

Minutes of Called Board Meeting on February 17, 2014

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, February 17, 2014, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 902 W. Park St. Orange, Texas 77630.

I. Public Hearing

A. Information/Discussion:

1. Texas Academic Performance Report (Wayne Guidry)

This item has been postponed for Monday, February 24, 2014

II. Routine Business

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

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.

Shirley Martin Joseph stated the following:

Congratulates: Ms. Lilyquist at Middle School Drama, students placed second at the Vidor & Odom competition and advances to State meet, also, Mr. Thomas on what he has done for the basketball team.

The Career and Technology summary in the packet shows the scores for the district.

Concerned that not all campuses are doing tutorials.

Concerned about the teacher contracts and asking them to do more days than their contracts state.

Concerned that you can't get academics up if you have no tenure.

IV. Superintendent's Report (James Colbert)

No Superintendent report at this time

V. Action Item for February 24, 2014:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

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
 - (1) Tax Collection 2013
 - (2) Tax Collection 2014
 - f. Head Start
 - g. Investment Report
2. Co-operative fees paid by West Orange-Cove Consolidated ISD

This is a required report for the Board. The District pays coop fees to Region 5.

3. Donations

Pete Amy stated that the Board would like to send their Thank You to Mrs. Terese McKee & Earl Thomas for their donations to West Orange-Cove CISD.

VII. Instruction

A. Information Item:

1. Head Start Report (Shannon Larson)

Head Start Triennial review went very well.

Head count for December and January was 239. Waiting list is zero.

Meals count will be reported to the Board and Policy Council.

Head Start will know within 90 days what our status is according to compliance. If there are any non-compliance issues we have 120 days to make the corrections.

Thank you to the Maintenance dept. for thinking outside the box on fixing a problem in the boys' restroom.

We need 10% of our students with disabilities by the mid-point of the year

and not the end of the year.

2. Annual Evaluation of Special Programs (Wayne Guidry)

This report will be postponed till next week, Monday, February 24, 2014

B. Action Items for February 24, 2014:

1. Consider Approval of Class Size Waiver for 2nd Grade (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Need a class waiver for 3 of the 2nd grade classes. These classes are currently at 23 instead of 22 students.

2. Consider Approval of Revised 2013/14 School Calendar (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Students need to make-up 2 days
Staff needs to make-up 3 days

The changes are as follows:

April 18 - is now an early release for students and a staff development day

May 26 – is now a full day for everyone

May 23 – is now a full day for school

June 9 – remains a teacher prep day

June 10 – is now a teacher prep day

3. Consider Approval of 2014/2015 School Calendar (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

This has been reviewed before our DEIC and Academic sub-committee of the Board.

Pete Amy concerns are:

1. If the State is going to give us a waiver after the use of 2 bad weather days why do we have 3 bad weather days on this calendar?
2. Would like the bad weather days placed in the calendar after the winter starts.
3. Doesn't like the school days going into June.

Bryan Muhammad stated that some schools in Houston are going an extra hour per day. Ms. Martinez stated that Region 5 said that this would not be allowed.

Mr. Colbert states that this is a calendar of compromise.

4. Consider Approval of Revised 2013/2014 Choices Catalog (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Correction: This is the Choices Catalog for **2014/2015**

Changes:

Algebra 2 is no longer a requirement at the TEA level.

Advanced Math Elective is required

VIII. Policy

A. Action Items for February 24, 2014:

1. Approval of Order to Call Trustee Election on May 10, 2014 (Bonnie Tegge)
 - a. Order to Call General Election
 - b. Order of General Election
 - c. Joint Election Agreement Between Entities
 - d. Joint Election Agreement with the City of West Orange
 - e. Orange County Joint Election Services Contract
 - f. Automark Lease Agreement

2. Consider Approval of Update 98 (Anitrea Goodwin)

Anitrea Goodwin gave the First Read on the following LOCAL policies:

BBE, DBA, DFFA, DFFB, DGBA, DH, DNA, EC, EIA, FEA & FEC

3. Consider Approval of Policy DEC (LOCAL) (Anitrea Goodwin)

Anitrea Goodwin gave the First Read on this policy

4. Substitute Pay Schedule - Revised (Anitrea Goodwin)

Tony Dallas is concerned about the language in this revision and feels that it needs to be looked at again.

Anitrea Goodwin said that she would check into it and have it reworded for Monday, Feb. 24th.

Board convened to closed session at 7:20 p.m.

Board reconvening to open session at 7:30 p.m.

5. Consider Approval of Contract Forms for 2014/2015 (Anitrea Goodwin)
 - a. Dual Assignment Term Contract
 - b. Dual Assignment Probationary Contract
 - c. One Year Employee Contract Non-Certified
 - d. One Year Employee Probationary Contract
 - e. One Year Employee Term Contract
 - f. One Year Employee Probationary Contract Non-certified

Anitrea Goodwin stated that nothing has changed on these forms from last year.

- 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)
 - 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)
- 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 Items for February 17, 2014:**
 - 1. Approval of Hiring Contractual Staff

No contractual staff at this time
 - 2. Approval of Substitute List

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the substitute list
Bryan "Chop" Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously
 - B. **Information Item:**
 - 1. Resignations - None
- XII. Adjourn: 7:32 p.m.

