

Minutes of Called Meeting – October 19, 2009

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held October 19, 2009, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15th St. Orange, Texas 77630.

I. PUBLIC MEETING

A. First Rating Information

Melinda James stated that we received a superior rating of 79 out of 85 points; this is the second year in a row that we have received this ratings.

Gay Cormier congratulated Melinda and anyone else who work hard at getting this rating.

B. Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

II. Routine Business

A. Call To Order: 6:06 p.m. – 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, Andrew Hayes, Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin, Vincent Bottley & Harry Barclay (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

School Attorney: George Barron

School Personnel: Dr. Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Melinda James, Anitrea Goodwin, Paul Hardin, Travis McKelvain, Benny Smith, Ryan Clark, Joey Cormier, Betty Curtis, Debra Simon, Merri Ellen Jacobs, Janice Semien, Wilhelmina Wills, Dawn Fusilier, Josh Rhodes, and Bonnie Tegge

- III. 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.

Joey Cormier, spoke on behalf of the students who were suspended at the High School. Mr. Cormier asked that the Board keep in mind that these young students' entire lives could be hanging in the balance depending on the decision that the Board makes in closed session tonight. Mr. Cormier knows for a fact that the young man involved comes from a very fine Christian home and that they have never had any problems with him. Mr. Cormier feels that the punishment for the first offense is too harsh and that they need a second chance.

- IV. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Item:
A. Approval of Budget Amendments

This budget amendment is for uniforms for the softball girls.

- V. Finance
A. Information/Discussion Items
1. Financial Statements
a. General Operating Funds
b. Student Nutrition Fund

- c. Debt Service
- d. Head Start Financials
- 2. Tax Collection
- 3. Check Register -September 2009

Convene to closed session at 6:10 p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 8:27 p.m.

- VI. 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)
 - B. Level Three Appeal Hearings of Parent Complaints pursuant to WOC-CISD Board Policy FNG (Local) (Tex.Gov't Code 551.071, 551.074, 551.082, 551.0821)
 - C. 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
 - D. Superintendent's Proposed Recommendation for Termination of Term Contract of Employment
 - 1. Wilhelmina Wills
 - E. Discussion of Discipline of Students (Tex.Govt. Code 551.082)
 - F. Discuss other matters as authorized by (Tex.Govt.Code 551.071-551.084)
 - G. Paraprofessional, Support Staff, and Personnel (Tex. Govt. Code 551.074)

VII. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on items discussed in closed session and open session items.

Pete Amy stated that Harry Barclay came in at 6:12 p.m. and that Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin recused her self in closed session during the deliberation.

Harry Barclay motioned that each of the appeals that were heard tonight be denied and the original campus recommendation stands.

Vincent Bottley seconded the motion

Motion is 3/3 (Eric Mitchell, Andrew Hayes & Ricky Jacobs against) Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin abstaining – NO MAJORITY, NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS MOTION.

The Board will convene to close session to discuss item 6 on the closed session of tonight's agenda at 8:26 p.m.

The Board will reconvene to open session at 9:35 p.m.

Harry Barclay motioned to accept the Superintendent's proposed recommendation to send Wilhelmina Wills notice of proposed termination of her term contract of employment with the District and send the required notice under Board Policy DFD.

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion

Motion carries 5/2 (Eric Mithcell and Vincent Bottley against)

Adjourned at 9:37 p.m.