

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2012

The Board of Trustees West Orange-Cove CISD

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of West Orange-Cove CISD was held Monday, September 24, 2012, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15th St. Orange, Texas 77630.

I. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:09 p.m.

- A. 2010/2011 District FIRST Rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)
(Melinda James)

Melinda James stated that the District received a Superior Rating and discussed the FIRST Rating with the Board & public.

- B. Presentation of School Improvement Plan: Middle School (Dr. Brant Graham)

- C. Presentation of School Improvement Plan: High School (Dr. Brant Graham)

Dr. Graham gave a power point presentation of the School Improvement Plan for the Middle School and High School

- D. Adjourn: 6:36 p.m.

II. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

III. Routine Business

- A. Call To Order – 6:00 p.m. – Pete Amy reconvened to regular session at 6:37 p.m.
- B. Invocation – Pete Amy
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – All
- D. Certification of Notice – Pete Amy

School Board Members Present: Pete Amy, Harry Barclay (left during closed session), Tony Dallas, Andrew Hayes, Eric Mitchell, Rev. Hardy O’Neal & Ricky Jacobs.

School Board Members Absent: None

School Attorney Present: George Barron

School Personnel Present: James Colbert, Anitrea Goodwin, Dr. Silvia Martinez, Melinda James, Dr. Wayne Guidry, Hutcherson Hill, Antony Moten, Benny Smith, Shannon Larson, Dr. Brant Graham, Elvis Rushing, Greg Willis, Bettie Curtis & Bonnie Tegge

IV. 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.

Brandy Robertson stated that she has a 9th grader at the High School and that she went by the High School Hand Book when she purchased his school clothes to start the year with which didn't say anything about hoodies not allowed. She hopes that when they do adopt a policy to consider that most jackets come with a hood, it's hard to find one without a hood.

Erick Guillory stated the following:

- 1. Wanted to compliment the District on the way the buildings are looking**
- 2. There needs to be someone at each of the games to do restroom checks**
- 3. The students need lockers and some of them cannot get one.**
- 4. East Campus (Middle School) football bleachers needs signs indicating where HOME and VISTOR seating sections are.**
- 5. Middle School parking at the football games is total chaos.**
- 6. Hoodies – make a decision and stick to it, one way or the other and save him some money.**

Mr. Amy ended the regular session at 6:09 p.m. to go into the Public Hearing section of the Special Agenda.

V. Superintendent Report

Mr. Colbert stated the following:

- 1. Fresh Eyes Walks were completed last week and were very successful**
- 2. Open House schedules are as follows:**
 - NELC – September 27th - 6:00 p.m.**
 - WO-S Elementary – September 27th - 6:00 p.m.**
 - WO-S Middle School – October 1st – 6:00 p.m.**
 - WO-S High School – October 8th – 6:36 p.m.**

VI. Action Items:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Budget Amendments: (Melinda James)
2. Board Minutes (Bonnie Tegge)
 - a. August 20, 2012
 - b. August 27, 2012

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VII. 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
 - f. Head Start

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Bid Property (Melinda James)

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the bid property as presented
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Signatures for the Following: (Melinda James)

- a. First Public - Lone Star
- b. Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Tony Dallas motioned to approve Item VII/B – 2/a&b
Andrew Hayes seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Instruction

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of District & Campus Improvement Plans for 2012/2013 (Dr. Silvia Martinez)
 - a. District Improvement Plan
 - b. Campus Improvement Plan - North ELC
 - c. Campus Improvement Plan - WO-S Elementary
 - d. Campus Improvement Plan - WO-S Middle School

e. Campus Improvement Plan - WO-S High School

Harry Barclay motioned to approve the Campus & District Improvement Plans

Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

2. Approval of Resolution Concerning High Stakes, Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students (James Colbert)

Tony Dallas motioned to approve the Resolution Concerning High Stakes, Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students

Eric Mitchell seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

3. Approval of Student Handbooks & Code of Conduct (Anitrea Goodwin/Dr. Silvia Martinez)

Mr. Colbert stated that he would like to make an amendment to the handbooks on the subject of wearing hoodies. He is asking the Board to approve the handbooks excluding the “hoodie clause”.

a. North ELC & WO-S Elementary

b. WO-S Middle School

c. WO-S High School

d. WO-S Academic Alternative Center (AAC)

e. Student Code of Conduct

Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct as presented excluding the “hoodie clause”

Rev. O’Neal seconded the motion

Motion passes unanimously

f. Consent/Opt-Out Form

g. Release of Information to Military Recruiters & Institutions of Higher Education

h. Acknowledgement of Electronic Distribution of Student Handbook &

Student code of Conduct

- i. Release of Student Information Form

Tony Dallas motioned to approve Item VIII – 3/f,g,h.& i
Ricky Jacobs seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

4. Approval of School Improvement Plan - Middle School (Dr. Brant Graham)

5. Approval of School Improvement Plan - High School (Dr. Brant Graham)

Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the School Improvement plans for the Middle School & High School (VIII-4&5)
Rev. O'Neal seconded the motion
Motion passes unanimously

Board convened to closed session at 7:08 p.m.

Board reconvened to open session at 7:50 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. 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. Discussion of Evaluation
 3. Reassignment and Resignations
 4. Duties
 5. Discipline
 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. Deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the District has received from a business prospect that the District seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the District and with which the District is

conducting economic development negotiations and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect. (Tex.Gov't Code 551.087)

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 (Anitrea Goodwin)

A. Information Item:

1. Resignations

B. **Action Item:**

1. Approval of Contractual Staff

**Ricky Jacobs motioned to approve the contractual staff as presented
Tony Dallas seconded the motion
Motion Passes unanimously**

Pete Amy stated that Harry Barclay left before reconvening to open session.

2. Approval of Substitute List

None to approve at this time.

XII. Adjourn: **7:52 p.m.**