

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on May 19, 2014

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, May 19, 2014, 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 – Pete Amy
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – All
- D. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad, Rev. Hardy O’Neal

Board Members Absent: Mary Ann Kirksey, Tony Dallas & Andrew Hayes

School Personnel Present: James Colbert, Dr. Brant Graham, Dr. Wayne Guidry, Anitrea Goodwin, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Anthony Moten, Shannon Larson, Anya Miller, Elvis Rushing, Greg Willis, Lorraine Shannon & Bonnie Tegge

II. Canvass Votes from May 10, 2014 School Trustee Election

No discrepancies found

III. Oath of Office & Certification Notice (George Barron)

The Oath of Office & Certification Notice was given to Ruth Hancock & Sarah Jefferson Simon by Bonnie Tegge

IV. Re-Organization of Board of Trustees

**Eric Mitchell motioned for Pete Amy as President
Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

Rev. Hardy O’Neal motioned for Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad as Vice President

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad motioned for Eric Mitchell as Secretary
Ruth Hancock seconded the motion
Motion passes 6/1 with Eric Mitchell abstaining

V. 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.

None

VI. Superintendent's Report

WO-S High School Senior Scholarship & Awards program. Seniors received over \$733,000 in scholarships

State Track & Field Meet – 800 Meter Relay Team/Silver Medalists:
Johnnie Shaw, ThoMarcus Fontenot, Deionte Thompson, Chris James

Media Honor Roll: We would publicly acknowledge our local media for their balanced reporting of news of our schools with recognition through Texas Association of School Boards' Media Honor Roll.

Honorees are:

- 1. Margaret Toal**
- 2. KOGT Radio**
- 3. Tommy Mann**
- 4. Orange Leader**

VII. Action Items:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)
2. Board Minutes for the following: (Bonnie Tegge)
 - a. January 21, 2014 - Regular
 - b. February 17, 2014 - Called
 - c. February 24, 2014 - Regular

- d. March 24, 2014 - Called
- e. March 31, 2014 - Regular
- f. April 21, 2014 - Called
- g. April 28, 2014 – Regular

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the consent agenda items
Rev. Hardy O’Neal seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Finance (Melinda James)

A. Information/Discussion Items:

- 1. Financial Statements
 - a. General Operating Funds
 - b. Student Nutrition Fund
 - c. Debt Service
 - d. Check Register
 - e. Tax Collection
 - (1) Tax Collection 2013
 - (2) Tax Collection 2014
 - f. Head Start

B. Action Item:

- 1. Bid Properties (Melinda James)

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the bid properties as presented
Ruth Hancock seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

IX. Instruction

A. Action Item:

- 1. Approval of Head Start Funding Grant (Shannon Larson)
 - a. Head Start Grant for 2014/2015
 - b. Long Range Goals & Short Term Objectives
 - c. Program Narratives
 - d. Employee Compensation Cap
 - e. Head Start Training and Technical Plan
 - f. Head Start Self-Assessment Improvement Plan

- g. Letter Approving Mr. Colbert as Designee for Head Start Grant
- h. Board Approval Letter

Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the Head Start Funding Grant
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

X. Policy

A. Action Items:

- 1. Approval of Changes to Policy DEE(Local) & DEC (Local) - (Anitrea Goodwin)

Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the Local Policies DEE & DEC
Rev. Hardy O’Neal seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

- 2. Approval of changes to Policy EIF (Local) New Graduation Plan - (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Bryan “Chop” Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve Policy EIF (Local)
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

Board convened to closed session at 6:22 p.m.
Board reconvened to open session at 6:50 p.m.

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

- 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. Reassignment and Resignations
 - 3. Discussion of Evaluation
 - 4. Discipline
 - 5. Duties

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)

XII. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on items discussed in closed session and open session items.

XIII. Personnel (Anitrea Goodwin)

A. Information Items:

1. Resignations

B. Action Item:

1. Approval of Contractual Staff (Anitrea Goodwin)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motion to approve the contractual staff as presented

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Granting the Superintendent Authority to Hire Contract Employees Under \$50,000 during the Months of June, July & August (James Colbert)

Ruth Hancock motioned to grant the Superintendent authority to hire contract employees under \$50,000 during the months of June, July & August

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion fails due to a tie. (Ruth Hancock, Eric Mitchell & Rev. Hardy O'Neal – "For" and Bryan "Chop" Thomas Muhammad, Pete Amy & Sarah Jefferson Simon – "Against")

XIV. Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.