

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2013

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, March 25, 2013, 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, Harry Barclay, Tony Dallas, Andrew Hayes, Eric Mitchell (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) & Ricky Jacobs

Board Member absent: Rev. Hardy O’Neal

School Attorney present: George Barron & David Hodgins

School personnel present: James Colbert, Anitrea Goodwin, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Melinda James, Dr. Wayne Guidry, Dr. Brant Graham, Hutcherson Hill, Anthony Moten, Benny Smith, Shannon Larson, Greg Willis, Elvis Rushing, Coach Thompson, Bettie Curtis & Bonnie Tegge

II. Audience with Patrons (limited to 5 minutes per patron)

None

III. QSCB Report (Sam Lucia)

Mr. Lucia reported on the following:

- **Baseball/Softball Project**
- **HVAC Project**
- **Administration/Maintenance Building**

IV. Superintendent's Report (James Colbert)

- **Last year’s WO-S High School Yearbook is included in the “Yearbook**

Yearbook” which features the top yearbooks in the country. Ms. Meri Elen Jacobs is doing a great job.

- **Students will take the STAAR test April 1-5 and April 22-25**
- **West Orange-Stark High School will host the District Track Meet on Monday, April 8 & Thursday, April 11. We will also host the Area Track meet on Thursday, April 18.**
- **Robotics invention teams from WO-S Elementary & WO-S High School will compete in the State Robotics Meet at Deer Park High School on Saturday, April 13**
- **The District will host Family Fun Day at Lion’s Den Park on Saturday, April 20.**
- **The Orange County Finals of the Stark Reading Contest will be held at the Lutcher Theater at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 21**

V. Consent Agenda Items

A. Action Items:

Pete Amy stated that they were taking both items off the consent agenda so questions could be asked. These items will be voted on separately.

1. Approval of Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the budget amendments
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of the Board Minutes for the Following Meetings: (Bonnie Tegge)

- a. November 12, 2012 - Called
- b. November 26, 2012 - Regular
- c. January 14, 2013 - Called
- d. January 22, 2013 - Regular
- e. February 18, 2013 - Called
- f. February 25, 2013 – Regular

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the minutes as presented
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VI. 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
- f. Head Start

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Bid Properties - Case #'s A110056-T & A080019-T (Melinda James)

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the bid properties as presented
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Bid for Football, Trainer, Volleyball, Equipment & Supplies (Melinda James)

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the bid for football, trainer, volleyball, equipment & supplies.
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Resolution Extending Depository Contract (Melinda James)

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the resolution extending the depository contract to Orange Savings Bank
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VII. Instruction

A. Information:

1. Head Start Report (Shannon Larson)

Mr. Larson stated the following:

- Playground safety material
- Power supply issue in the annex.
- Safety issues during parent drop off times which have been addressed.
- Dr. Graham and Lieutenant John Tarver with the West Orange Police Dept. conducted the emergency operation planning.
- Head Start is cutting 5% of funding across the board.
- Head Start Grant due May 1, 2013

- Integrated plans have been approved by the policy council
- New Policy Council Chair is Carolyn Williams
- Community Assessment was completed with the help of Dr. Vanderleew & Dr. Nelson from Lamar University, Beaumont.
- Board Training to the Board on April 15th.

B. Action Item:

1. Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment Certification (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the instructional materials allotment certification

Andrew Hayes seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Policy

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of Policy Update 96 (Anitrea Goodwin)
2. Approval of Local Policy DGBA (LOCAL) - First Read (Second Read will be on April 22, 2013) - (Anitrea Goodwin)

Policy update 96 local policies will be voted on at the April 22, 2013 Board Meeting.

3. Approval of Resolution Opposing School Choice Vouchers (James Colbert)

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the resolution opposing school choice vouchers

Tony Dallas seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

Board Convened to closed session at 6:55 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 7:50 p.m.

IX. 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.

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

XI. Personnel (Anitrea Goodwin)

A. Action Item:

1. Approval of Contractual Staff

None at this time

2. Approval of Substitute List

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the substitute list

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion

Passes unanimously

XII. Policy - Part Two

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of Proposed Termination of Alexander Alzamora Probationary Contract and Related Actions (Anitrea Goodwin)

Tony Dallas moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the termination of the probationary employment contract of Mr. Alexander Alzamora for good cause as determined by this Board, and that the Superintendent be authorized to provide appropriate notice of this Board's action and the related reasons for the Board's action

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Declaration of Abandonment of Contract with out Good Cause Regarding the Probationary Contract of Alexander Alzamora (Anitrea

Goodwin)

Harry Barclay moved that the Board declare that Mr. Alexander Alzamora has failed without good cause to comply with the applicable resignation deadline or the provision regarding resignation by consent in his employment contract, has failed without good cause to perform his contract, and that as of February 25, 2013, Mr. Alzamora has abandoned his contract. I further recommend that the Board approve a formal complaint against Mr. Alzamora to the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding his actions and authorized the Superintendent to notify SBEC of the Board's action.

Andrew Hayes seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

XIII. Adjourn: 7:54 p.m.