

WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5050 Rockford Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
Administration Building Board Room

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 23, 2007**

The West Oso Independent School District Board of Trustees held its regular board meeting on **Monday, April 23, 2007 at 6:35 p.m.**, in the Administration Building Board Room, 5050 Rockford Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**AGENDA**

**Opening**

1. Call to order  
*The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.*
2. Roll call  
*Board members present: George Barrera, Cella Boyd, Lucas Jasso, Shirley Jordan, Jose A. Lopez, and Velma Rodriguez.*
3. Declaration of quorum  
*Quorum was declared.*
4. Pledges of allegiance  
*Pledges of allegiance were recited.*
5. Notice of Meeting: The meeting was posted in Accordance with Government Code Chapter 551, State of Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Public Comments**

6. 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.

*No one addressed the Board during open forum.*

**Recognitions**

7. Recognitions of Students and Staff Participating in Special Olympics; WOHS Student Participating in the Bert Corona Leadership Institute; and VICA Club Students Who Participated in State Contest (Dr. Helms)

*Dr. Helms and Mrs. Mathews-Perez recognized staff and students for their participation in the 2007 Special Olympics events. Mrs. Mathews-Perez presented certificates to all participants and coaches.*

*Dr. Garza introduced Mr. Randy Purdy of the Education Service Center, Region 2, to share with the Board the selection of Sarah Urbina, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade student, who will be participating in this year's Bert Corona Leadership Institute from July 23-29, 2007, in Washington, D.C. This is a national level opportunity in which Ms. Urbina was selected based on migrant student grades. A total of 15 students will represent Texas. Five of the selected students are from Region 2. Mr. Purdy and the Board congratulated Ms. Urbina and her parent, Ms. Mona Johnson, for a job well done. Dr. Garza and Mr. Lucas Jasso recognized Ms. Mona Johnson's parental involvement.*

*Dr. Helms and Mr. Franco recognized Chris Hernandez, Samantha Barrera, and Julia Moreno for their participation in the 2007 VICA state contest in which each student received either a first or second place ribbon for their projects. Mr. Franco apologized for Mr. Valdez for not being able to be present during this presentation.*

*Ms. Rodriguez offered congratulatory remarks to everyone, staff and parents for their involvement in the students' academic successes. Mr. Jasso offered congratulatory remarks and special recognition to Ms. Mona Johnson for her involvement in her children's education throughout the years.*

### **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.

8. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:  
Regular Board Meeting, March 26, 2007 (Dr. Helms)
9. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for March 2007 (Mr. Palacios)
10. Approval of General Fund Financial Report for March 2007 (Mr. Palacios)
11. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Nueces County Juvenile Board (Dr. Helms)
12. Approval for Sale of the Tax Resale Property Located within the West Oso ISD  
at the Public Auction on June 9, 2007 (Mr. Palacios)
13. Approval of Board Members Travel to Attend the 2007 TASB/TASA Convention  
in Dallas, Texas from September 28-30, 2007 (Dr. Helms)
14. Consideration and Approval of School District Depository for a Two-Year Period  
from September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009 (Mr. Palacios/  
Dr. Helms)

*Mr. Jasso motioned to approved Items 8 through 14 listed in Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Boyd.*

*Motion carried 6-0.*

### **Reports and Information**

15. Report from the Project Architects and Construction Management Firm Regarding the Construction Status of the New High School Campus and Renovation Work for the Current WOHS Facility with Discussion as Appropriate (Dr. Helms)

*Mr. Bill Wilson briefed the Board with current updates of the construction project. He highlighted key work outlined in his April 20, 2007, memo which identifies the work that has been completed in each section of construction. Krueger Construction presented a "Classic Schedule Layout" of the project's progress and timeline. Ms. Rodriguez expressed her appreciation for the schedule and clarification of the expected time frame for completion.*

17. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Scores—April 2007 Administration with Discussion as Appropriate (Dr. Garza)

*Dr. Garza and Mr. Avery shared the results of the TAKS Math scores for West Oso Elementary School. They informed that 75 percent of the fifth grade students passed the TAKS of which 38*

*percent attained commended status. They also informed that 38 students did not pass the test and that the staff has taken the necessary measures to work closely with these students to ensure that these pass the retest administration in May 2007.*

16. Board Members Report on Conferences/Workshops Attended with Discussion as Appropriate (Board Members)

*Mr. Barrera shared his learning experiences at the 2007 National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference with fellow board members, administrators, and guests. He complimented Dr. Garza for her presentation on the District's summer school program. Mr. Barrera also commented on a diabetes awareness session he attended and commended the District for taking action at an earlier date to address this subject.*

*Ms. Velma Rodriguez also extended her compliments to Dr. Garza for her presentation at NSBA. She informed of the number of inquiries posed by attendees who attended the session and expressed interest in the District's summer school program. She added that attendees from across the nation, and Canada as well, inquired of the District's financial resources that made a summer school program (free of charge to parents) available.*

*Ms. Rodriguez shared her attendance at a session presented by Dr. Robert Barr regarding at-risk students. Ms. Rodriguez informed that Dr. Barr shared how current data shows that the academic gap between elementary and middle school levels is closing, yet it is not between middle and high school levels. Ms. Rodriguez highly encouraged fellow members and administrators to take the opportunity to attend a session when Dr. Barr presents.*

**Items for Discussion, Deliberation, and/or Action**

18. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate on Approval of an Order by the Board of Trustees of the West Oso Independent School District Authorizing the Issuance of "West Oso Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2007"; Levying a Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of the Bonds; Prescribing the Form, Terms, Conditions, and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval and Distribution of an Official Statement Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing the Execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, an Escrow and Trust Agreement, and a Purchase Contract; Complying With the Letter of Representations With the Depository Trust Company; Delegating the Authority to Certain Members of the Board Of Trustees and District Staff to Execute Certain Documents Relating to the Sale of the Bonds; and Providing an Effective Date (Mr. Palacios)

*Mr. Jasso motioned to Approve an Order by the Board of Trustees of the West Oso Independent School District Authorizing the Issuance of "West Oso Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2007"; Levying a Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of the Bonds; Prescribing the Form, Terms, Conditions, and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval and Distribution of an Official Statement Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing the Execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, an Escrow and Trust Agreement, and a Purchase Contract; Complying With the Letter of Representations With the Depository Trust Company; Delegating the Authority to Certain Members of the Board Of Trustees and District Staff to Execute Certain Documents Relating to the Sale of the Bonds; and Providing an Effective Date, seconded by Mr. Lopez.*

*Motion carried 6-0.*

19. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate to Approve Textbook Recommendations for Adoption for the School Year 2007-2008 (Dr. Garza)

*Mr. Jasso motioned to Approve the Textbook Recommendations (as presented) for Adoption for the School Year 2007-2008, seconded by Mr. Barrera.*

*Motion carried 6-0.*

20. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate to Approve Summer School for the 2006-2007 School Year (Dr. Garza)

*Mrs. Jordan motioned to Approve the Summer School program for the 2006-2007 school year, seconded by Mrs. Boyd.*

*Motion carried 6-0.*

21. Consider, Discuss, and Act as Appropriate on Recommendations for Professional Personnel (Dr. Helms)

*The board entered into closed session at 8:26 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.*

*Mrs. Jordan motioned to Approve the Recommendations for Professional Personnel, seconded by Mr. Lopez.*

*Motion carried 6-0.*

### **Closing**

22. Adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.*

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Board President

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Board Secretary