

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on July 27, 2015

## The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, July 27, 2015, 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 – Ruth Hancock
- B. Invocation – Ruth Hancock
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – All
- D. Certification of Notice – Ruth Hancock

Board Members Present: Ruth Hancock, Linda Platt-Bryant, Roderick Robertson, Rev. Hardy O’Neal, Bryan Thomas Muhammad & John Gray Jr.

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

Board Members Absent: Sarah Jefferson Simon

District Personnel Present: Rickie Harris, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Melinda James, Dr. Wayne Guidry, Dr. Nina LeBlanc, Rod Anderson, Antony Moten, Sherry Hardin, Glentta Henley, Lorraine Shannon, Elvis Rushing, Lynda Willie, Heather Knox, Cornel Thompson, Greg Willis, Bonnie Tegge & Donielle Duff

### 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.

### III. Superintendent’s Report

- 1. Baseball Team Recognition (Cornel Thompson)

Presenters:

Shea Landry – Head Baseball Coach

Stephen Westbrook – Assistant Baseball Coach

Ryan Pickering – Head JV Baseball Coach

Baseball Players: Aaron Blagburn, Aidan Anderson, Austynn Wolfford, Chad Dallas, Chase Rutledge, Cruz Hernandez, Darren Blagburn, Grant Anderson, Grant Lapoint-Teate, Jack Dallas, Jermaine Mitchell, K.J. Miller, Kaleb Ramsey, Kalen Garrett, Keyshawn Hollman, Miguel Gobert, Payton Robertson, Ryan Ragsdale, Te’Ron Brown, Vicente Toledo

2. Employee of the Month (Greg Willis)  
Recognized: Vickie LeBlanc
3. Media Honor Roll (Lorraine Shannon)  
Recognized:
  - KOGT – Margaret Tool
  - The Record – Mike Louviere
  - Orange Leader – Tommy Mann

**IV. Action Items:**

**A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)
2. Board Minutes for the following: (Bonnie Tegge)
  - a. July 14, 2015
  - b. July 7, 2015
  - c. June 22, 2015
  - d. June 8, 2015

Linda Platt-Bryant motioned to approve consent agenda items

John Gray seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

**V. 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 2014
    - (2) Tax Collection 2015

**B. Action Items:**

1. Consider Approval of Bid Property (Melinda James)

Property Location: 404 Park, Orange

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve Bid Property

Roderick Robertson seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider Approval of Property Insurance (Melinda James)

Recommendation: PCAT

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve Property Insurance

Linda Platt-Bryant seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Consider Approval of new District Copiers (Melinda James)  
Recommendation: Ricoh (John Case)  
Roderick Robertson motioned to approve new District Copiers as Recommended  
Linda Platt-Bryant seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously
4. Consider Approval of the Budget Amendment for the Leroy D. Breedlove Signage (Melinda James)  
Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the budget amendment for the Leroy D. Breedlove signage  
Rev. Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion  
Motion fails 2/4 with Ruth Hancock, Linda Platt-Bryant, Roderick Robertson, and John Gray Jr. opposing.

**VI. Instruction**

**A. Action Item:**

Consider Approval of Reconstitution Plan for North Early Learning Center & West Orange-Stark Elementary (Dr. Wayne Guidry)  
Rev. Hardy O'Neal motioned to approve the Reconstitution Plan  
Bryan Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

**B. Information Item:**

Head Start Monthly Report (Sherry Hardin)

**VII. Policy**

**VIII. Information Item:**

- A. 2015-2016 Student Handbook (Dr. Silvia Martinez)
  1. Elementary & Middle School
  2. High School

**IX. Action Item:**

- A. Consider Approval of the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct (Dr. Silvia Martinez)  
John Gray Jr. motioned to approve the '15-'16 Student Code of Conduct  
Linda Platt-Bryant seconded the motion  
Motion Passes unanimously
- B. Consider Approval of the Board Operating procedures (Rickie Harris)  
Roderick Robertson motioned to approve the Board Operating Procedures  
Rev. Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion  
Motion Passes Unanimously

**Board convened to closed session at 7:56 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)
    - 1. Consider legal advice regarding renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional and non-professional personnel and related actions
    - 2. Consider legal advice regarding approval of settlement agreement related to Special Education Case TEA Docket Number No. 197-SE-0315 and/or Special Education Federal Case, C.A. No. 1:15-cv-00119 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)

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

**Board reconvened to open session at 9:20p.m.**

XI. **Action Item:**

- A. Consider Approval of Settlement Agreement Related to Special Education Case Docket TEA Number No. 197-SE-0315 and Related Actions (Rickie Harris)
  - Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the Settlement Agreement Related to Special Education Case Docket TEA Number No. 197-SE-0315 and Related Actions
  - Rev. Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion
  - Motion passes unanimously

XII. **Personnel** (Anitrea Goodwin)

A. **Action Item:**

1. Consider Approval of Contractual Staff

Approval not needed: No Contractual Staff listed

2. Consider Approval of Substitute List

Rev. Hardy O'Neal motioned to approve the Substitute List

Linda Platt-Bryant seconded the motion

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. **Information Item:**

Resignations

XIII. Adjourn 9:22 p.m.