

# Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 24, 2008

## The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

---

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held November 24, 2008, 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 (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Vincent Bottley & Harry Barclay.**

**School Attorney: George Barron**

**School Personnel Present: Dr. O. Taylor Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Melinda James, Keith Rochau, Mike Mason, Anitrea Goodwin, Benny Smith, Elvis Rushing, Lorraine Shannon, Betty Curtis, Kenneth Rhone (First Student) and 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. Approval of consent agenda Items:
  - A. Approval of minutes on the following:
    - 1. Emergency Called Board Meeting 9/18/08 - Hurricane Ike
    - 2. Called Board Meeting 10/20/08

- 3. Regular Board Meeting 10/27/08
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Approval of certification of the 2008 current Tax Roll
- D. Approval of waiver days for seniors during TAKS

**Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the consent agenda items A-D**

**Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion**

**Motion passes unanimously**

IV. Finance - Information

- A. Financial Statements
  - 1. General Operating Funds
  - 2. Student Nutrition Fund
  - 3. Debt Service
- B. Tax Collection

V. Action Item:

- A. Approval of transportation cost cutting measures

**Harry Barclay motioned to stop providing transportation to and from practices and any other extra curricular events starting in January 2009 which will continue into the 2009/2010 school year.**

**Eric Mitchell seconded the motion**

**Motion passes 6/1 with Ricky Jacobs opposing**

VI. Instruction

- A. District Awards for Teacher Excellence presentation presented by: Michelle Duhon

VII. Facility - Action Items:

- A. Approval of flood insurance

**Pass**

- B. Approval of naming new elementary

**Dr. Collins recommended that the new elementary be named West Orange-Stark Elementary, the Gym named after Mr. Andrew Hayes and the library named after Ms. Bettie Curtis**

**Eric Mitchell motioned to accept Dr. Collins recommendation**

**Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion**

**Motion passes 6/1 with Nancy Byers opposing**

- C. Approval to go out for proposals on the High School construction project

**Pete Amy motioned to approve going out for proposals on the High School construction project.**

**Eric Mitchell seconded the motion**

**Motion passes unanimously**

- D. Consider Approval of proposal from KBR on Middle School construction

**Pass**

- E. Consider Approval of proposal for roof replacement at North Early Learning Center

**Harry Barclay motioned to accept the proposal for roof replacement at NELC from Monumnet Constructors**

**Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion**

**Motion passes 6/1 with Nancy Byers opposing**

**Reconvened to closed session at 7:03 p.m**

**Reconvened to open session at 9:02 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

- 6. Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation
  - 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. Consultation with attorney regarding claim for dental expenses.
- 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. Approval of settlement on claim

**Pass**

- XI. Personnel - Action Item:
- A. Approval of employment of contractual staff

**Nancy Byers motioned to approve the employment of contractual staff as presented**  
**Eric Mitchell seconded the motion**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

**Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.**