

Minutes of Called Board Meeting on January 20, 2015

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Called of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Tuesday, January 20, 2015, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 902 W. Park Ave. Orange, Texas 77630.

I. Public Hearing - Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) - Dr. Wayne Guidry

Wayne Guidry gave a power point presentation on the data of the Texas Academic Performance Report.

Rod Anderson introduced two students who have worked very hard to pass the STAAR test and what their journey was like.

Yhana Brown a student wanted thank all of her teachers and especially Ms. Greer, Ms. Istre and Ms. Lavan and all of the counselors who helped her to pass the test and her mother who stood beside her throughout her journey.

Ms. Brown (parent to Yana Brown) wanted to thank each and every one of the teachers and counselors for all the help that they gave her daughter. Ms. Brown said that the most important thing to do as parents is to stand behind their students and help them in every way that they can.

Kionnya Jenkins shared her experience of passing the test. The teachers were all so very helpful. With the help of her family, teachers & God she was able to pass the test. Working in small groups and hands on activities helped. She wants her peers to never give up just keep trying and at the end of your journey it will all pay off.

II. Routine Business

- A. Call To Order – Pete Amy
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy
- D. Pledge of Allegiance – All

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Bryan Thomas Muhammad,
Sarah Jefferson Simon

Board Member Absent: Ruth Hancock, Rev. Hardy O'Neal & Nathaniel Colbert

Board Attorney Present: George Barron

III. 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

IV. Interim Superintendent Report (Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Dr. Martinez stated the following:

That she was Proud of the work being done in the school district and wants to thank the Board for entrusting her with the leadership of this District.

This is Board Appreciation Month and we would like to thank the Board Members for dedicating much of their lives to West Orange-Cove.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments (Melinda James)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

2. Board Meeting Minutes as follows: (Bonnie Tegge)

- a. November 17, 2014 - Called
- b. November 17, 2014 - Special Called
- c. December 1, 2014 - Called
- d. December 8, 2014 - Called
- e. December 15, 2014 - Called
- f. January 5, 2015 - Called
- g. January 6, 2015 - Called
- h. January 12, 2015 Called

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the minutes as presented

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VI. 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. Investment Report
- g. Head Start

h. Donations to West Orange-Stark Elementary (Dr. Tyrus Doctor)

(1) Sabine Federal Credit Union - \$100.00 Donation for Math Auction
Grades 3-5

(2) Granger Chevrolet - \$150.00 for Math Auction for Grades 3-5

(3) Hughes Realty - \$100.00 for Math Auction for Grades 3-5

(4) Cecil Atkins Automotive - \$200.00 for Math Auction for Grades 3-5

(5) Anonymous Donor - \$10,000 for Student Needs.

Pete Amy wanted to thank each and every one of these donors for their
generous donations. These donations were very much needed.

B. Action Items:

1. Bid Property (Melinda James)

- a. Suit/Case# 120048-T
- b. Suit/Case# 140020-T
- c. Suit/Case# 130064-T

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the Bid Properties as
presented

Sarah Jefferson Simon seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

VII. Instruction

A. Information Item:

1. Head Start Report (Sherry Hardin)

B. Action Items:

1. Consider Approval of 2015/2016 Choices Catalog (Dr. Wayne Guidry)

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve the 2015/2016 Choices Catalog as presented

Sarah Jefferson Simon seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

Board convened to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 8:00 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)

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. Action Items:

1. Approval of Contractual Staff

Bryan Thomas Muhammad motioned to approve contractual staff as presented
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Substitutes

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

3. Approval of Interim Superintendent's Contract

Sarah Jefferson Simon motioned to approve the Interim Superintendent's
Contract as presented
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

B. Information Items:

1. Resignations

XI. Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.