

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on October 31, 2011

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, October 31, 2011, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15th St. Orange, Texas 77630.

I. Routine Business

- A. Call To Order – **Ricky Jacobs**
- B. Invocation – **Pete Amy**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – **All**
- D. Certification of Notice – **Ricky Jacobs**

Board Members Present: Ricky Jacobs, Eric Mitchell, Andrew Hayes, Harry Barclay, Tony Dallas & Pete Amy

Board Members Absent: Rev. Hardy O’Neal

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.

Coach Jimmy Hallman presented a signed “Thank You” plaque to Tony Dallas and his family for the donation of football jerseys to the Middle School football team in memory of Merlin Broussard.

III. Superintendent's Update- James Colbert

- **The Orange County College Fair will be held Tuesday, November 1st at Lamar State College-Orange.**
- **Reminder: Friday, November 4 is a District-wide early release for students. Various professional development activities will be conducted on campuses.**
- **This month has been the month of testing.**
 - 1. **STAAR/EOC benchmarks**
 - 2. **STAAR/EOC diagnostic**
 - 3. **SAT prep assessments (144 point improvement from 1st assessment)**
- **Superintendents Academy trip to New York City**
- **I’m happy to announce that I have passed the Texas certification exam**

and will be receiving my Texas Superintendents' Certification. Since returning to Texas, my Tennessee superintendent's certification allowed me to have a probationary certification for one year. I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Graham and Dr. Nicks for assisting in preparing for the exam.

IV. QSCB - Update - (Mike Brooks)

Mike Brooks from TASB and Michelle Dudley from Phluger gave an overview of the QSCB projects.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A. Board Minutes

1. Called Board Meeting 9/19/11
2. Regular Board Meeting 9/26/11

B. Budget Amendments

**Pete Amy motioned to approve the consent agenda items as listed
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

VI. 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
 - f. Head Start

B. Action Items - (Melinda James)

1. Approval of Anderson Asbestos Abatement Proposals

**Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the Anderson asbestos abatement proposal from Inland Environment
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

2. Approval of Tennis Court Proposal

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the Hellas tennis court proposal excluding the post
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Auctioning the following:
 - a. Portable Buildings
 - b. Items in Storage and Items Removed During Renovations

Harry Barclay motioned to approve 3/a.& b.
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

4. Approval of Auctioning Oates Elementary

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the auctioning of Oates Elementary with a minimum bid of \$100,000.
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

5. Approval to Adopt the Resolution to Participate in School Finance Litigation and to Engage Thompson & Horton LLP Regarding Same

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the resolution to participate in School Finance Litigation and to engage Thompson & Horton LLP regarding the same.
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

Andrew Hayes left at 7:56 p.m.

VII. Instruction

A. Action Item:

1. High School Dress Code (Dr. Wayne Guidry & Hutcherson Hill)

Pete Amy motioned to approve the High School dress code as presented
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Policy

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of Local Policy Updates - Second Read

- a. Policy EIA (Local) - (Dr. Wayne Guidry)
- b. Policy DIA (Local) - (Anitrea Goodwin)
- c. Policy FFH (Local) - (Anitrea Goodwin)

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the policies EIA (Local), DIA (Local) and FFH (Local) as listed
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

Board convened to closed session
Board reconvened to open session at 9:02 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. 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)
 - 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
 - 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)
- 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 -(Anitrea Goodwin)
 - A. Action Item:
 - 1. Approval of Contractual Staff

Pete Amy motioned to approve the contractual staff
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

XII. Adjourn: **9:05 p.m.**

