

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2009

The West Oso Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on **Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Lecture Hall at West Oso Junior High School, 5202 Bear Lane, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Opening

1. Call to order, Declaration of Quorum and Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.
Board members present: George L. Barrera, Cella Boyd, Diana Cantu-Guerrero, Lucas Jasso, Shirley Jordan, Jose A. Lopez, and Velma Rodriguez.
2. Pledges of Allegiance
The pledges of allegiance were led by Velma Rodriguez and recited by those in attendance.
3. Notice of Meeting: This meeting is posted in Accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, State of Texas Open Meetings Act.
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Public Comments

4. Audience Participation [Policy BED (Local)] (Presiding Officer)

Board members may not deliberate or make a decision on any matter presented at this time. The Open Meetings Act limits Board response to only two options: 1) a statement of specific factual information given in response to an inquiry; or 2) a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation of or decision about the subject shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.
No audience participation in addressing the board.

Consent Agenda:

The following items have been presented to Board Members for study prior to the meeting. These items are considered to be routine and are recommended for approval. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as an item on the regular agenda.

5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - Special Meeting, January 22, 2009
6. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for January 2009
7. Approval of Preliminary General Fund Financial Report and the Instruction Expense Ratio Reports for January 2009
8. Approval of Board Member Participation in the Conference Celebrating Educational Opportunities For Students of All Cultures March 27– 29, 2009.
9. Approval of the Property, Casualty and General Liability, Wind/Hail Insurance, Professional Legal Liability and Automobile Liability (Fleet) Insurance FOR March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

10. Approval of Proposals and Contracts from Calence, Time Warner, Education Service Center, Region 2 for the District's E-RATE Funding Year 12(7/1/2009 – 6/30/2010).

Ms. Jordan made a motion to approve items 5 through 10 listed in Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Boyd.

Motion by Ms. Jordan seconded by Ms. Boyd

Motion Carried: 7-0

Reports

11. Report on Dropouts for 2008-2009
Dr. Garza provided an informational handout providing a historical overview of the dropout rate for the district. In her remarks she describes the history of the drop outs. PEIMS coding changes that have evolved over the several years tracking have shown an increase during 2005-2007. The total number of current drop outs as of this report date show to be 7. Dr. Garza cautioned that the year is not complete so a slight increase/decrease could occur. Trustees Diana Cantu-Guerrero, Shirley Jordan and Velma Rodriguez commented and asked various questions of Dr. Garza.
12. TAKS Projections for March Assessment Dates
Dr. Garza provided a benchmark summary of Project TAKS scores for March 2009 assessment. Principals Avery and Deleon provided addition comments and elaborated on various intervention strategies regarding tutoring sessions during/after school as well as Saturday school. In addition to the Campuses will be providing information to the parents to make them aware of all tutoring sessions, bus availability, and lab top availability. Dr. Helms advise the Board member of the individual growth plans from the Junior High and High school as well as made a comment about the Junior High School receiving recognition from the "Just for Kids Foundation" for outstanding performance in writing the past 3 years.

Items for Discussion, Deliberation, Action, Reports and/or Information

13. Hear, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate the Report from the Project Architects on Design Work for the Proposed Elementary School Campus and Status of Demolition of Carl Allen, Skinner, and the Former WOJHS.
Mr. Ferrel was not present due to illness. Mr. Palacios and Dr. Helms gave a brief report with assisting comments by Ms. Stillman. Trustees were advised with several meetings that the teachers had meet with the architect and provided input on what the liked/disliked. Pictures were provided to trustees of the demolition of West Oso Junior High off of Bloomington and Carl Island off of Villarreal.
14. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate to take action to modify the election order and election notice for the general trustee election for three trustee positions for April 4, 2009.
Mr. Palacios provided comments to the trustees on the necessity to modify the election order for the 2009 April election.

After clarifying Ms. Diana Cantu-Guerrero made a motion to approve the modification on the election order, seconded by Ms. Jordan.

Motion by Ms. Diana Cantu-Guerrero seconded by Ms. Boyd

Motion Carried: 7-0
15. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate on payment of Contractor for West Oso High School.
Dr. Helms and Mr. Palacios provided the trustees with comments and background information relevant to this item. Solutions should be provided and addressed for ADA issues.

16. Hear, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate the Report to Board of Trustees in Closed Session Consultation with Superintendent Search Consultant

Board entered into Close Session at 7:55 p.m. to meet with Superintendent Search Consultant.

The Board ended its closed session at 10:26 p.m. no action was taken in open session.

17. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate on Recommendations for Extension of Administrative Contracts for District and Campus Administrators.

A motion made by Ms. Cantu-Guerrero for the extension of Administrative Contracts for the extension of Dr. Mary Jane Garza, Mr. Alfred Lopez, Mr. David Palacios, Mr. Roy Williams, Mr. Ricky Deleon, Mrs. Margaret Evans, Mrs. R.J. Olivarez, Mr. Daniel Lopez, Mr. Terry Avery, and Ms. Mary McLemore. With no action to be taken on the recommendation for Ms. Grace Stillman and Mr. Peter McNally, seconded by Mr. Lopez.

Motion Carried: 7-0

18. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate to Consider Naming Process for the New Elementary School

A discussion of this item for direction was provided as follows. Trustees Mr. Barrera, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Jordan were appointed to a committee by President Velma Rodriguez to participate in a community meeting proposed the 2nd week of April. Each of the several trustees will recommend a community member to provide a commit of 10 to meet and provide a recommendation to the board for April 27th meeting.

Closing

19. Adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary