

# Minutes of Called Board Meeting on May 18, 2015

## The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

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A Called of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, May 18, 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 – Pete Amy
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – All
- D. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Ruth Hancock, Eric Mitchell, Rev. Hardy O’Neal (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Bryan Thomas Muhammad, Sarah Jefferson Simon & Nathaniel Colbert

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

School Personnel Present: Rickie Harris, Dr. Wayne Guidry, Dr. Nina Leblanc, Anitrea Goodwin, Melinda James, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Anthony Moten, Sherry Hardin, Dr. Tyrus Doctor, Rod Anderson, Elvis Rushing, Beverly Robinson, Lorraine Shannon & Bonnie Tegge

### **II. Canvass Votes from May 9, 2015 School Trustee Election**

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the canvassing of the votes from the May 9, 2015 School Trustee Election as presented  
Bryan Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

### **III. Oath of Office & Certification Notice (George Barron)**

George Barron Administered the Oath of Office & Certification Notice to the newly elected officers: Linda Platt-Bryant, Roderick Robertson & John Gray, Jr.

### **IV. Re-Organization of Board of Trustees**

Mr. Harris stated that at this time he was taking motions for president.

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to nominate Ruth Hancock as president  
Rev. Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion  
Motion passes 6/1 w/Ruth Hancock abstaining

Mr. Harris handed over the gavel to Ruth Hancock as President

Ruth Hancock stated that they need a nomination for Vice President

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to nominate Sarah Jefferson Simon as Vice  
President to the Board

Linda Platt-Bryant seconded the motion

Motion passes 6/1 - w/Sarah Jefferson Simon abstaining

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to nominate Linda Platt-Bryant

As secretary to the Board

John Gray seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

The new officers for the WOCCISD School Board are as follows:

Ruth Hancock – President

Sarah Jefferson Simon – Vice President

Linda Platt-Bryant – Secretary

**V. 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

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

Coach Cornel Thompson & Coach Carl Broussard acknowledged Ja'Tayjah Vital who placed second at the State Powerlifting meet as a Sophomore in her weight class. Ja'Tayjah squatted 405 lb. and bench pressed 165.

Mr. Rickie Harris presented Ja'Tayjah with a certificate of appreciation.

**VII. Action Item:**

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

1. Board Minutes for the following: (Bonnie Tegge)

a. January 20, 2015 - Called

b. January 26, 2015 - Regular

- c. February 2, 2015 - Called
- d. February 3, 2015 - Called
- e. February 5, 2015 - Called
- f. February 5, 2015 - Called
- g. February 16, 2015 - Called
- h. February 16, 2015 - Called
- i. February 23, 2015 – Regular

Sarah Jefferson Simon motioned to approve the minutes as presented  
Linda Platt-Bryant seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

### **VIII. 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

### **IX. Instruction**

#### **A. Information Items:**

- 1. Head Start Report (Sherry Hardin)
- 2. Donation Letter (Sherry Hardin)

### **X. Policy**

#### **A. Action Items:**

- 1. Consider Approval of Aramark Food Service Contract (Anitrea Goodwin)

Rev. Hardy O’Neal motioned to approve the Aramark Food Service Contract  
as presented

John Gray seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

- 2. Consider Approval of changes on Policy FMH (LOCAL) - (Dr. Wayne Guidry)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the changes to policy FMH (Local) as presented  
Rev. Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

Board convened to open session at 6:52 p.m.  
Board reconvened to open session at 8:04 p.m.

XI. 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. 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)

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

XIII. **Personnel (Anitrea Goodwin)**

**A. Information Item:**

1. Resignations

**B. Action Item:**

1. Approval of Granting the Superintendent Authority to Hire Contract Employees Under \$50,000 during the Months of June, July & August (Rickie Harris)

Roderick Robertson motioned to approve granting the superintendent authority to hire contract employees under \$50,000 during the months of June, July & August

Bryan Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

XIV. Adjourn: 8:07 p.m.