

# Minutes of Regular

## The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

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A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, February 24, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 902 W. Park Ave. Orange, Texas 77630.

### I. Public Hearing

- A. Convene public hearing and take public comment regarding the Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Cheveron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Comptroller Application #1330 pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. (Mackenzie Walters)
- B. Convene public hearing and take public comment regarding the Resolution designating "Cheveron Phillips Chemical Company LP Reinvestment Zone" pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.(Mackenzie Walters)
- C. Convene public hearing and take public comment regarding the campus turnaround plan for West Orange-Stark Middle School
- D. Convene public hearing and take public comment regarding the District's Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for 2018-2019

### II. Routine Business

- A. Certification of Notice: **Ruth Hancock**

Board Members Present: **Roderick Robertson, Linda Platt-Bryant, Ruth Hancock, Demetrius Hunter, Tricia Stroud and Tommy Wilson Sr.**

Board Member Absent: **Gina Simar**

Board Attorney: **George Barron**

District Personnel Present: **Dr. Nina LeBlanc, Dawn Martin, Ashton Knox, Robin Hataway, Heather Knox, Mr. Whitley, Brodrick McGrew, Dr. Troy Bethley, Vickie Oceguela, Elvis Rushing, Dr. Larry Haynes, Dr. Sigee, Christina Anderson**

- B. Pledge of Allegiance: **All**

- C. Invocation **Ruth Hancock**

- D. Call to Order

**Board President Ruth Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.**

### III. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Rickie Harris) (Goal 4 & 5)

- A. West Orange-Stark Middle School (Brodrick McGrew)
  - 1. Teacher of the Month: **Jessica Tant**

2. Employee of the Month: **Charmika Smith**
3. Student of the Month: **Elton Hajadari**
- B. WOS Academic Alternative Center Campus Recognition (Christina Anderson)  
**Employee of the Month: Shont'e Arvie**  
**Megan Dorantes, first Mustang Academy graduate.**
- C. Recognition of Retiree Lorraine Shannon, Director of Communication  
**Dr. Harris presented Lorraine Shannon with a plaque.**
- D. **Information/Discussion Items:**
  1. Acknowledgement of conflict of interest policy in connection with the application for agreement for limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Comptroller Application #1330.
- E. **Action Items:**
  1. Consider and possible action to approve Resolution designating "Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP Reinvestment Zone" pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

**Linda Platt-Bryant moves that the Board approve the Resolution designating the Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP Reinvestment Zone. Second by Tommy Wilson Sr.**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

2. Consider and possible action to approve Board Findings pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code regarding the Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Comptroller Application #1330.

**Linda Platt-Bryant moves that the Board adopt Findings pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code in connection with application #1330 from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP. Second by Demetrius Hunter**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

3. Consider and possible action to approve an Agreement under Texas Economic Development Act for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Comptroller Application #1330.

**Linda Platt-Bryant moves that the Board approve an Agreement for Value Limitation for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Comptroller application #1330. Second by Demetrius Hunter.**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

#### **IV. Audience with Patrons (limited to 5 minutes per patron)**

Persons wishing to participate in this portion of the meeting reserved for that purpose were required to sign up as they arrive and to indicate the topic about which they wish to speak.

**No member of the public addressed the board.**

#### **V. Consent Agenda Items:**

A. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

**Motion: Tricia Stroud**

**Second: Linda Platt-Bryant**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

#### **VI. Finance**

A. **Information/Discussion Items: (Goal 3)**

1. Financial Statements (Robin Hataway)

a. Operating Statements (General, Food Service, Debt Service)

