

Minutes of Called/Public Hearing on 1/23/2012

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, January 23, 2012, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15th St. Orange, Texas 77630.

I. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 p.m.

A. Information Item:

1. 2010/2011 AEIS Reports (Dr. Wayne Guidry)

Dr. Wayne Guidry gave an overview of the 2010/2011 AEIS Report.

Public Hearing Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Call To Order At 6:27 p.m. – Ricky Jacobs
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – All
- D. Certification of Notice – Ricky Jacobs

III. 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

School Board Members Present: Ricky Jacobs, Harry Barclay, Andrew Hayes, Tony Dallas, Rev. Hardy O’Neal, Pete Amy.

School Board Members Absent: Eric Mitchell

School Attorney Present: George Barron

IV. Superintendents Report

January is Board Appreciation Month – The Executive Leadership team has provided them with some tokens of their appreciation of the unselfish services that they give to our district. We are a team of one and you are appreciated.

Acknowledgement of two athletes that have made it to the 3A All-State Football Team:

- **DeCarlos Renfro – Second Team**
- **Britton Lindsey – Honorable Mention**

3A All- State Football Team (Old Coach Network)

- **Travon Blanchard – Second Team**

3A All-State Football Team (Texas High School Coaches Association)

- **Devin Hebert**

To earn section, team members must:

Have an overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-12

Be a member of the team in good standing

Be a good moral character

And be a senior

21 – 3A Coach of the Year

- **Cornel Thompson**

The West Orange-Stark Elementary Robotics Invention Team placed second in their area meet and has earned state advancement. Team members are:

Rionna Sparrow, Shaelin Brown and Dax Fregia. This group has competed against junior high students. We are very proud of them.

Invited everyone to attend Rachel's Challenge. This program is inspired by Rachel Scott, the first victim of the 1999 Columbine High School Shootings. The program empowers students to create a positive culture change in their school and community. A community program for the WO-S and Bridge City High School parents and communities will be held at WO-S High School's Varsity Gym on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

V. TASB - Salary Audit (Mary Barrett)

Mr. Colbert stated that we asked TASB to come in and perform an audit on our salaries. Mary Barrett from TASB is here to give that report.

VI. QSCB Update (James Colbert)

Mr. Colbert gave an update on the special projects that were approved before the holidays.

The bid proposals for the administration building and athletic facilities will need to be voted on to reject those bids. These need to be rejected so we can put them back out for re-bid. These projects we be revised so that they can be within budget.

VII. Action Item:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Board Minutes for November 28, 2011 (Bonnie Tegge)
2. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

Pete Amy asked that both of these items be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately because of several questions.

Harry Barclay noted that the minutes for November 28, 2011 need to be corrected as follows: Item #VI, # 2 needs to read as follows: Passes Unanimously - 5/1 with Harry Barclay abstaining.

Pete Amy had a question on the budget amendment where \$6,000.00 was moved to athletics/repair and maintenance. Where is the money coming from? Melinda James stated that the money came from fund balance and it was due to football helmets that needed repairs due to safety issues.

Pete Amy motioned to approve the board minutes (with the correction) and budget amendments

Harry Barclay 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
 - f. Head Start

B. Action Items:

1. Consider and Approve the Rejection of the Competitive Sealed Proposals Received on December 1, 2011 for Both the Administration Building and the Athletic Facilities Improvements. (Melinda James)

Tony Dallas motioned to approve rejecting the competitive sealed proposals received on December 1, 2011 for both the administration building and the athletic facilities improvements.

Pete Amy seconded

Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider and Approve Resolution Declaring Fencing Removed from High School to be Unnecessary and without Value and Authorizing Superintendent or his Designee to Dispose of Such Fencing According to Administrative Discretion. (Melinda James)

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the resolution declaring the fencing removed from the High School to be unnecessary and without value and authorizing the superintendent or his designee to dispose of such fencing according to administrative discretion.

Andrew Hayes seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Consider and Approve Out-Of-Court Settlement of Class Action Lawsuit Between Bank of America Corp. and 28 States Attorneys General. (Melinda James)

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the out-of-court settlement of class action lawsuit between Bank of America Corp. and 28 States Attorneys General.

Harry Barclay seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

4. Consider and Approve Addition of Authorized Representative for First Public/Lone Star Investment Pool. (Melinda James)

Harry Barclay motioned to postpone this item until further notice

Tony Dallas seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

5. Consider and Approve Insurance Deductible Payment. (Melinda James)

Pete Amy motioned to approve the payment of the insurance deductible

Harry Barclay seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

IX. Instruction

- A. Consider and Approve Additional PDAS Appraiser (Anitrea Goodwin)

Pete Amy motioned to approve the additional PDAS Appraiser, Anya Miller.

Harry Barclay seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

Board convened to closed session at 8:28 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 9:45 p.m.

- X. 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)
- XI. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on items discussed in closed session and open session items.
- XII. Policy
 - A. Action Items:
 - 1. Consider Approval of Declaration of Abandonment of Contract with out Good Cause Regarding the Probationary Contract of Michelle Silcox and Related Actions. (Anitrea Goodwin)

Harry Barclay motioned that the Board declare that Ms. Michelle Silcox has failed without good cause to comply with the applicable resignation deadline or the provision regarding resignation by consent in her employment contract, has failed without good cause to perform her contract, and that as of January 2, 2012, Ms. Silcox has abandoned her contract. I further recommend that the Board approve a formal complaint against Ms. Silcox to the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding her actions, and authorize the Superintendent to notify SBEC of the Board's action.

**Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

- 2. Consider and Approve Proposed Termination of Michelle Silcox Probationary Contract and Related Actions. (Anitrea Goodwin)

Pete Amy motioned that the Board approve the Superintendent's

recommendation to propose the termination of the probationary employment contract of Ms. Michelle Silcox for good cause as determined by this Board, and that the Superintendent be authorized to provide appropriate notice of this Board's action and the related reasons for the Board's action

**Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

XIII. Personnel

A. Action Item

1. Approval of Substitute List

**Pete Amy motioned to approve the substitute list as provided
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

XIV. Adjourn: **9:50 p.m.**