

# Minutes of Regular – July 26, 2010

## The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

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A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, July 26, 2010, 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 – Pete Amy
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – All
- D. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy

**Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Ricky Jacobs, Eric Mitchell, Andrew Hayes and Harry Barclay**

**Board Members Absent: Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin, Rev. Hardy O’Neal**

**School Attorney Present: George Barron**

**School Personnel Present: Margaret Duchamp, Melinda James, Anitrea Goodwin, Rod Anderson, Travis McKelvain, Benny Smith, James Acker, Greg Willis, Betty Curtis & 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.

**None**

### III. QSCB Award - Presentation by Lewis Wilkes and Tom Sage (Melinda James)

**Lewis Wilkes, Financial Advisor stated that Melinda did a good job in sending in all the information on time. It was a hard application to get and West Orange-Cove was awarded \$6,075,000 in qualified school construction bonds. WO-C has 1 year from the date of the letter to issue the bonds. WO-C can get subsidy from the government that will hopefully cover 100% of the interest. These are taxable bonds. No matching fund money. You have to spend 10%**

**within 6 months. All monies need to be spent within 3 years. WO-C is only responsible for the principal. This will need to be taken to the voters.**

**Pete Amy stated that we had to apply in order to get accepted for this program. The decision has not been made that we are going out for a bond election but in order for us to benefit from this extraordinary good interest rate we had to apply in hopes of getting accepted. Mr. Amy stated that he personally feels that the November election is too soon to have it ready for the public to vote on.**

IV. Superintendent's Report

**Pete Amy stated that Mr. Conway was absent due to the fact that he is attending a conference in Austin.**

V. Discussion on Superintendent Search

**We have posted this position. We haven't decided which avenue that we are going to use as a job search mechanism. Any resumes received will be put on file for when we do decide how we are going to handle the job search.**

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A. Board Minutes

1. June 7, 2010 - Called
2. June 28, 2010 – Regular

**Harry Barclay motioned to approve the minutes as presented  
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously**

B. Budget Amendments

**Pete Amy asked that the budget amendments be removed from the consent agenda. One of the budget amendments includes the salary cost that needs to be discussed.**

**The Attorney General has ruled that we are required to give step raises to the teachers, counselors and nurses.**

**The trustees received a spread sheet from Mrs. Duchamp about different positions in the district and possible salary increases. Mr. Amy thanked Mrs. Duchamp for getting that report out in such a timely manner.**

**Harry Barclay wants a report on what it would cost the district to give a raise based on an hourly bases to maintenance, administrators, paraprofessionals & custodial employees. (example: .25, .40,.50 cents an hour).**

**Harry Barclay motioned to approve the step raise for 5, 7 & 9 (teachers,**

**counselors & nurses)**  
**Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

VII. Finance (Melinda James)

- A. Information/Discussion Items
  - 1. Financial Statements
    - a. General Operating Funds
    - b. Student Nutrition Fund
    - c. Debt Service
  - 2. Tax Collection
  - 3. Check Register -June 2010
- B. Action Item:
  - 1. Approval of Bid Property

**Harry Barclay motioned to approve the Bid Property**  
**Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

VIII. Policy - Action Items:

- A. Approval of Student Handbooks & Code of Conduct for 2010/2011(Margaret Duchamp & Jane Stephenson)
  - 1. WO-S Elementary (this includes the North Early Learning Campus)
  - 2. WO-S Middle School
  - 3. WO-S High School
  - 4. Student Code of Conduct - all Campuses

**Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the student handbooks & code of conduct for all campuses as presented**  
**Eric Mitchell seconded the motion**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

- B. Approval of the PDAS Appraisers & Calendar for 2010/2011 School Year (Margaret Duchamp)

**Harry Barclay motioned to approve the PDAS appraisers & calendar as presented**  
**Andrew Hayes seconded the motion**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

- C. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County Sheriff's Office (Melinda James)

**Mr. Barron stated some concerns about the agreement.**

**Harry Barclay motioned to approve Pete Amy & George Barron to negotiate and settle this agreement with the County without having to come back to the board.**

**Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**Convened to closed session at 7:04 p.m.**

**Reconvened to open session at 7:24 p.m.**

- IX. 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. 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
  - 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.
- XI. Personnel - Action Item: (Margaret Duchamp)
- A. Approval of Contractual Staff

**Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the contractual staff**

**Andrew Hayes seconded the motion**

**Motion passes unanimously**

- B. Information

- 1. Resignations

**Adjourned: 7:26 p.m.**