

Minutes of Called Board Meeting on February 16, 2015

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, February 16, 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, Eric Mitchell, Ruth Hancock, Rev. Hardy O’Neal, Bryan Thomas Muhammad, Sarah Jefferson Simon & Nathaniel Colbert

Board Attorneys Present: George Barron & David Hodges

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. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Dr. Martinez stated the following:

We are here tonight to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our West Orange-Stark High School Football Team, 2014 Class 4A/Division II State Finalists. The Mustangs accrued a 13/2 record (Championship game not included) as they advanced through the play-offs to the State Championship game which was played Dec. 19th at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington. We are very proud of their accomplishments. This is the team’s fifth trip to the State Playoffs.

Coach Cornel Thompson stated that he wants to give special thanks to the School Board, administration, student body, band, cheerleaders, drill team and

to the parents of these students for allowing them to coach their child. This was a great time for Orange. This is a special group; they were the first group that I had when I became Head Coach and I love each and every one of them, The team members are as follows: Trey Spencer, Jackson Dallas, Deionte Thompson, Malick Phillips, Grant LaPoint-Teate, Payton Robertson, Dee Wolfford, Will Johnson, Kalen Garrett, Jeremiah Shaw, Keyshawn Holman, Justin Brown, Melech Edwards, Aric Cormier, Trey Baldwin, Torrien Burnett, Christopher Brown, Hector Vela, Steven Tims, Mandel Turner-King, Jalen Powdrill, David Bundage, Ryan Ragsdale, Joshua Orebo, Scott McCarty, Die'Shimain Claiborne, Octavis Crosson, Morris Joseph, Tristen Scott, Virgil Vontoure, Miguel Gobert, Keddrick Gant, Ahmaud Baldwin, Paul Hebert, & Jeron Preston

IV. Action Item for February 23, 2015

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments (Dr. Wayne Guidry)

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
 - (3) Tax Collection 2015
 - f. Investment Report
 - g. Head Start
 - h. Donations to West Orange-Stark Elementary (Dr. Tyrus Doctor)

Pete Amy Thanked the Malloy Foundation for their generous donation.

VI. Instruction

A. Information Item:

1. Head Start Report (Sherry Hardin)

❖ Student Enrollment

131- 4 year olds

108 - 3 year olds

239 - Total

Funded Enrollment = 239 Total Enrollment is 267 which includes Pre-Kindergarten and PPCD (PK Program for Children with Disabilities)

❖ Waiting list: 23

❖ Student Attendance: **Goal is 95%**

❖ September : 93.9%

❖ October: 93.48

❖ November: 91.25

❖ December: 93.12

❖ January: 90.98

❖ **Cumulative to date: 92.78%**

January Events:

January 8 – Group pictures

January 12 – 23 – DIAL Testing

January 16 – MLK Celebration

January 27 – Wacki Science/I Care Meeting

January 30 – Perfect Attendance Parade

February Student/Family Events

February 2 – 13 Parent Conferences

February 4 – 100th Day of School Celebration

February 17 – Mardi Gras Parade; Black History Presentation , and Ages and Stages and More – Curriculum Presentation

February 19 – Dental Presentations

February 20 – Senior Citizen Connection; ; Nutrition Education for Parents -

February 28 – Pre-Kindergarten Round Up

Ongoing Parent Engagement Activities and Classroom Competition

❖ Meal Counts:

The number of meals served to head start students in December:

- Breakfast – 3942
- Lunch – 4046

Staffing:

- ❖ Promoted food service worker to instructional Aide – bilingual
- ❖ Inst. Aide/Van Driver – transferred to the cafeteria – open position

B. Action Item for February 23, 2015

1. Consider Approval of 2015/2016 School Calendar (Dr. Wayne Guidry)

Dr. Guidry stated that the calendar that is presented is similar to the 2014/2015 calendar.

