

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Monday, July 30, 2007

The West Oso Independent School District Board of Trustees held a budget workshop on **Monday, July 30, 2007 at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll call
Board members present: George L. Barrera, Diana Cantu-Guerrero, Lucas Jasso, Jose A. Lopez, and Velma Rodriguez.
3. Declaration of quorum
A quorum was declared.
4. Pledges of allegiance
The 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.*
6. Conduct a Budget Workshop to include presentation and discussion of:
 - Tax Value and Tax Rate;
 - Revenue/Funding Issues;
 - Staffing; and
 - Districtwide Expenditures

Mr. Palacios conducted a budget workshop with board members where budgets were reviewed at a glance by campus and departments. The board asked Dr. Helms and Mr. Palacios to fine-tune line items by encumbrances and expenditures. The board specified that budget increases must be justified with encumbrances, expenditures, and instructional needs. An appropriate budget is expected from each campus/department for the next budget workshop.

Board members instructed Dr. Helms and Mr. Palacios to hold principals accountable for budget planning and submission. In addition, board members expressed a serious concern about the campuses' performance and the board's efforts in working earnestly and conscientiously to meet the instructional needs of each campus/department. The board members expressed that they feel they have supported the District well to make sure that teachers and principals are provided funds to achieve success. Board members inquired of administration if there is something perhaps they are not doing well that could be contributing to low performance. Board members were assured by Dr. Garza and Dr. Helms that they have supported instructional and campus budgets well and they informed that teachers must be held accountable to deliver effective teaching.

Closing

7. Adjourn
The workshop was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.