

**Minutes of School District Called Board Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District  
June 19, 2006  
6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting Monday, June 12, 2006 beginning 6:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Orange, TX 77630. Harry Barclay presided.

Members Present: Harry Barclay, Pete Amy, Shirley Martin, Mary Fontenot Hardin & Kevin Hebert

Members Absent: Nancy Byers & Eric Mitchell

School Personnel: Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Bonnie Tegge & George Barron

Invocation: Pete Amy

Pledge: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guest:

**4. Certification of Notice**

**5. Audience with Patrons** None

**Consent Agenda Items for June 26,**

**2006 Regular Board Meeting**

Shirley Martin stated corrections on the following minutes:

a. Consider Approval of the following Minutes:

- May 15, 2006 Called Board Meeting/Wade Gillet
- May 15, 2006 Called Board Meeting
- May 22, 2006 Regular Board Meeting
- May 30, 2006 Called Board Meeting
- June 12, 2006 Called Board Meeting
- June 13, 2006 Called Board Meeting/Wade Gillet

**May 15, 2006:**

(Pg 3 – #9 Instruction – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph – last sentence) We definitely have problems and the way it was handled was not the solution  
(Pg 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> sentence) Shirley Martin motioned to table until the attorney can look at what can be done legally without any ramifications.

**June 12, 2006:**

Dr. Collins was absent

Discussion on portable buildings at Anderson was omitted by mistake: Shirley Martin asked if there would be an increase in insurance at Anderson due to the portables.  
Margaret Duchamp stated that there would be an adjustment at Anderson and Bancroft.  
Harry Barclay stated that the question is to lease or purchase. Will we be able to replace these portable with a new building? He couldn't see this happening within the next 5 years.  
Shirley Martin asked if we had looked at the option of adding on to the building at Anderson. It would add to the value of the building.

Pete Amy stated that we couldn't add that much classroom space for that amount of money. Classroom space is very expensive.

Harry Barclay stated that we are committed to this project and do we want to lease or purchase?

Margaret Duchamp stated that the price is guaranteed for 5 years, and if we would need it for longer we would have to renegotiate the price.

Shirley Martin asked if each portable had restrooms and are they handicap accessible.

Chrissy Hickman stated that they do have restrooms and are ADA compliant.

Shirley Martin asked if any furniture would have to be purchased.

Margaret Duchamp stated that furniture from Bancroft would be moved to Anderson or Oates as needed.

Jane Stephenson stated that dry erase boards are equipped in each building.

Keith Rochau stated that they would contract out plumbing to Mello and electrical to Bayou Electric.

Margaret Duchamp stated that we are in a minimum contract of 24 months or 2 years. No penalty to get out of the contract. We would have to pay the difference of a 36 month lease verses a 5 year lease which would be approx. \$150. a month.

Shirley Martin asked if they had a buy back plan.

Margaret Duchamp was not sure..

Shirley Martin wanted to know the stipulations of the Lease Agreement. What will WO-C be responsible for at the end of the contract?

Harry Barclay stated in order to not need these buildings we would have to pass a Bond Issue and build a new elementary school and he didn't see that happening in the next 5 years.

Shirley Martin asked if we had discussed the option of placing grades K-1-2 at Anderson and grades 3-4-5 at Oates?

Jane Stephenson stated that you usually don't design a campus without accountability and having grades K-1-2 without grade 3 is not recommended.

b. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

No questions

c. Consider Approval of Bid Proposals

Pete Amy would like to see what vendors were sent a bid package.

Shirley Martin requested that this be a continuous procedure.

Shirley Martin wants to know where Standard Supply is located.

Shirley Martin questioned why we went out for bid on golf supplies if we don't have a golf team. Why is it allocated in the budget?

Margaret Duchamp stated that just because it was on the bid list doesn't mean that we will buy it or that it is in the budget.

Pete Amy stated that it's just being pro-active.

Harry Barclay stated that the insurance settlement is \$5,700,000.00

After payments we will have \$1,271,373.83 that has not been committed.

Shirley Martin Stated that the amount for the roofs was \$78,000 instead of \$75,000. Correction will be made.

d. Consider Approval of Insurance Settlement w/PCAT

The plan is to have these installed by the first of school.

e. Consider Approval of Camera

Installation at Middle  
and High School

No questions

f. Consider Approval of Nature  
Classroom Bid Proposal

Dr. Collins needs directions from the Board on leasing or purchasing the modular buildings at Anderson.

g. Consider Approval of  
Purchase/Lease Agreement of  
Modular Buildings at Anderson  
Elem.

Margaret Duchamp stated that the terms of leasing the buildings were to use normal and customary procedures when decorating the classrooms. The purchase price for 9 buildings is \$465,739. The amount to lease 9 buildings on a 5-year lease would be \$415,395. To purchase the buildings, Option 1 payment: pay all cost in 2005/2006 budget year. Option 2 payment: Pay half cost in 2005/2006 budget year and the other half of the cost in the 2006-2007 budget year.

No interest will be charged on the second year payment in Option 2 if chosen. \$80,000. estimated for paved parking on the west side of Anderson

Shirley Martin wanted to know about the cost for refrigeration for the additional food that will be needed.

Benny Smith stated that Sysco would deliver by weekly instead of weekly. They have a proposal of placing a freezer on the porch.

Shirley Martin wants a total cost from front to finish on this activity.

Margaret Duchamp stated that the buildings cannot be in disrepair after 5 years according to the lease agreement.

Harry Barclay stated that the general consensus is to go with Option 2 to purchase the buildings.

## 7. Finance – Information:

a. Financial Statements

No questions on a & b

b. Tax Collection Report

c. 2006-2007 Budget Workshop

Harry Barclay asked about the \$50,000. cost in Administrative under Capital Outlay.

Margaret Duchamp stated it is for updating our data processing equipment.

Shirley Martin inquired about the actual cost of student transportation for 05/06 of \$1,191,199.74, she is concerned about the overage.

Shirley Martin inquired about the transportation cost of campus to campus.

Shirley Martin inquired about the increments for athletics.

Margaret Duchamp stated that was the total of all stipends for the Athletic Dept.

Shirley Martin is requesting the cost for retired teachers to the district.

Shirley Martin is requesting another scenario on pay raises:

\$2,500. for teachers - \$1,000 for Paraprofessionals and 3% for auxiliary

Harry Barclay stated that if any of the Board Members have any more

questions on the budget workshop to forward those questions to him this week

so there would be enough time to get answers because the 2006-2007 budget will need to be approved next week.

## 8. Instructional – Information:

a. Library Information

Jennifer Tippet and Charlene Fields gave a presentation on Anderson and Oates Libraries on “Meeting the Needs of Our Students”

b. Credit by exam dates

Jane Stephenson stated that it's a requirement through Policy EEJB (legal) to have 6 days per year for credit by exam dates. They are as follows: July 25, Dec. 4 & 6 of 2006 and April 27, May 2 & 4 of 2007.

**9. Policy –**

a. Consider Approval of Revisions to the following local policies:

Margaret Duchamp went over the revisions of Policy DEC (Local )

**Action item for June 26 , 2006**

- DEC (Local)
- Draft

Executive Session

None

Reconvened to Regular Session

Adjourned

8:04 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Harry Barclay, President

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ATTEST:

Kevin Hebert, Secretary