

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on August 25, 2014

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, August 25, 2014, 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

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

School Attorney Present: George Barron

School Personnel Present: Dr. Brant Graham, Dr. Wayne Guidry, Anitrea Goodwin, Melinda James, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Anthony Moten, Sherry Hardin, Dr. Tyrus Doctor, Rod Anderson, Beverly Robinson, Elvis Rushing & 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.

Mr. Leonard Curtis – In favor of naming the High School football field in honor of Leroy Breedlove.

Michael Spencer – Hair issues for black & white students. Hair shouldn’t be an issue. Feels that Coach Thompson makes his own rules and doesn’t understand why that is allowed.

Dr. Smith – Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. In favor of naming the High School football field in honor of Leroy Breedlove.

George Levias – In favor of naming the High School football field in honor of

Leroy Breedlove.

The hair issue is a trivial issue and there are more important things that need to be dealt with in this District than hair.

III. Superintendent's Report

Enrollment: 2243 students, 51 students less than last year.

Last week we had the Transformation Assembly that went very well.

IV. Action Items:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

Pete Amy asked that the Budget Amendments be pulled from the consent agenda items. There needs to be a correction to the budget amendment for the WO-S Elementary on page 9, it should be an increase of \$212.05 instead of a decrease of \$212.05

Pete Amy motioned to approve the budget amendments with the correction as noted above.

Ruth Hancock seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

V. 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
 - f. Head Start
 - g. Investment Report

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Bid Property (Melinda James)

**Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the bid property as presented
Bryan Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion**

Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider Approval of Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits - Texas Education Code, Chapter 41 (Melinda James)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the agreement for the purchase of attendance credits

Nathaniel Colbert seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Consider Approval of 2014 Tax Rate Information: (Melinda James)
 - a. 2014 Certified Value (Melinda James)
 - b. Certification of the 2014 Anticipated Collection Rate & Excess Debt Collection (Melinda James)
 - c. Statement of 2014 Effective and Rollback rates (Melinda James)
 - d. Top Ten Taxpayers (Melinda James)

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the 2014 Tax Information as presented in V-3/a,b,c & d

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

VI. Instruction:

A. Information Item:

1. Head Start Report - (Sherry Hardin)

Mrs. Hardin reported that Head Start has a total of:

239 students,

143 - 4 yr. olds

96 - 3 yr. olds.

VII. Policy

A. Action Items:

1. Consider Approval of Local Policies BE & ~~FC~~ FFC- First Read (Anitrea Goodwin)
 - a. BE (Local) - Board Meetings
 - b. ~~FC~~ FFC (Local) - Student Welfare & Support Systems

Pete Amy noted that the policy for A/1/b is FFC (Local)

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve Policy BE & FFC (Local)

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider Approval of PDAS Calendar (Anitrea Goodwin)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the PDAS Calendar as presented

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Discussion & Consider Approval of the Naming of the High School Football Field (Bryan Thomas Muhammad)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the naming of the West Orange-Stark High School football field “The Leroy Breedlove Field”

Nathaniel Colbert seconded the motion

Motion passes 4/3 (opposing = Pete Amy, Ruth Hancock & Eric Mitchell)

B. Information/Discussion Item:

1. Discussion of the Grooming Expectations of the Extra Curricular Activities (James Colbert)

James Colbert stated that this is not a policy and would not need to be voted on. However, there would be an amendment to the student handbook (page 1, section 2/B) that the grooming guideline wording would read as follows:

Alternative hair styles such as braids, mohawks, dreadlocks, mullets etc. must be kept neat and without design and must not exceed 2” or touch the players’ collar.

Board convened to closed session at:

Board reconvened to open session at: 7:18 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. 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. 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)
- 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 (Anitrea Goodwin)**
 - A. **Information Item:**
 - 1. Resignations
 - B. **Action Items:**
 - 1. Consider Approval of Contractual Staff

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the contractual staff
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

- XI. Adjourn: 7:20 p.m.