

**NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, March 23, 2009**

The West Oso Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on **Monday, March 23, 2009** at **6:30 p.m.**, in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 5050 Rockford Dr, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Opening**

1. Call to order, Declaration of Quorum and Roll Call  
*The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.*  
*Board members present: George L. Barrera, Diana Cantu-Guerrero, Lucas Jasso, Shirley Jordan, Jose A. Lopez, and Velma Rodriguez. Cella Boyd arrived at 6:44 p.m.*
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.  
*Ms. Rodriguez stated: "This meeting is posted in Accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, State of Texas Open Meetings Act."*

**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.

*Mrs. Wilmot addressed trustees and congratulated them on the new Superintendent (Mr. Sandroussi) and Dr. Helms upon his coming retirement. She congratulated trustees on their election. In other remarks she asked consideration for medical emphasis similar to Moody HS in CCISD and a vocational emphasis for WOJHS. In final comment she requested that benchmarking (testing) information would be beneficial if more readily available from the counselor and teacher.*

**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
  - Regular Meeting of February 23, 2009
  - Special Meeting of February 26, 2009
  - Special Meeting of February 27, 2009
  - Special Meeting of March 1, 2009
  - Special Meeting of March 2, 2009
6. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for February 2009

7. Approval of General Fund Financial Report and the Instruction Expense Ratio Reports for February 2009
8. Approval of Shared Service Arrangement (SSA) for the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) .
9. Approval of 2009 – 2010 School Calendar
10. Approval of Wavier Days Requested for 2009 – 2010 and 2010 – 2011 School Years

*Mr. Jasso made a motion to approve items 5 through 10 listed in Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Lopez.*

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

### **Reports and Information**

11. Here, 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. Ferrell gave a brief basic history on what has been suggested and discussed amongst the previous board meetings, Special Ed Department and J.F.K staff. The new school will have the ability to provide Special Education access to all facilities. The idea is to make the school very technologically advanced. Ms. Cantu-Guerrero had a concern on the handicapped parking and the fact that it is too far from the entrance, also that the special education students looked to be isolated. Mr. Lopez Special Education Director stated that the arrangements are not permanent and that rearranging is defiantly an option.*

12. Here, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate a Report from Communities in Schools Relating to Current and Future Activities in the District

*Ms. Trevino went in to detail on how their program provides services to the schools, students and families in the distinct that are in need of assistance. Recommendation is a one step process and a home visit is made with an assessment. If the parent accepts the assistance the CIS Program will provide food, clothes, and assistance as available. A PEP Program is provided for young ladies and fathers who are expecting a child and need guidance. Ms. Trevino also informed trustees that a process for community service is also offered, and parent involvement is beneficial to the student.*

13. Here, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate a Report on March 2009 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Results and Projections for April 2009 Texas Assessment of Academies Skills Assessments

*Dr. Garza briefly talked about details on the success for 2009 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. Mr. Avery commented by stating that the school has never done this good the first go around on the TAKS Reading assessment. Working as a team with teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals really helped out. We were able to focus on weaknesses and different strategies. Dr. Garza continued with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and now they are right on target as well as 8<sup>th</sup> grade who obtained a 96% success rate.*

14. Here, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate a Report from the Several Trustees Attending Conferences and Workshops

*Ms. Jordan elaborated on her experience during the Winter Governance Conference – Leave Bank. She also had some input on getting more of our students graduating with college hours. We should focus on the younger generation so when they finish they will have obtained at least*

24 credits. Ms. Boyd went into detail on the Leadership TASB conference she attended. Ideas on how to fix Texas funding, and how to be strong advocates to our community were discussed. Ms. Boyd also suggested that our district should specialize in an area not only in Athletics but in Academics.

The Board took a recess beginning at 8:33 p.m. and returned at 9:02 p.m. and went immediately into closed session to address Item 15a.

### **Action Items**

- 15a. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate on Recommendations for Professional Employee Contracts for Teachers (Closed session consideration of recommendations regarding employment, including renewal and proposed renewal as well as extension and non-extension of educator and professional contracts from probationary, term, and other contract employment)

At 11:27 p.m. Trustees returned to open session.

