

Minutes of Called Meeting – August 24, 2009

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held August 24, 2009, 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
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Certification of Notice

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Ricky Jacobs, Andrew Hayes, Vincent Bottley & Harry Bottley.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin

School Personnel Present: Dr. Taylor Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Melinda James, Anitrea Goodwin, Lorraine Shannon, Ruth Hancock, 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.

Ruth Hancock: Middle School had a fantastic opening. Thanks the Board for the course offerings and electives and also for the 3rd Asst. Principal.

III. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Collins thanked Anitrea Goodwin for setting a good foundation at the Middle School.

Enrollment for today was 2,372

WO-S High School will be hosting a Debate tournament this year. Mr. Klein is the Debate teacher who will be building the Debate team and also helping out with the Middle School Debate class.

Bus routes went very good today; only one bus incident.

DATE Grant payout of \$118,496. for science & math teachers at High School and Middle School. WO-C is applying for the grant next year for math and science once again.

IV. Action Item for August 24, 2009

A. Candidate Endorsement TASB Board of Directors

Eric Mitchell motioned to endorse James R. de Garavilla the Board Secretary of Silsbee ISD for the TASB Board of Directors

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for the following:

1. July 20, 2009
2. July 27, 2009
3. August 3, 2009

B. Approval of Budget Amendments

VI. Finance

A. Information/Discussion Items

1. Financial Statements
 - a. General Operating Funds
 - b. Student Nutrition Fund
 - c. Debt Service
2. Tax Collection

3. Check Register - July 2009

Check register will be sent to the Board members on 8/25/09 by email.

B. Action Items for August 31, 2009

1. Consider Approval of Revised Agreement with Betsy Bender

2. Consider Acceptance of a \$400.00 Donation for Standardized Dress from Driftwood Christian Church in Vallonia, Indiana

3. Consider Acceptance of an Anonymous Donation of \$2,000 for a Book Per Month to each Kindergarten Students at Anderson Elementary

4. Consider Acceptance of Sabine Cogen Litigation Refund for 2008 Property Taxes

5. Consider Approval of the Proposed Tax Rate

6. Consider Approval of a Salvage Sale

VII. Instruction

A. Discussion Items

1. Hiring a Risk Diversion Officer

George Barron to check on jurisdiction issues.

2. Update of the Education Foundation

The Education Foundation Committee consists of: Jane Stephenson as President; Sam Kittrell as Vice President and Pete Amy as Treasurer. Lorraine Shannon is a non-voting member

The Bradys will attend the Board Meeting on 9/28/09 to present a donation from their family.

- B. Action Item for August 31, 2009
 1. Consider Approval of Textbook Recommendation for Multimedia Course
 2. Consider Approval of New Courses for High School Course Catalog

**Convened to closed session at 7:02 p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 7:55 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. 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
 - B. Discussion of Discipline of Students (Tex.Govt. Code 551.082)
 - C. 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)
 - 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:
 - A. Approval of Contractual Staff
 - B. Approval of Substitute Employment

**Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the Contractual Staff
and the Substitute Employments as presented
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously**

- C. Resignations - information only

Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.