

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on June 30, 2014

## 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, June 30, 2014, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 902 W. Park Ave. Orange, Texas 77630.

### **I. Public Hearing**

#### **A. Information/Discussion:**

1. Public Meeting to Discuss Budget & Proposed Tax Rate (Melinda James)

### **II. 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, Eric Mitchell, Ruth Hancock, Rev. Hardy O’Neal, Bryan Thomas Muhammad, Sara Jefferson Simon & Nathaniel Colbert

Board Members Absent: Mary Ann Kirksey

### **III. Audience with Patrons (limited to 5 minutes per patron)**

Persons wishing to participate in this portion of the meeting reserved for that purpose are required to sign up as they arrive and to indicate the topic about which they wish to speak.

Kenya McKinnley – Past employee with the District for 2 years. Ms. McKinnley is seeking employment and has been told that Dr. Guidry was giving her a bad review unjustly and now is having a hard time finding a job.

Inez Hodge – Past employee with the After School Program at the elementary campus. Ms. Hodge is still looking for employment and feels the same as Ms. McKinnley.

Darlene Sterling – She is Parent that filed a Special Education Lawsuit. Ms. Sterling would like for the services awarded to be put into place.

### **IV. Action Items:**

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

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)
2. Board Minutes for the following: (Bonnie Tegge)
  - a. May 12, 2014 - Regular
  - b. May 19, 2014 - Regular
  - c. May 27, 2014 – Called

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented

Ruth Hancock 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
    - (1) Tax Collection 2013
    - (2) Tax Collection 2014
  - f. Head Start
  - g. Investment Report
  - h. Tax Refund to Kirby Inland Main - CIP @ Signal

**B. Action Item**

1. Consider Approval of 2014-2015 Budget

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the 2014-2015 budget

Bryan Thomas Muhammad seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider Approval of Homestead Exemptions

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the homestead exemptions

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Tax Rate

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the Tax Rate as presented  
Sarah Jefferson Simon seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

4. Consider Approval of Investment Policy

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the investment policy  
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

C. Consider Approval of Bid Proposals

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the bid proposals as presented  
Ruth Hancock seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

**VI. Instruction**

**A. Action Item**

1. Approval of Proclamation 2014-Textbook Adoption (Silvia Martinez)

The Proclamation 2014-Textbook Adoption was approved at this meeting.

**VII. Policy**

**A. Action Item**

1. Consider Approval of Sub-Committee members for 2014/2015 (Pete Amy)

The Sub-Committee members for 2014/2015 were approved at this meeting  
and are as follows:

Facilities – Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell & Hardy O’Neal  
Finance – Pete Amy, Ruth Hancock & Bryan Thomas Muhammad  
Policy – Pete Amy, Nathaniel Colbert & Bryan Thomas Muhammad  
Academic – Pete Amy, Ruth Hancock & Sarah Jefferson Simon

Board convened to closed session at 7:17 p.m.  
Board reconvened to open session at 10:47 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. 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)**

**F. Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation**

**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 (Anitrea Goodwin)**

**A. Information Items:**

1. Resignations

**B. Action Item**

1. Consideration of Superintendent's Contract

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve a one year extension to the Superintendent's Contract  
Hardy O'Neal seconded the motion  
Motion passes unanimously

**XI. Adjourn: 10:49 p.m.**