

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on November 16, 2015

## 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 Monday, November 16, 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 – Ruth Hancock

B. Invocation – Ruth Hancock

C. Pledge of Allegiance - All

D. Certification of Notice – Ruth Hancock

Board Members Present: Ruth Hancock, Linda Platt-Bryant, Roderick Robertson,  
Rev. Hardy O’Neal, Sarah Jefferson Simon, and John  
Gray Jr.

Board Members Absent: Bryan Thomas Muhammad

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

District Personnel Present: Rickie Harris, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Melinda James, Dr. Nina  
LeBlanc, Anitrea Goodwin, Sherry Hardin, Anthony Moten,  
Lorraine Shannon, Greg Willis, Manuel Vera, Beverly  
Robinson, Elvis Rushing, Heather Knox, Danielle  
Robinson and Donielle Duff

### 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.

### III. Action Item:

A. Approval of the Financial Audit from Davis, Heinemann & Co., P.C. (a draft copy is attached) – (Melinda James)

Motion made by John Gray Jr. to accept the report as filed

Second made by Roderick Robertson

Motion passed unanimously

### IV. Superintendent's Report – (Rickie Harris)

A. **Campus Recognition: Elementary School** (Sherry Hardin)

1. Student of the Month – Mic’hael Sterling

2. Teacher of the Month – Leighia Barron

3. Employee of the Month – Julie Allensworth

B. Grassroots Meeting – Region 5

February 11, 2016 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

C. Lamar San Antonio Session

February 26, 2016 – February 28, 2016

V. **Action Item:**

A. **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)  
No amendments to approve
2. Board Meeting Minutes as follows: (Donielle Duff)
  - a. September 21, 2015 – Called
  - b. September 28, 2015 – RegularMotion made by Roderick Robertson to accept minutes  
Second made by Linda Platt-Bryant  
Motion passed 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
    - (1) Tax Collection 2014
    - (2) Tax Collection 2015
  - f. Head Start Financials
  - g. Head Start Financials
2. **Action Item:**
  - a. Approval of the Certification of the 2015 Current & Delinquent Tax Rolls (Melinda James)  
Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant  
Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Motion passes unanimously

VII. **Policy**

A. **Action Item:**

1. Consider approval of the Application For Expedited Staff Development Waiver (Dr. Silvia Martinez)  
Motion made by Rev. Hardy O'Neal  
Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Motion passed unanimously
2. Consider Approval of the School District Local Wellness Policy (Danielle Robinson)  
Motion made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Second made by Linda Platt-Bryant  
Motion passed unanimously
3. Consider Approval of Policy Update 103 (Anitrea Goodwin)

Motion made by Rev. Hardy O'Neal  
Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Motion passed unanimously

**B. Information Item:**

1. Board President's announcement pursuant to Policy BBD (LEGAL) regarding each Board Member's required training.  
Roderick Robertson delinquent lacking 1.50 hours as of November 16, 2015. He is scheduled for two sessions and will have hours completed by the required end of fiscal year deadline.

**VIII. Instruction**

**A. Information Item:**

1. Student Progress Monitoring Update (Dr. Silvia Martinez)
  - a. Assessment Data Review
2. Head Start Report (Sherry Hardin)
  - a. Acceptance of Donation from Linda Platt-Bryant and Jared Dupree of train and track set to NELC

**B. Action Items:**

1. Consider approval of contingency plan amending the 2015/2016 school calendar in the event of the WOCCISD football team playing in the championship game.  
Motion made by Roderick Robertson  
Second made by Linda Platt-Bryant  
Motion passed unanimously
2. Consider Approval of Head Start Anonymous Donation (Sherry Hardin)  
Motion made by Sarah Jefferson Simon  
Second made by Roderick Robertson  
Motion passed unanimously
3. Consider Approval of Head Start Integrated Plans for 2015/2016 as follows:  
(Sherry Hardin)
  - a. Education and Early Childhood Dev.
    - (1) Curriculum Plan 2015-2016
    - (2) Individualization Plan 2015/2016
    - (3) Child Outcomes Nine Weeks Plan 2015/2016
  - b. Transition Plan
  - c. Nutrition
  - d. Child Health and Dev. Services
  - e. Mental Health Services
  - f. Family Partnership Engagement
  - g. Program Governance
  - h. Management Systems and Procedures
  - i. Human Services
  - j. Facilities, Materials, and Equipment
  - k. Disability Services

1. Transportation

Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant to approve Head Start

Integrated plans for 2015/2016

Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon

Motion passed unanimously

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

**Board convened to closed session at 7:07 p.m.**

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 approval of settlement agreement related to Special Education Case TEA Docket Number No. 025-SE-0915 and/or Special Education Federal Case, C.A. No. 1:15-cv-00119 and related actions.
2. 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)

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.

**Board reconvened to open session at 7:30 p.m.**

**XI. Action Items:**

A. Consider approval of settlement agreement related to Special Education Case TEA Docket Number No. 025-SE-0915 and/or Special Education Federal case, C.A. No. 1:15-cv-00119 and related actions

Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant

Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon

Motion passed unanimously

B. Resolution casting District's votes for five candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors of Orange County Appraisal District

Motion made by John Gray Jr. to approve Hughie Allen

Second made by Linda Platt-Bryant

Motion passed unanimously

C. Resolution regarding Governor Abbott's appointment of the next Texas

Commissioner of Education.

Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant

Second made by Sarah Jefferson Simon

Motion passed unanimously

**XII. Personnel** (Anitrea Goodwin)

**A. Action Items:**

1. Consider approval of School District Teaching Permit

Motion made by Sarah Jefferson Simon to approve welding program  
part time position

Second made by Roderick Robertson

Motion passed unanimously

2. Consider approval of Contractual Staff

Motion made by Linda Platt-Bryant

Second made by John Gray Jr.

Motion passed unanimously

**B. Information Items:**

1. Resignations

2. Substitute List

**II. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

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Approved:

Ruth Hancock, President

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Attest:

Linda Platt-Bryant, Secretary