

BOARD MINUTES
January 23, 2013
Regular Meeting

- CALL TO ORDER: Be It Remembered that on this January 23, 2013 a Regular Meeting of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Ray Don Myers with a quorum of the following members present: Ray Don Myers, Orlando DeHoyos, Grizz Medina, Amy Newton, Dwight Childress, Roland DeHoyos, and David McWilliams. Also attending were Melissa Perner, Leanna Childress, Amanda Jackson, Josh Carty, Cynthia Hokit, Ronny Clayton, Keith Harmsen, Carol Stevens, Rebecca Kain, Patricia Sutton, Betsy Nanny, Susan Cantu, Tiffany Talamantes, Chad Poindexter, Joe Hernandez, Jerry Cantu, Jesse DeLaGarza, Jimmy Ortiz, Chris duBois, Mike Oliphant, and Doris Hood.
- INVOCATION AND PLEDGES: The Invocation was offered by Keith Harmsen. Everyone in attendance joined in the pledges to American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT: In conjunction with School Board Recognition Month, January 2013, framed certificates of appreciation were presented to the seven School Board Members. Ozona Middle School presented a flute solo by Trystian Galindo, and group special music under the direction of LeAnn Childress. Ozona Elementary School presented each Board Member with a decorated bag of goodies. Gift certificates were presented by Ozona High School National Honor Society.
- APPROVE AGENDA: A motion by Dwight Childress to approve the agenda as presented for January 23, 2013 was seconded by Roland DeHoyos and passed 7-0.
- OPEN FORUM: Melissa Perner, Editor and Publisher of The Ozona Stockman Newspaper, distributed sample letters in support of keeping public notices in newspapers. Board action was not required. **See Attachment #A**
- AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012: Mike Oliphant of Eckert & Company, San Angelo, Texas presented the audit report of the Fiscal Year 2012. A motion by Dwight Childress to accept the report as presented was seconded by Amy Newton and passed 6-1. Orlando DeHoyos voted against the motion.

- REPORTS: The reports were information only and did not require Board approval.
See Attachment #B (which was not included in the Board Packet)
- CONSENT AGENDA: A motion by David McWilliams to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2012 Regular Board Meeting was seconded by Amy Newton and passed 7-0. Amendments to the 2012-2013 Official budget were not presented.
- CLOSED SESSION: Board President Ray Don Myers recessed the Open Meeting of the January 23, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board at 8:16 pm as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 to discuss personnel matters. The Open Meeting was resumed at 10:05 pm.
- ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: Action from the Closed Session was not presented.
- COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD: A motion by Grizz Medina to approve the appointments of Ray Don Myers, Grizz Medina, and Amy Newton to each serve a two year term, January 2013 to January 2015, on the County Appraisal District Board was seconded by Dwight Childress and passed 7-0.
- MODIFICATIONS TO MEMORIAL DISPLAY AT OHS: A motion by Orlando DeHoyos to approve the acquisition of two memorial plaques to be placed on the two donated lion statues at the OHS Davidson Gymnasium was seconded by David McWilliams and passed 7-0.
- CONCHO CARPET ONE FLOORING CONTRACT & COMPLETION: This agenda item was tabled for future consideration.
- FUTURE BUSINESS: February 27, 2013 - 6:30 pm - Regular Board Meeting
- ADJOURNMENT: With no further business pending before the Board, a motion by Amy Newton to adjourn the January 23, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board was seconded by Dwight Childress and passed 7-0. The January 23, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board was adjourned at 10:14 pm.

SIGNED:

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board

The Ozona Stockman

**“Out In The West, Where The Air Is Pure, The Climate Agreeable,
And The People Friendly – The Best Place On Earth To Call Home.”**

January 23, 2013

Mr. duBois,

A Texas legislator has filed a bill that would give governmental bodies the option of posting their public notices on their own government-controlled websites instead of printing them in newspapers. This poses a serious threat to government transparency, and the Texas Press Association and The Ozona Stockman are working hard to prevent ill-conceived bills like this from becoming law.

Below is a copy of the bill, along with some points as to why it is important to keep public notices in newspapers.

Also attached are sample letters that you can send to State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran and State Senator Carlos Uresti showing your support to keep public notices in newspapers.

A website has also been created by the Texas Press Association called KEEPTEXASNOTIFIED.COM that gives more information on the public notices issue.

We are encouraging you all as local elected officials to please stand behind this issue and let our state officials know that you want to keep public notices in newspapers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Perner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Melissa Perner
Editor and Publisher
The Ozona Stockman

WHY PRINTED PUBLIC NOTICES
ARE ESSENTIAL TO GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

- Very few citizens make it a practice to go to a governmental entity's website to search out the legal notices that have been posted. Newspaper readership among voters, however, remains extremely high.
- Newspapers publish the notices both in print and in their online editions (at no extra charge), and the notices are conglomerated on a statewide website operated by the Texas Press Association.
- Newspapers are required by law to charge their lowest classified rate for public notices.
- Printed public notice enables citizens to keep watch on their government and tax dollars.
- Printed notices raise awareness about government spending, tax rates and projects affecting traffic, public health, air and water quality, etc.
- Restricting public notice to the internet would disenfranchise those who don't have computer access. Minorities, the elderly, the disabled and those in rural communities (like many in your district) are statistically less likely to have online capability.
- The cost of printed notice is minimal when compared to other government expenditures. For example, in 2011 Texas counties spent an average of 0.00533 percent of their budgets on legal notices regarding procurement.

By: Stickland

H.B. No. 335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the posting of required notice on a political
subdivision's Internet website.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by
adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION ON INTERNET FOR POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS

Sec. 2051.151. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION ON INTERNET. A
political subdivision may satisfy a requirement in any other law to
provide notice by publication in a newspaper by posting the notice
on its Internet website continuously from the earliest date
provided for in the requirement until the day after the date the
action for which notice was required occurs.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Food Service Report – January 2013

- As of January 22, 2013 we have brought in 22,620.73 in Ala Carte Sales. We have spent 13,128.74 showing a 9,491.99 profit.
- For December, we served a total of 1,814 breakfast meals and a total of 2,381 lunch meals. December was a short month due to the Christmas holidays.
- We lost our slushy vendor and have found an alternate provider. We have found that this is actually better than our previous provider. The product comes in a ready to serve container so we do not have to provide additional paper cups and spoons.
- Breakfast participation is very good. We are serving around 450 kids each day.
- Lunch participation is good. We are serving around 600 kids a day during the lunch period.
- We have qualified for an additional .06 cent reimbursement per child per meal for breakfast and lunch.