

# Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 27, 2009

## 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 April 27, 2009, 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

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Ricky Jacobs, Nancy Byers, Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Vincent Bottley, Harry Barclay

Board Members Absent: None

School Attorney Present: George Barron

School Personnel Present: Dr. O. Taylor Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Melinda James, Lorraine Shannon & Bonnie Tegge

- 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

### III. Superintendent's Report

WO-SHS was represented well at the Orange County Stark Reading County Finals yesterday at the Lutchter Theater. The results were as follows:

Declamation – 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rebekah Ragsdale, WOSHS

Interpretative Reading: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tinesha Mix, WOSHS

Two ninth grade students from WOSHS have qualified to compete at the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin May 6-8. Kylie Hughes placed first in News Writing at the UIL Regional Meet this past weekend, while Alayna Jacobs earned a bronze in Headline Writing. Both will advance to state.

Additional at the Regional Meet, the Journalism team of Jacobs, Hughes, Shonnalee Jacobs, Tinesha Mix, Karli Flurry and Alex Jenkins placed third.

The 2009 softball team has earned the title of “District 21-AAA Co-Champions.” The team will be playing a best of three series at Sam Houston State University against the Taylor Ducks. The first game will be played on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the series will be played on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The West Orange-Stark High School Track Team will compete in multiple events this weekend at the Class 3A Region III Track & Field Championships at Humble High School.

Three West Orange-Stark Middle School students placed in the State’s Top 20 at the Texas Math & Science Coaches’ Association State Math and Science meet held recently at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

1. Gareld McNeil placed sixth in science; while
2. Felicia Amy and Deja Guidry placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, respectively in calculator

At WO-S Middle School, 192 students met their Accelerated Reader goal for the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks. This is a school record.

### IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A. Minutes on the following:

1. Called Board Meeting 3/23/09
2. Regular Board Meeting 3/30/09

B. Budget Amendments

Nancy Byers motioned to approve the consent agenda items:  
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

V. Finance - Information/Discussion

A. Financial Statements

1. General Operating Funds
2. Student Nutrition Fund
3. Debt Service
4. Check Register

B. Tax Collection

C. Head Start - March Financials

D. Action Item:

1. Approval of priorities for remaining Bond money

No Action

2. Approval of Extension of Food Service Contract with Chartwells

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the extension of the Food Service Contract with Chartwells  
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Establishing the West Orange-Cove CISD Education Foundation a 501(C)(3) Corp. The Eva D and Gerald Bready Memorial Fund

No Action

4. Approval of Purchasing Busses

Pete Amy motioned to table the purchase of busses  
Nancy Byers seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

Pete Amy motioned to take off the table of the  
purchase of busses  
Nancy Byers seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

Harry Barclay motioned to purchase the buses with  
a maintenance note and pay off the note with the  
FEMA loan.

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion  
Motion fails 0/7 (all members opposed)

VI. Instruction:

A. Action Item:

1. Approval of Low Attendance Days Waiver for  
2008/2009 Hurricane IKE

Nancy Byers motioned to approve the waiver days  
for hurricane Ike  
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval to submit refunding application for Head  
Start Grant

Nancy Byers motioned to approve the refunding  
application for Head Start Grant  
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Head Start Grants - COLA (Cost of Living), ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), and Quality Improvement Funds

Pete Amy motion to approve the COLA, ARRA and Quality Improvement funds for Head Start  
Motion passes unanimously

VII. Policy Information Item:

- A. Appointment of Election Judges

Board reconvened to closed session at 7:01 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 7:45 p.m.

VIII. The open session of the meeting will adjourn. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in closed session for the following purposes.

- A. 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
- B. Discussion of Discipline of Students (Tex.Govt. Code 551.082)
- C. 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)
- 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)
- F. Discussion of Employee Contracts

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

X. Personnel -

- A. Information Item: Resignations

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

