

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on May 23, 2016

## The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, May 23, 2016, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 902 W. Park Ave. Orange, Texas 77630.

### I. Routine Business

A. Call To Order – Ruth Hancock

B. Certification of Notice – Ruth Hancock

Board Members Present: Ruth Hancock, Linda Platt-Bryant, Tony Dallas,  
Roderick Robertson, Demetrius Hunter, John Gray Jr.  
and Sarah Jefferson Simon

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

District Personnel Present: Rickie Harris, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Dr. Wayne Guidry,  
Dr. Nina LeBlanc, Anitrea Goodwin, Lorraine Shannon,  
Robin Hataway, Elvis Rushing, Dr. Anthony Moten, Sherry  
Hardin, Glenetta Henley, Rod Anderson, Danielle  
Robinson, Greg Willis and Donielle Duff

### II. 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.

Carol Holt: Taxes for elderly. WOCCISD ties LCM for the highest tax rate

Chris Randall: Background Check policy – Unable to participate at child's  
school due to felony on record.

### III. Superintendents' Report (Rickie Harris)

#### A. WO-S High School Campus Recognition (Rod Anderson)

1. Employee of the Month – Thereze Sichko
2. Student of the Month – Hien Nguyen
3. Teacher of the Month – Misty Franklin

#### B. Academic Alternative Center (Beverly Robinson)

1. Employee of the Month - Tina LeDesma

**C. WO-S Middle School TAME (Texas Alliance of Minority Engineers) State Medalist (Steven Singer)**

Darian Hardin: He placed FIRST in the Engineering Design Challenge at the 31st Annual STATE STEM Competition held at the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus

**D. UIL State Track & Field Medalist and Finalists (Cornel Thompson)**

**E. WOCCISD Super Fan Recognition (Rickie Harris)**

Nicholas Winters

**Ruth Hancock:** Moved to the following item:

V. Finance

A. Donations

C. LSET Presentation of the Buddy Benches

One of two buddy benches were presented by the LSET (Leadership Southeast Texas) and Youth Leadership Southeast Texas. One bench is being built for each elementary school in Orange, TX.

**IV. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Action Items:**

1. Consider approval of Budget Amendments (Robin Hataway)
2. Board Meeting Minutes as follows: (Donielle Duff)
  - a. February 29, 2016 - Regular
  - b. March 10, 2016 - Called
  - c. March 28, 2016 - Regular
  - d. April 25, 2016 - Regular
  - e. May 5, 2016 - Called
  - f. May 16, 2016 - Called

Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda Items

Second made by John Gray Jr.

Motion passed 7-0

**v. Finance (Robin Hataway)**

**A. Information/Discussion Items**

1. Financial Statements
  - a. General Operating Funds
  - b. Student Nutrition Fund
  - c. Debt Service
  - d. Check Register
  - e. Tax Collection 2015

- f. Tax Collection 2016
- g. Investment Report
- h. Head Start

2. Donation

- a. Donation of \$500.00 was presented to North Early Learning Center by Granger Chevrolet
- b. Donation of classroom materials to include games and manipulatives given to North Early Learning Center with a value of \$350.00
- c. LSET presentation of the Buddy Benches  
(Presented earlier in the meeting)

**B. Action Items (Robin Hataway)**

1. Consider approval of Local Option Residence Homestead Exemptions for 2016

Motion made by Tony Dallas to approve the 5 year plan at 20%  
Second made by Roderick Robertson  
Motion passed 7-0

2. Consider Approval of Investment Policies

Motion made by Tony Dallas  
Second made by John Gray Jr.  
Motion passed 7-0

3. Consider Approval of Annual co-op fees paid by WOCCISD

Motion made by Roderick Robertson  
Second made by Linda Platt-Bryant  
Motion passed 7-0

4. Consider Approval of bids on trust property located in the WOCCISD school district

Motion made by Tony Dallas  
Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Motion passed 7-0

**VI. Instruction**

**A. Information Items**

1. **Head Start (Sherry Hardin)**

**a. Directors Report**

**B. Action Items**

1. Head Start (Sherry Hardin)

- a. Consider approval to submit application for supplemental funding for Safety restraints (It is a requirement to replace seatbelts every five (5) Years.
- b. Consider approval to submit application for supplemental funding for Teacher workroom

- c. Consider approval to submit application for supplemental funding for Playground repairs
- d. Consider approval to submit application for supplemental funding for COLA (Cost of Living Allowance)

Motion made by Tony Dallas to approve items a-d  
Second made by Demetrius Hunter  
Motion passed 7-0

## VII. Policy

### A. Action Items (Anitrea Goodwin)

- 1. Consider approval of update DCB (Local) and DCE (Local)

Motion made by Tony Dallas  
Second made by John Gray Jr.  
Motion passed 7-0

- 2. Consider approval of Records Retention Policy and Executive Director of Human Resources as the Records Management Officer

Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant  
Second made by Roderick Robertson  
Motion passed 7-0

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

### **Board convened to closed session at 6:47 p.m.**

- 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. Consider legal advice regarding renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional and non-professional personnel and related actions.
- 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.
- 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)

IX. 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 to open session at 8:25 p.m.**

X. **Personnel (Anitrea Goodwin)**

**A. Information Item:**

1. Resignations
2. Substitute List

**B. Action Item:**

1. Consider approval of Contractual Staff  
Motion made by Tony Dallas  
Second made Demetrius Hunter  
Motion passed 7-0
2. Consider approval of Chief Communications Officer Position  
Ruth Hancock: The board will pass on this item
3. Consider approval of Granting the Superintendent Authority to Hire Contract Employees that report directly to the campus principal during the Months of June, July and August  
Motion made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Second made by Roderick Robertson  
Motion passed 7-0

XI. Adjourn – **Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

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Approved:  
Ruth Hancock, President

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Attest:  
Linda Platt-Bryant, Secretary