-075919 of the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas, which 2.7078 acres is out of and part of the F.K. Henderson Survey, Abstract Number 248, Montgomery County, Texas. Texas Government Code §§551.071, 551.072, and 551.129.
 - C. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.129, Attorney Consultation Regarding Legal Issues Related to Potential Bond Election
- V. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION for consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Closed Session.
 - A. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Conveyance of a Buffer Zone Easement Consisting of 2.7078 Acres Out of that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing 56.537 Acres Conveyed and Recorded under Clerk's File No. 2009-075919 of the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas, which 2.7078 Acres is Out of and Part of the F.K. Henderson Survey, Abstract Number 248, Montgomery County, Texas, to the City of Willis
- VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

VIII. STANDING INFORMATIONAL AND AD HOC REPORTS & ITEMS

- A. Willis ISD Education Foundation Presentation
- B. 2023-2024 Student Handbook
- C. 2022-2023 Willis ISD MAP Assessment Report
- D. Safety Performance
- E. Financial / Bill Payment
- F. Bond Summary

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and Consider Approval of Professional Development Provided by Solution Tree in Excess of \$50,000 for Lynn Lucas Middle School
- B. Discuss and Consider Approval of Products and Services Provided by NWEA in Excess of \$50,000
- C. Discuss and Consider Approval of Products and Services Provided by Edmentum in Excess of \$50,000
- D. Discuss and Consider Approval of Products and Services Provided by Elevate K-12 in Excess of \$50,000
- E. Discuss and Consider Approval of School Lunch Prices for 2023-2024
- F. Discuss and Consider Approval of Lynn Lucas Middle School Fire Alarm System Wiring Upgrade
- G. Discuss and Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Willis ISD Student Code of Conduct
- H. Discuss and Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Willis ISD and the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Discuss and Consider Approval of the Montgomery County 4-H Organization Resolution, Adjunct Faculty Appointment for ISD's Who Approve More Than One Year and the Continuance of Existing Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization
- Discuss and Consider Approval of Final Child Nutrition Fund Budget Amendments for 2022-2023 Budget Year
- K. Discuss and Consider Approval of Final General Fund Budget Amendments for 2022-2023
- L. Discuss and Consider Approval of Final Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment for 2022-2023
- M. Discuss and Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Salary Scales, Pay Ranges and Stipends
- N. Discuss and Consider Approval of Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent
- O. Discuss and Consider Resolution Establishing a One-Time Retention Incentive Payment for District Personnel - December 2023
- P. Discuss and Consider Possible Action to Approve the Expenditure for One-Time Additional Compensation for School Resource Officers

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XII. FUTURE BUSINESS/MEETINGS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

*Adjourn to Closed Session

**Reconvene in Open Session

Posting Information

Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building Place:

Date: August 4, 2023 4:00 p.m

Time:

President, Board of Trustees

Willis Independent School District August 9, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code, the Willis Independent School District (the "Issuer") hereby gives public notice of its intent to enter into a contingent fee contract for legal services at its duly called meeting to be held on August 9, 2023 at 5:30pm at Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis, TX 77378.

- 1. The governing board of the Issuer intends to engage the law firm of Leon Alcala, PLLC to provide the Issuer with legal services pertaining to the Issuer's issuance of securities on the public or private market.
- 2. Accessing the public or private markets through the issuance of securities is governed by State and Federal laws and requires the advice of legal advisors that are knowledgeable and experienced in public finance legal matters, including the issuance of securities.
- 3. Leon Alcala, PLLC has demonstrated to the Issuer their competence, qualifications, and experience as an industry leader in this area of the law.
- 4. Engaging an attorney in private practice who has meaningful experience in public finance matters pursuant to an hourly fee arrangement would likely result in higher fees to be paid by the Issuer, and such fees incurred would be payable by the Issuer from the Issuer's general fund, whether or not the securities are issued.
- 5. Fees for legal services associated with the issuance of municipal securities, including those of bond counsel such legal services have traditionally been paid pursuant to a contingent fee arrangement, where such fees become payable only upon the successful issuance of the securities and are payable solely out of the proceeds of the securities.
- 6. Entering into a contract for bond counsel legal services with Leon Alcala, PLLC payment of which is contingent on the Issuer's successful issuance of securities and payable out of securities proceeds, provides the Issuer a superior level of bond counsel legal services without using operating revenues of the Issuer being used to make such payment.
- 7. For each of the reasons stated above, the execution of an engagement agreement with Leon Alcala, PLLC is in the best interest of the residents of the Issuer.