- 15b. Return to Open Session and Take Necessary Action on Matters Which the board May Discuss in Open Session and Upon Which Action May be taken

#### **Probationary Contract Renewals**

*Mr. Lopez made a motion, I move that the Board renew the probationary contract of employees listed (on page 2 of the 2009-2010 Contract Recommendations) for one-year probationary contracts for the succeeding 2009-2010 school year, and further authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer, motion seconded by Ms. Jordan.*

*Motion carried 7-0*

#### **Probationary Contract Termination/Resignation**

*Mr. Lopez made a motion, I move that the Superintendent accept the resignation of any of the above employees should they resign in a timely manner instead of acting to non renew the contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Barrera.*

*Motion carried 7-0*

*Mr. Lopez made a motion, I move that, in the Boards judgment, the best interest of the District will be served by terminating the probationary contract employment of Probationary Employees Ms. Cythia Alcorta, Mr. Oscar Jones and Ms. Victoria Maldonado at the end of his/her current contract period, and I further move that the Board President be authorized on behalf of the Board to provide the employee with timely written notice of the Board's action, motion seconded by Ms. Cantu-Guerrero*

*Motion carried 7-0*

#### **Term Contract Renewals**

*Mr. Lopez made a motion, I move that the Board employ those listed (on pages 3, 4, and 5 of the 2009-2010 Contract Recommendations) under one-year term contracts for the 2009-2010 school year, and further authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer, motion seconded by Mrs. Jordan.*

*Motion carried 7-0*

#### **Term Contract Nonrenewal**

*Board President: Do I hear a motion recommending that the Board propose the nonrenewal of the term contracts of Reymundo Lopez and Peter McNally and that the Board further authorize the Superintendent to send appropriate notice of proposed nonrenewal and to schedule a hearing, if requested, if requested, and do all other things necessary to prepare for and hold such hearing.? Jasso motion second Jordan*

Motion by Mr. Lopez to amend the original motion and remove Peter McNally from list for term contract non renewal. (clarification provided of intent ) Second by Mrs. Jordan. Motion carried 5-2.

Motion by Lopez 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan to employ Peter McNally under a one year term contract for 2009 - 2010 school year and I further authorize the Board President to execute an employment contract to the employee accepting this offer. Second provided by Mrs. Jordan. Amendment carried 5-2.

Original motion restated by Mr. Lopez as amended (for clarification) in the Boards judgment, the best interest of the District will be served by termination the Term contract employment of Term Employee Mr. Reymundo Lopez at the end of his/her current contract period, and I further move that the Board President be authorized on behalf of the Board to provide the employee with timely written notice of the Board's action, (Mrs. Jordan affirmed her original second to the motion). Motion carried 5 aye, 1 nay, 1 abstain

### **Two Year Multi-Year Contract Extension Renewals**

Mr. Lopez made a motion, I move that the Board extend the multi-year term contracts of employees listed (on page 12 and 13 of the 2009-2010 Contract Recommendations) for an additional year through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, and I further authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer, motion seconded by Barrera. Motion Carried 7-0

### **Two Year Multi-Year Contract Non-extension – non-renewal**

Mr. Jasso made a motion that the Board authorize the Superintendent to provide written notice to employees on two-year Chapter 21 contracts whose contracts were not extended tonight that their current employment contracts will continue to be honored by the District, and that their contracts will be considered for contract renewal at this time next year, motion seconded by Mrs. Jordan.

Mr. Lopez moved to amend the motion by removing Grace Stillman from the list for separate action. Second by Mr. Jasso. Amendment carried 5-2.

Mr. Lopez moved that the Board extend the multi-year term contract of Ms. Stillman for an additional year through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, and I further authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employee accepting this offer. Second by Mr. Barrera. (motion clarified to intent) Motion carried 4 aye, 2 nay, 1 abstain.

Original motion as amended. (clarification re Cruz and Guess) Motion Carried 7-0

16. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate on Payment of Contractor for West Oso High School  
No Action was taken at this time by consent of trustees.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary