

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on February 23, 2015

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, February 23, 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 – Pete Amy
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance - All
- D. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Ruth Hancock, Rev. Hardy O’Neal, Bryan Thomas Muhammad, Sarah Jefferson Simon & Nathaniel Colbert

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

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.

Grady Gray suggested that the District name the Middle School football stadium after Coach Leroy D. Breedlove because that is the field that he coached at and the High School football field after the student who gave his all, Reggie Garrett. Mr. Gray asked that the Board reconsider naming the High School field the “Reggie Garrett Field” to a student that gave 112%.

Mike Alcala stated that his daughter attends the High School and has not had an English teacher since November. His daughter has excellent grades and in the National Honor Society but when she took the SAT test she might as well not have taken it. Why is there not a teacher in this class? His daughter will get a low score and either the teacher will drop it or she has the opportunity to make it up. He has talked with Mr. Anderson and the teachers about his concerns that because of this his daughter may not be able to get into a college.

III. Action Item:

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

This item was removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Bryan Thomas Muhammad asked where the \$200,000 for legal fees was coming from. Melinda James stated that it was coming from Fund Balance.

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented
Eric Mitchell second the motion
Motion passes unanimously

IV. 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
 - (3) Tax Collection 2015
 - f. Investment Report
 - g. Head Start

V. Instruction

A. Action Item:

1. Approval of 2015/2016 School Calendar (Dr. Wayne Guidry)

Dr. Guidry stated that there are an extra 5 days in the 1st 6 weeks added to this school calendar compared to last year's school calendar.

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the school calendar for 2015/2016
Sarah Jefferson Simon seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VI. Policy

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of the General & Special Election on May 9, 2015 (Bonnie Tegge)

- a. Order to Call Election
- b. Order of Election
- c. Automark Lease Agreement
- d. City of West Orange Joint Election Agreement
- e. City of Orange & City of Pinehurst Joint Election Agreement

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the General & Special Election agreements as listed (a-e) on May 9, 2015

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Policy Update 101 (second read on local polices) - (Anitrea Goodwin)

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the Policy Update 101 along with Local Policies as presented

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Signage of "Leroy D. Breedlove Field" (Bryan Thomas Muhammad)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned for the District to finance the cost of the sign on the score board and banner in front of the press box.

Rev. Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion

Motion fails 3/4 with Ruth Hancock, Eric Mitchell, Sarah Jefferson Simon and Pete Amy opposing.

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

Board reconvened to open session at 8:57 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)

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 related to the hearing decision regarding special education case docket number 011-SE-0914 (Tex. Govt. Code 551.0821)
3. Discuss/consider hearing decision regarding special education case docket number 011-SE-0914 (Tex. Gov. Code 551.0821)

- 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)
 - F. Discussion on Superintendent Finalist
- 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. Personnel (Anitrea Goodwin)

A. Action Item:

1. Approval of Substitutes

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the substitutes as presented
Nathaniel Colbert seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

B. Information Item:

1. Resignations

X. Action Item:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on Naming the Lone Finalist for Superintendent's Position

No motion.

XI. Adjourn: 9:05 p.m.