

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2009**

The West Oso Independent School District Board of Trustees held a special board meeting on **Thursday, January 22, 2008** 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 6:38 p.m.*  
*Board members present: Velma Rodriguez, Lucas Jasso, Diana Cantu-Guerrero, George L. Barrera, Cella Boyd (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) Jose A. Lopez (arrived at 6:39 p.m.). Board members absent: Shirley Jordan*
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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4. Academic Excellence Indicator System Hearing  
*Dr. Garza presented Agenda Item number 4. Annual Performance Demographics for 2007-2008 was discussed. JFK, WOE, WOJH, and WOHS were shown to be Academically Acceptable for 2007-2008.*

**Public Comments**

5. Audience Participation [Policy BED (Local)]

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.

*Ms. Lucille Gonzales commented on West Oso Elementary and commended them on the excellent lesson plans that were provided to her when she was Substituting. Ms. Gonzalez suggested student utilization on computers after school.*

**Recognition(s)**

6. Recognition of Students, Staff, and/or Community Patrons  
*Dr. Helms recognized the displayed names of the Board of Trustees on Marquees. A Proclamation was presented to the Board from Governor Rick Perry and a second Proclamation from the City of Corpus Christi Mayor Henry Garret read by Dr. Helms. Token of appreciation were presented to the Board by Ms. Stillman, Mr. Deleon, Mr. Avery, and Ms. Olivarez for doing such an excellent job.*
7. Spotlight on West Oso High School (Dr. Helms)  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Parker/ Col, Sansing: Army ROTC program presented awards to the students for participation in ROTC events. Dr. Rick Ford: of the Craft Training Center provided information about the program and the benefits to the students. Patricia Domiguez from Del Mar presents the Dual Credit Program. Debbie Kemp from the Del Mar Regional Technical Center gave a brief*

over view of what the program is about and the benefits it has to students. Veronica Blanco from Texas A&M College Station explained about Financial Aid Assistance and scholarship for students.

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

9. Consider, Discuss and Act as Appropriate on Approval of Annual Financial Audit Reports for Year Ended August 31, 2008  
*Item 9 was moved forward on the agenda to allow the Audit Firm to make their recommendation. Frank Lovvorn of Lovvorn & Kieschnick CPA presented the overview of the annual audit which had no problems.*  
  
*Motioned by Mr. Jasso and seconded by Ms. Boyd*  
  
*Motion Carried: 6-0*
  
16. Consider and Act Upon Previous Approved Amendment to Superintendent's Contract (Presiding Officer)  
*Item 16 was moved forward in the agenda by Ms. Rodriguez to accommodate the schedule of the item.*  
  
*Motioned by Ms. Rodriguez to resend action of January 5<sup>th</sup> seconded by Mr. Lopez.*  
  
*Motion Carried: 6-0*
  
8. Hear, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate the Report from the Project Architects for the 2008 Construction Bond Project  
*Item was discussed at this time. Mr. Tom Ferrel provided some information on key points about suggestions for the new early childhood elementary school. Security, administrative control of campus, separation of bus traffic from parent traffic etc. Board members asked various questions regarding the site and access.*
  
10. Consider and Act as Appropriate on Notice of Election and Order of Election Scheduled for April 4 , 2009  
*Item was discussed at this time. Ms. Velma Rodriguez read the Notice of General Election and Order of General Election. Signatures required from Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Cantu-Guerrero for an agreement with the city for a joint election.*  
  
*Motioned by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Ms. Cantu-Guerrero*  
  
*Motion Carried: 6-0*
  
11. Consider and Act as Appropriate on Campus Improvement Plans for West Oso Elementary, West Oso Junior High, and West Oso High School (Dr. Garza and Principals)  
*Item was discussed at this time. Board reviewed the Improvement Plans for West Oso Elementary, West Oso Junior high, and West Oso High School. The Board had questions for Mr. Avery about lack of historical data report, but commended the parent involvement as well as staff. No question for the Junior High or High School.*  
  
*Motioned by Mr. Jasso and seconded by Mr. Barrera*  
  
*Motion Carried: 6-0*

### **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.

13. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for December 2008
14. Approval of Preliminary General Fund Financial Report and the Instruction Expense Ratio Reports for December 2008
15. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - Special Meeting, December 13, 2008
  - Special Meeting, December 15, 2008
  - Special Meeting, January 5, 2009
  - Special Meeting, January 12, 2009

*Mr. Jasso made a motion to approve items 13 through 15 listed in Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Barrera. With the correction to the minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup> regarding arrival of trustee.*

*Motioned by Mr. Jasso and seconded by Mr. Barrera*

*Motion Carried: 6-0*

12. Hear, Consider, and Discuss as Appropriate Ideas and Feedback for a Sick Leave Bank.

*Item was discussed at this time. Dr. Helms went into a brief overview of each potential policy about the Sick Leave Bank from Sinton, Taft and Brenham ISD. The Board agreed to revisit this item during the next board meeting with additional information and possible draft of a Policy to be considered.*
17. Adjourn.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.*

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Board President

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Board Secretary