

Minutes of School District Called Board Meeting
Board of Trustees
West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District
July 24, 2006
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 24, 2006 beginning 6:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15th St., Orange, TX 77630. Harry Barclay presided.

Members Present: Harry Barclay, Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Shirley Martin, & Nancy Byers

Members Absent: Kevin Hebert, Mary Fontenot Hardin

School Personnel: Dr. O. Taylor Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Chrissy Hickman, Bonnie Tegge & George Barron

Invocation: Pete Amy

Pledge: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guest: Keith Rochau, Gary Stelly, Paul A. Hardin, James Acker, Mike Mason, Robert Reid & Benny L. Smith

5. Audience with Patrons None

6. Superintendent's Report Dr. Collins gave Construction & QZAB Update. School will start on time (August 21, 2006).
New Hires are looking very promising.

7. Consent Agenda Items for July 31, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

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| a. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments | No questions asked |
| b. Consider Approval of Tax Anticipation Notes | Lewis Wilkes presented a handout and gave presentation on the TAN. The Board stated that they wanted to borrow \$4,000,000. and have a Maturity Date of February 15, 2007 |
| c. Consider Approval of Bid Property | No questions asked |
| d. Consider Approval of Bids for: | No questions asked |
| • Electrical Parts & Supplies | |
| • Building Supplies | |
| • Paint, Supplies & Tools | |
| • Plumbing Supplies | |
| e. Consider Approval of | Greg Willis presented a handout on the time line to meet NIMS compliance. A |

National Incident
Management
System Resolution

Board member needs to be selected to be on the Emergency Operations Management team (This will be an action item for July 31st Regular Board Meeting). WO-S needs to be in compliance with NIMS by September 30, 2006.

8. Finance – Information:

- a. Financial Statements
- b. Tax Collection Report
- c. Donation Checks
 - Lamar State College Orange \$500.00
 - Wal-Mart \$1,000.00

Shirley Martin requested a detail of the Hurricane Rita account once all repairs are complete.

No questions asked

Harry Barclay thanked Lamar State College Orange and Wal-Mart for their donations.

9. Instructional – Information:

Walking at Graduation without Fulfilling All Requirements

This Item will be an action item for July 31st Regular Board Meeting.

Pete Amy would like a vote before the school year starts.
Harry Barclay stated that it is an honor to get to walk at Graduation. Parents need to start early on getting students prepared to graduate.
Shirley Martin spoke with Dr. Thomas from Beaumont I.S.D. about their policy.
Nancy Byers stated that politics of low expectations shouldn't be done and would like to see the standard remain. Can't blame low socio economics.
Pete Amy stated that 8 did not pass to walk and 7 of the 8 took the summer exam.
Eric Mitchell doesn't feel that we are lowering standards; every child needs a chance.

10. Facilities:

Discussion on Renaming Mustang Stadium

Shirley Martin stated that she has a problem with naming a stadium after a person who never pays taxes in Orange and his children didn't attend Orange schools. She wanted to know what has he contributed to WO-S?

11. Policy:

- a. Proposed Revisions to Local Policies:
 - EIA Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to parents'
 - EIE Academic Achievement: Retention and Promotion

Jane Stephenson reported changes discussed at Policy Committee meeting. Margaret Duchamp passed out letters from TASB.

Executive Session

7:57 p.m.

Reconvened to Regular Session

9:02 p.m.

11. Personnel – Action Item for July

24, 2006:

a. Approval of Employment of Contractual Staff

Pete Amy motioned to approve Employment of Contractual Staff as presented
Nancy Byers seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously with Ms. Martin abstaining

Adjourned

9:05 p.m.

APPROVED:
Harry Barclay, President

ATTEST:
Kevin Hebert, Secretary