

Minutes of Called Meeting – April 20, 2009

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held April 20, 2009, beginning at 6:00 PM in the West Orange-Stark High School Cafeteria, 1400 Newton Street, 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

School Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Ricky Jacobs, Nancy Byers, Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin, Vincent Bottley & Harry Barclay (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)

School Attorney Present: George Barron

School Personnel Present: Dr. O. Taylor Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Melinda James, Benny Smith, Anitrea Goodwin, Lorraine Shannon & Bonnie Tegge

- 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.

None

III. Superintendent's Report

School Food Service staff did a great job.

H.S. students have access to these kinds of meals and Middle School will be the next campus.

Kids Café – 21 Century program at various campuses will have hot meals at 3:00 p.m. by courtesy of the Beaumont Foundation.

Grade 3 Robotics Team and Anderson were regional winners; they were the only team from this region that qualified for state.

Test results are in for Math – Impress with the scores

Construction Update: Middle School Band Hall has been demolished.

H. S. the round building has been demolished.

WO-S Elementary – steel has been delivered, they are one month ahead of schedule

No problem with the drainage around Mockingbird street.

Application for Stimulus money went online April 15, Jane

Stephenson & Melinda James are working on those for both Title 1 and IDEA part B. There is construction money in the States portion

for construction and renovation of buildings; we are not sure what our share will be.

IV. Board Member Continuing Education Hours

Harry Barclay – 3 hrs.

Vincent Bottley – 3 hrs.

Nancy Byers – 10.25 hrs.

Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin – 3 hrs.

Ricky Jacobs – 11 hrs.

Eric Mitchell – 15 hrs.

Pete Amy – 17.5 hrs.

V. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items for April 27, 2009

A. Minutes on the following:

1. Called Board Meeting 3/23/09

2. Regular Board Meeting 3/30/09

B. Budget Amendments

VI. Finance - Information/Discussion

A. Financial Statements

1. General Operating Funds

2. Student Nutrition Fund
 3. Debt Service
 4. Check Register – received by email
- B. Tax Collection
- C. Head Start - March Financials
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- D. Action Item for April 4/27/09
1. Consider Approval of priorities for remaining Bond money

Facilities Committee met last week to establish priorities.

Dr. Collins stated that there are about 2 million dollars remaining

(see page 36 of agenda packet)

Items 1 -5 are needed to finish the renovations that were started at the elementary, middle and high school.

Estimates are needed on the first five items.

#6 will be placed on hold until year after next (2010-2011 school year)

VII. Food Service

- A. Discussion of Chartwell's Menu

Meal was very good. Could the old favorites like chicken fried stake and chili dogs be brought back?

Mr. Flores stated that they wanted to give more of a variety.

This is stage 1, Middle School will be next then the elementary. Recommended that they establish a student advisory committee.

The State reimbursement is \$2.59 for free students.

- B. Action Item for 4/27/09

1. Consider Approval of Extension of Food Service Contract with Chartwells

Harry Barclay wants qualification on Provision 2

There will be a .25 increase across the board

VIII. Instruction - Information Item:

- A. Lamar Institute of Technology Dual Enrollment Agreement with WO-C
- B. Action Item for 4/20/09
 - 1. Approval to exempt the standardized dress code at Middle School for the 2009/2010 school year if they become a "Recognized" campus.

Harry Barclay motioned to exempt the standardized dress code at Middle School for the 2009/2010 school year if they become a "Recognized" campus.

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion
Motion passes 4/3 (Nancy Byers, Vincent Bottley & Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin opposing)

- C. Action Item for 4/27/09:
 - 1. Consider Approval of Low Attendance Days Waiver for 2008/2009 Hurricane IKE
 - 2. Consider Approval to submit refunding application for Head Start Grant

Reconvened to closed session at 7:01 p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 7:30 p.m.

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

- A. 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
- B. Discussion of Discipline of Students (Tex.Govt. Code 551.082)
- C. 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)
- 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)
- F. Discussion of Employee Contracts

- G. Discussion of the Executive Director of Federal Programs & Special Initiatives position.
- 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.
- XI. Personnel - Action Item for 4/20/09:
 - A. Consider Approval of Recommendation for Executive Director of Federal Programs & Special Initiatives.

Harry Barclay motioned to accept the recommendation by the Superintendent to accept Anitrea Goodwin as the new Executive Director of Federal Programs & Special Initiatives.
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion
Motion passes 6/0 (Vincent Bottley abstaining)
 - B. Information Item: Resignations

Adjourned: 7:33 p.m.