

Minutes of Committee Workshop – May 16, 2011

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Committee Workshop of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, May 16, 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 – Pete Amy
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance - All
- D. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy

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

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Ricky Jacobs, Eric Mitchell, Andrew Hayes, Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin, Rev. Hardy O’Neal & Harry Barclay

Board Members Absent: None

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

III. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Colbert Stated the following:

The Middle School Drama team won the Educational Drama Assoc. State Championship – congratulations to them.

Went to Austin with Dr. Martinez & Mr Anderson this past weekend for site visits at Round Rock ISD and Georgetown ISD to look at their DAEP program which we received lots of good information that we would like to incorporate in our DAEP for next year.

Attended the State track meet at the University of Texas in Austin to watch our

students perform.

The students represented us well while they were performing and when they were not performing. Our community was there with our 112% signs. Our athletes were extra ordinary. Ed Ivory got 3rd place in the 100 meters, Collin Janise got 2nd place in the 400 meters (he is only in the 10th grade) Justin Thomas who is a Jr. got 1st place in the 200 meters. 4x1 and the 4x2 who performed out of this world, they both broke the state record in their respective events. As long as this state has been holding records for a 3A competition at the State level there has never been a 3A school in the history of the State of Texas that has been better than ours; that in itself is extra ordinary. The students did it with class; no show boating, they did a fantastic job so if you see any of these athletes or Coach Foreman please compliment them.

It's with great pleasure to say that the Bond Proposition was approved by voters. The approval of the bond shows our community support for our school district. It shows their commitment and willingness to help us move in the right direction for the goals that we are trying to achieve and we are going to be good stewards of their trust and any resources they provide us. Thank you so much for your support, this is a good time for West Orange-Cove CISD.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A. Action Items for May 23, 2011:

1. Board Minutes
 - a. April 18, 2011
 - b. April 25, 2011
2. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

No questions asked.

V. Finance (Melinda James)

A. Information/Discussion Items

1. Financial Statements
 - a. General Operating Funds
 - b. Student Nutrition Fund
 - c. Debt Service
2. Tax Collection
3. Check Register
4. Quarterly Investments

B. Action Item for May 23, 2011

1. Bid Property

2. Homestead Exemptions

Would like to keep it at 20%

VI. Instruction - Information Item:

A. Texas Fitness Now Grant Update (Anitrea Goodwin)

This grant is approx. \$9,800.00. The students were scheduled to start swimming lessons at the Natatorium on May 2nd through May 20th. The City had maintenance issues which delayed the start to May 9th thru May 26th.

B. Education Jobs Fund Grant (Anitrea Goodwin)

Received a NOGA from TEA in the amount \$445,486.00 that needs to be spent by September 30, 2012. This money must be used for compensation and benefits and expenses related to school level employees. (Cannot use any of these funds to pay district level employees). The allowable usage is for salaries, health insurance and benefits.

C. Heard Start Federal Review Overview (James Acker)

Mr. Acker passed out a packet of information on the 3 year Federal review. Monitored by Head Start. Pete Amy, Andrew Hayes, and Eric Mitchell participated in part of the review. Some things on the review are very fixable. The final report will be in 45 to 60 days.

Board convened to closed session at 6:32 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 7:24 p.m.

VII. 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)

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

IX. Adjourn at 7:25 p.m.