

**MINUTES OF THE WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

241st MEETING

The Windham School District (WSD) Board of Trustees met in session on Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Hilton Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christina Melton Crain, Chairman
Pierce Miller, Vice Chairman
Oliver Bell
Greg Coleman
Tom Mechler
Leopoldo (Leo) Vasquez, III

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patricia A. Day, Secretary
Adrian Arriaga
Pastor C. L. Jackson

WINDHAM STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie Roberts, Superintendent
David McNutt

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brad Livingston
Melinda Bozarth
Brian Collier

CONVENED

Christina Melton Crain, Chairman, called the meeting of the WSD Board of Trustees (Board) to order on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 2:05 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act. A quorum was present and the 241st meeting of the Board was declared open. The Board immediately adjourned into executive session, which was closed to the public in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

RECONVENED

Christina Melton Crain, Chairman, reconvened the meeting of the Board on Friday, July 13, 2007, at 9:01 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Crain stated that during the meeting, the Board would be conducting business from the agenda posted in the Texas Register. A quorum of the Board was present and the 241st meeting of the Board was declared open.

Chairman Crain reported that the Board was committed to providing the opportunity for public testimony on topics posted on the meeting agenda as provided in Board Rule 300.1. Persons interested in providing testimony at the meeting were required to complete a registration card and submit it at least ten (10) minutes prior to the meeting's posted start time. As no cards were received for public testimony, the Board would not hear public input on an agenda topic for the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Crain called the Board's attention to the Consent Items on the agenda (Attachment A), which consisted of the minutes of the May 24, 2007, meeting, appraisers for the 2007-2008 school year, multiple employment requests and approval of excused absences.

Chairman Crain asked if there were any amendments or objections to the Consent Items. Noting there were none, she stated the Consent Items were approved as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the WSD Superintendent Contract

Chairman Crain stated that the Board members should have a copy of the contract in their folders. She asked for questions or comments regarding the superintendent's contract. Seeing none she asked for a motion and a second.

Tom Mechler moved that the Windham School District Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's contract to include an annual salary of \$108,000 for the 2007-2008 school year, as presented.

Oliver Bell seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

2. Approval of WSD Budget and Salary Schedule for 2007-2008 School Year

David McNutt, WSD Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2007-2008 budget and salary schedule. Funding from the foundation school program would remain the same as in the previous school year. The grants and memorandums of understanding (MOU's) with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice would basically also remain the same. Mr. McNutt explained changes to the teacher locality schedule and advised in order to recruit teachers with 0-9 years of teaching experience, that minor adjustments were proposed to the teacher salary schedule. The supplement for diagnosticians and counselors would increase from

\$1500 to \$2500. Mr. McNutt noted that salaries make up approximately 90% of the budget. With the exclusion of Project RIO, the WSD budget would be approximately \$76,600,000.

Mr. Bell moved that the WSD Board of Trustees approve the operating budget and salary schedule for the 2007-2008 school year as presented and authorize the Superintendent of the Windham School District to make transfers as necessary and as authorized through the General Appropriations Act and other applicable laws.

Mr. Mechler seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

3. Approval of Proposed Amendments to Board Rule, Title 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §300.2 Windham School District Board of Trustees Operating Procedures (19 TAC §300.2)

Melinda Bozarth, TDCJ General Counsel, reported the proposed revisions are recommended to simplify the rule.

Chairman Crain asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none she asked for a motion and a second.

Pierce Miller moved that the Windham School District Board of Trustees approve for publication in the Texas Register the proposed amendments to the Board Rule 300.2 regarding the Windham School District Board of Trustees Operating Procedures for 30 days to receive public comment, as presented.

Leo Vasquez seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Debbie Roberts, WSD Superintendent, reported that WSD staff would spend the next five (5) to six (6) weeks finalizing campus improvement plans; conducting regional teacher inservice meetings across the state; meeting with every principal and their regional administrator to finalize program offerings at each unit for the upcoming school year; updating accountability standards; and finalizing the teacher of the year selection.

Ms. Roberts expressed plans to hopefully present the school performance results for the 2006-2007 school year as well as recommendations for changing the accountability performance standards at the September Board meeting. The goal is to raise the standards, and continue increasing student performance.

Mr. Bell commented he was very interested in Mr. McNutt's budget presentation and in particular the adjustments that would be made in recruiting teachers with 0-9 years of teaching experience. He asked WSD Human Resources to track this initiative to see what sort of impact it has in recruiting during the next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Crain adjourned the 241st meeting of the WSD Board of Trustees at 9:16 a.m.