

Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 26, 2009

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held May 26, 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 – Pete Amy
 - B. Invocation – Pete Amy
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Certification of Notice

Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Eric Mitchell, Ricky Jacobs, Nancy Byers, Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin, Vincent Bottley and Harry Barclay.

Board Members Absent: None

School Attorney: George Barron

School Personnel: Dr. O. Taylor Collins, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Melinda James, Lorraine Shannon, Rolando Flores, Bettie Curtis, Ruth & Ray Hancock, Beverly Robinson, Bonnie Moore, Mary A. Kirksey, Mike Mason, Anitrea Goodwin, Paul A. Hardin and Ramona Burgess

- 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.

Mike Mason

III. Teacher of the Year Awards

Doris Allen – Pre-K Teacher - North ELC

Camille Fuller – 3rd grade Teacher - Anderson Elementary

Vickie Price – Reading Interventionist – Oates Elementary

Ruth Hancock – 7th grade Reading Teacher - Middle School

Pat Geis – Food Production – Career Center

Ruth Hancock and Camille Fuller will represent WO-C at the Regional Level.

Congratulation to all.

Superintendent's Report

Update on the construction sites:

High School Addition

James Beard, the superintendent for N & T construction, said
The piers should be poured by Thursday, weather permitting
The plumbing should be completed by the end of this week
Next week, they are planning to pour all of the grade beams and the cap
They are checking on the steel fabrication today and should have a delivery date by tomorrow

Middle School Addition:

Chris Eppes, superintendent for Alcode Plumbing, was the only supervisor on site. He said:
The rerouting of the water line was finished, but they were waiting for the City to schedule the tie-ins. The tie-ins should be completed within the next two weeks. They have not finished testing the water line yet.
They are presently installing the storm sewer and should have the catch basins poured this week
Next week they are planning on closing Green Ave, pending the City's permission, to run the storm sewer past main street

WO-S Elementary Project:

Clayton Ard, project superintendent, said they are:
Planning to pour the Northwest parking lot and the road on Thursday, weather permitting.
Still laying block and installing plumbing, electrical, and other mechanicals on the kindergarten wing
Planning on finishing the storm and sanitary sewer and the main water line this week.
Cancelling the grease trap installation this week because of the rain and mud
Waiting for the drawing of the kitchen which they expect to have this week. The fire water header is going to be located on the first floor.

WO-S Middle School selected 6 students to nominate for the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp 2009 at Lamar. Each student had to write an essay telling why he/she was interested in attending the camp, what he/she hoped to gain from the experience, and how he/she thought it would help benefit him/her in the future. EMBHSSC is a two-week free academic, residential camp that emphasizes increasing students' mathematics/science skills, introducing them to college life, and stimulating their interest in science and engineering as a potential career path. Students nominated were: Brooke Dantzler, Nicholas Carroll, Alana Gradnigo and Tristen Revis

Anderson Elementary School Robotics team competed at the State

- V. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items For May 26, 2009
 - A. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for the following:
 - 1. April 20, 2009
 - 2. April 27, 2009
 - B. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion

Motion carries unanimously

- VI. Finance
 - A. Information/Discussion Items
 - 1. Financial Statements
 - a. General Operating Funds
 - b. Student Nutrition Fund
 - c. Debt Service
 - 2. Tax Collection
 - 3. Head Start Financial Reports and Expenditure Draw
 - 4. Check Register - April 2009
 - 5. Tax Rate
 - B. Action Items:
 - 1. Approval of Price Increase on School Meals

Nancy Byers motioned to approve the increase of .25 per meal

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

- 2. Approval of Bid on Trust Property

Eric Mitchell motioned to approve the bid on the Trust Property

Harry Barclay seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Tax Year 2009 Homestead Exemptions

Pete Amy motioned to leave the Homestead Exemption at 20%, Over 65 at 10,000 and Disability at 10,000 (as it was for 2008)
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

4. Approval of Proposal for Annual Financial Audit

Harry Barclay motioned to accept the recommendation for audit services to be provided by: Kenneth C. Davis & Company, P.C.
Eric Mitchell seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

5. Approval - Selection of Committee to Establish a Non-Profit Educational Foundation

Pete Amy motioned to appoint Pete Amy, Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin, Vincent Bottley, Dr. Taylor Collins & Jane Stephenson to the selection committee of the Non-Profit Educational Foundation
Harry Barclay seconded the motion
Motion passes 6/0 (Vincent Bottley abstaining)

6. Approval of Pay Schedule

Harry Barclay motioned to leave the pay schedule as is (twice a month)
Dr. Mary Fontenot Hardin seconded the motion
Motion passes 6/1 (Nancy Byers opposing)

Reconvened to closed session at 6:51p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 7:25 p.m.

- VII. 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)

VIII. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on items discussed in closed session and open session items.

IX. Personnel - Action Item

- A. Approval of Contractual Staff

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the contractual staff as presented

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

- B. Resignations - information only

Adjourned: 7:32 p.m.