Ruth Hancock stated that it would be helpful if we could start school in the middle of the week. A short week is a good transition. Allow the students to get out half days during the practice testing.

VII. Policy

A. Action Items for February 23, 2015

1. Consider Approval of the General & Special Election on May 9, 2015 (Bonnie Tegge)
 - a. Order to Call Election
 - b. Order of Election
 - c. Automark Lease Agreement
 - d. City of West Orange Joint Election Agreement
 - e. City of Orange & City of Pinehurst Joint Election Agreement

Pete Amy stated that these documents are necessary to be approved to have our election with the different entities so we can share the voting machines.

2. Consider Approval of Policy Update 101 (Anitrea Goodwin)

Anitrea Goodwin gave the “First Read” on the local policies in Update 101

Bryan Thomas Muhammad wanted to know when policy BE (Local) was last updated. Anitrea Goodwin stated that she would look that up and get back with him.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Signage of "Leroy D. Breedlove Field"

(Bryan Thomas Muhammad)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad stated that he has concern about the signage of the field because the District Track Meet will be here soon and nothing has been done to start the process. The dedication needs to happen soon.

Pete Amy stated that the Board had no consensus on the District moving forward on the signage and that Sarah Jefferson Simon had volunteered to head up a group to get funding on this but nothing has been shared with the Board.

Sarah Jefferson Simon stated that was during Mr. James Colbert's tenure and he was to give her names and since he left the District that didn't happen. Bryan Thomas Muhammad stated that through talking with people that the donations were for the labor only.

Pete Amy stated that he placed a call to Melinda James to find out for sure if the District paid for any part of the sign but she wasn't available due to her being at a conference.

Dr. Martinez stated that Melinda James shared that there are no current funds available at this time. A budget amendment would need to take place before any purchase. The current bids that she brought to the Board are out of date at this time.

Bryan Thomas Muhammad stated that this issue is being prolonged. We can get monies to do everything else. This is being very disrespectful to Coach Breedlove. We need to step up as a Board and move forward. We need to stand up and not be cowardly.

Pete Amy stated that the Board is not being disrespectful and that the Board has addressed this issue at length several times. There was a volunteer on the Board that was going to head this up. We do not need to micro manager every little thing in the District to do this; It isn't the Board's charge or responsibility. We have rules, policies and the Board's Operating Procedures in place and that's what we need to follow.

Bryan Thomas Muhammad stated that this issue was passed in September. If you don't see this as being disrespectful you may be the disrespectful ones.

Pete Amy stated that respect goes both directions Mr. Muhammad

Ruth Hancock stated that there are people in the community that are willing to donate to this signage. Once it's started that people will donate.

Bryan Thomas Muhammad states that what coach Breedlove has given to this District and to this city there needs to be no donations; he's given enough of

his time his self and his inspiration and if you didn't receive that you wouldn't understand. Those of us who have received benefits of Coach Breedlove would like to see this go forward.

Board convened to closed session at 6:49 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 8:25 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.
 - 2. Consider legal advice related to the hearing decision regarding special education case docket number 011-SE-0914 (Tex. Govt. Code 551.0821)
 - 3. Discuss/consider hearing decision regarding special education case docket number 011-SE-0914 (Tex. Gov. Code 551.0821)
 - 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. Second Round of Superintendent Interviews
- 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. **Consider Hearing Decision Regarding Special Education Case Docket Number 011-SE-0914 and Related Actions**

Ruth Hancock motioned that the legal counsel for West Orange-Cove CISD be authorized, in consultation with the Interim Superintendent, to take legal actions regarding agenda items as discussed in executive session.

Sarah Jefferson Simon seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

XI. Personnel (Anitrea Goodwin)

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of Substitutes

Ruth Hancock motioned to approve the substitutes as presented
Nathaniel Colbert seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

B. Information Items:

1. Resignations

Board convened to closed session at 8:26 p.m.
Board reconvened to open session at 10:28 p.m.

XII. Adjourn: 10:29