

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on March 26, 2012

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, March 26, 2012, 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: Ricky Jacobs
- B. Invocation: Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance: All
- D. Certification of Notice: Ricky Jacobs

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. Superintendent's Report

Ryan Allen and Britton Lindsey each placed second in STATE, individually. Ryan Allen set the STATE record in the Super Heavy Weight Dead lift (710 lbs) total lift of 1840 lbs
Britton Lindsey was recognized for the best dead lift in the 165 lb. and under class (580 lbs.) total lift was 1405 lbs.

Excellence in Education Award

Camille Fuller, Middle School Social Studies and PE teacher has won the Beaumont Foundation's Orange County Middle School Award for Excellence. She will be presented with \$10,000.

Stark Reading Contest

WO-S High School students competed for scholarships yesterday. Winners were:
Declamation – 1st – Brittney Perry, 2nd – Devin Hebert
Interpretive Readings – 1st – Paige Pollard, 2nd – Alayna Jacobs
1st place winners won a \$2,000 scholarship and will now advance to the Orange County Contest. 2nd place winners won a \$1,500 scholarship.

Harry Barclay and James Colbert attended professional development with the superintendent's of the Leadership Academy which took place in San Antonio. This was a very informative and beneficial training. Mr. Colbert Would like to develop a focus group of students at every campus level.

IV. Action Items:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Board Minutes (Bonnie Tegge)
 - a. Called Board Meeting on 2/20/12
 - b. Regular Board Meeting on 2/27/2012
2. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented
Tony Dallas 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
 - f. Head Start
 - g. Quarterly Investment Reports
2. Refinancing of 2003 Bond Information (James Colbert - Melinda James)
 - a. Purchase Agreement
 - b. Officer's Pricing Certificate
 - c. Timetable of Events
 - d. Distribution List
 - e. Summary of Refunding Results

Mr. Colbert stated that they met with Coast Securities recently and were able to lock in a rate that will save the District \$65,000. a year in interest. Melinda James stated that the District saved about 12.5% on the interest rate.

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Athletic Bids for Football, Trainer, Volleyball, Equipment and Supplies (Melinda James)

Pete Amy motioned to approve the athletic bids for football, trainer, volleyball, equipment and supplies.
Harry Barclay seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VI. Instruction

A. North ELC/Head Start Report (Shannon Larson)

Mr. Larson stated that they have 239 in Head Start.
NELC had Go Texas Week. Thanks Mr. Hill for the students at the High School, they did a great job volunteering.
Mr. Larson will be attending the National Head Start Assoc. on April 16th.
PDAS – Completed 17 out of 17 of the first four domains. The next four domains will be done by May 11th required by the District.
Teacher Aide evaluation have been started.
Amy Crew did resign. The position has been posted on the web site.
Policy Council is tomorrow.
Charmaine Campbell is out due to surgery and Sarah Landry is filling in two days a week for Ms. Campbell. A former Head Start teacher is subbing in Mrs. Landry's spot during this time; which is working out very well. Mrs. Landry has her Administration certificate.
There is an approx. 14% increase in the scores from the Fall.

VII. Policy

A. Action Items:

1. Consider Approval of Resolution of the Board to Suspend Portions of EIA (Local) and EKB (Legal) for the 2011/12 School Year Only (Wayne Guidry)

Dr. Guidry stated that resolution will defer implementation of the statutory provision that requires 15% of the EOC to count for the student's final grade. This policy will be deferred for this school year only. Please be advised that this test still counts for the 9th graders cumulative graduation requirements.

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the resolution of the Board to suspend portions of EIA (Local) and EKB (Legal) for the 2011/2012 school year only.
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider Approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidates (Bonnie Tegge)

3. Consider Approval of Order of Cancellation of General Election (Bonnie Tegge)

Tony Dallas motioned to approve Items VII/2 & 3
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

B. Informational Item:

1. Election of Region 5 Education Service Center Board of Directors (ballots are at your seating area) Please vote and return ballots to Bonnie Tegge. Below you will find background information on each Board Candidate. (Bonnie Tegge)

All Board members in attendance voted and returned ballots to Bonnie Tegge.

Board convened to closed session at 6:28 p.m.
Board reconvened to open session at 7:55 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. 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.
 - a. Consider proposed non-renewal of the professional term contract of James Acker and related actions.
 - b. Consider decision to terminate the professional probationary contract of James Comeaux 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

A. Information Item:

1. Resignations

XI. Adjourn: 7:56 p.m.