b. Check Register

c. Investment Report

d. Tax Collections

2. Head Start Financials (Vickie Oceguela)

#### **VII. Instruction (Goal 1 & 2)**

A. **Information/Discussion Items:**

1. Head Start Directors Report (Vickie Oceguela)

2. WOCCISD TAPR for 2018-2019 (Dr. Larry Haynes)

B. **Action Items:**

1. Consideration of the approval of the campus turnaround plan for WOSMS (Dr. Larry Haynes)

**Motion: Linda Platt-Bryant**

**Second: Demetrius Hunter**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

2. Consider approval of the North Early Learning Center Self-Assessment (Vickie Oceguela)

**Motion: Roderick Robertson**

**Second: Tricia Stroud**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

#### **VIII. Policy**

A. **Information/ Discussion:**

1. Discuss School Safety Officer positions (Chief Darryl Hunt)

**This informational item has been tabled for the next board meeting,  
March 23, 2020**

**B. Action Items:**

1. Consider approval of School Safety Officer job description (Chief Darryl Hunt)  
**This action item has been tabled for the next board meeting, March 23, 2020**
2. Consider approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar (Dr. Larry Haynes)  
Board approved Option B of the School Calendar. The ending vote count was 226 votes 132 for Opt. B and 94 for Opt. A  
**Motion: Linda Platt-Bryant**  
**Second: Tricia Stroud**  
**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**
3. Consider approval of the updated Director of Communications job description (Dr. Nina LeBlanc)  
**Motion: Linda Platt-Bryant**  
**Second: Demetrius Hunter**  
**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**
4. Consider approval of the cafeteria monitor job description (Dr. Nina LeBlanc)  
**Motion: Roderick Robertson**  
**Second: Demetrius Hunter**  
**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**
5. Consider approval of the updated salary book (Dr. Nina LeBlanc)  
**Linda Platt-Bryant approves the updated salary book with exclusion of the School Safety Officer. Second by Roderick Robertson**  
**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**
6. Order Of Cancellation For The May 2, 2020 Board Of Trustees Election (Trisha Spears)

**As per West Orange-Cove CISD Policy BBB (Legal), this acknowledges that the School Board positions in the 2020 election were unopposed and therefore no election will be held. The following candidates were elected without a formal election. Ruth Hancock and Tommy Wilson Sr.**

**Motion: Tricia Stroud**  
**Second: Demetrius Hunter**  
**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

- a. Certification of Unopposed Candidates
- b. Order of Cancellation

**IX. The open session of the meeting will adjourn. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in closed session for the following purposes.**

President Ruth Hancock adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. to convene the Board into closed session for the following matters:

- A. Discussion for the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's Attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.(Tex.Govt.Code 551.071)
  - 1. Consulting with legal counsel regarding an Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code
  - 2. Consider legal advice regarding renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional and non-professional personnel and related actions.
  - 3. Consider legal advice regarding items specifically listed on the agenda.
- B. Teachers and Administrators (Tex.Gov't Code 551.074)
  - 1. Discussion of Selection/Employment
  - 2. Discussion of Evaluation
  - 3. Reassignment and Resignations
  - 4. Duties
  - 5. Discipline
  - 6. Discussion of Termination
  - 7. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional and non-professional personnel and related actions.
  - 8. Consider activation of an emergency permit for a classroom teacher
  - 9. Evaluation of Superintendent
- C. Discussion of Discipline of Students (Tex.Govt. Code 551.082)
- D. Discuss other matters as authorized by (Tex.Govt.Code 551.071-551.084)
- E. Paraprofessional, Support Staff, and Personnel (Tex. Govt. Code 551.074)
  - 1. Consider hiring of professional personnel
- X. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on items discussed in closed session and open session items.**

Board Reconvened in open session at 7:52 pm, President Ruth Hancock reconvened the Board meeting in open session and stated that no reportable actions were taken during closed session.

## **XI. Personnel (Dr. Nina LeBlanc)**

### **A. Action Item: (Goal 6)**

- 1. Consider approval of contractual staff
- 2. Consider approval of administrator contracts

**Motion: Roderick Robertson**

**Second: Demetrius Hunter**

**6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries**

## **XII. Adjourn**

Board President Ruth Hancock adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.