

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

Meeting No. 308

The Windham School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dale Wainwright, Chairman
Terrell McCombs, Vice Chairman
Eric Gambrell, Secretary
Mano DeAyala
Tom Fordyce
Pastor Larry Miles
Patrick O'Daniel
Derrelynn Perryman
Hon. Thomas P. Wingate

WINDHAM STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Clint Carpenter, Superintendent
Kristina Hartman
Michael Mondville
Robert O'Banion

CONVENED

Chairman Dale Wainwright convened the meeting of the 308th Windham School District (WSD) Board of Trustees (Board) to order on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the *Open Meetings Act*. During the regular session, the Board conducted business from the agenda posted in the Texas Register. A quorum was present and the meeting was declared open.

Chairman Wainwright reported the WSD Board was committed to providing the opportunity for public presentations on posted agenda topics as well as for public comments on issues within its jurisdiction as provided in Board Rule 300.1. As no speaker registration cards were received by the board staff, no public presentations on posted agenda topics were heard.

RECOGNITIONS

WSD Director of Instruction

Chairman Wainwright said Dr. Carpenter hired a new Division Director of Instruction, and he welcomed Kristina Hartman to the podium

Dr. Clint Carpenter, Superintendent of the WSD, said that he was pleased to announce the selection of Kristina Hartman as the Division Director of Instruction. Ms. Hartman received her start in education with the Florida Department of Corrections as an academic teacher from 2003 until 2005. In February 2005, she promoted to the position of Government Operations Consultant. Ms. Hartman held this position until 2008.

In October of 2008, Ms. Hartman promoted to Education Supervisor for the Florida Department of Corrections. She held this position for seven years until November 2015 when she became the Chief of Programs for the agency.

In this capacity, Ms. Hartman was responsible for directing statewide activities related to academic, career and technical, law and general library services, substance use prevention and treatment and chaplaincy programs at 58 institutions for the Florida Department of Corrections.

He asked the Board to join him in welcoming Kristina Hartman to the Windham School District.

Chairman Wainwright and Vice Chairman Terrell McCombs both welcomed Ms. Hartman.

Texas Association of School Board (TASB) – Sponsored Media Honor Roll Certificate Presentation

The TASB Sponsored Media Honor Roll recipient was not able to attend the presentation. The framed certificate will be sent to the recipient.

WSD Employee Service Awards

Chairman Wainwright said that the Board annually recognizes WSD employees who have dedicated 20, 25 and 30-plus years of service to the State of Texas. These individuals represent the strong commitment of the district staff statewide. He, along with the rest of the board members and Dr. Clint Carpenter, expressed deep gratitude for their continued service. During the 2017-2018 school year, 18 Windham employees attained 20 years of service, ten employees attained 25 years of service and one employee attained 30 years of service. The names of these employees will be submitted for inclusion in the official minutes of this meeting. As a symbol of appreciation, these individuals will receive a board certificate, along with a personal letter of gratitude.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Chairman called the Board's attention to the Consent Items on the agenda, which consisted of the minutes of the August 24, 2018, meeting, appraisers for the 2018-2019 school year and excused absences.

There being no other comments, objections or amendments to the Consent Items, the Consent Items were approved as submitted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Carpenter said on September 13th, Windham hosted a tour for members of the Texas Association of Business (TAB). TAB Board Members Penny Rayfield and Timothy Sullivan met Dr. Carpenter and Windham Vocational Specialists Ted Watts and Rex Rhone at the Torres Unit in Hondo and continued to the Dominguez Unit in San Antonio. On the tour, the TAB board members were able to see first-hand the academic programs, life skills, and vocational training. The members were able to engage with Windham and TDCJ staff, WSD students and vocational specialists to gain an understanding of the role academics and life skills play in

preparing students for the workplace. Additionally, the guests said they were impressed with the skill level of the vocational trades being taught. They were particularly interested in the higher technical level skills being taught in fiber optics, electronic controls and computer numeric controls. Through discussion with students, the guests were able to better understand the desire of the students to overcome the significant academic deficiencies and challenges to reconnecting with family, while seeking a career. They also learned from the students how they have an appreciation for the teachers and staff of Windham.

Ms. Rayfield and Mr. Sullivan were excited to share information with the TAB board about the things they learned while touring the units. Since their visit, the TAB has already reached out to Windham with connections to business employers that are willing to hire Windham students. WSD will be working with Ms. April Zamora and TDCJ Reentry to connect them with hiring these skilled craftsmen.

Chairman Wainwright said the Texas Association of Business is the Chamber of Commerce for the State of Texas. It is a broad based business organization with many members. This connection and these contacts in developing this relationship is important and just another example of the efforts to provide educational and employment opportunities for our offenders when they leave the system. It substantially reduces the recidivism rate when our offenders are able to obtain meaningful, gainful employment.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN, WSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Wainwright reported that on September 12th, Windham was asked to present to the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee and the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) with The Texas Education Agency. Dr. Clint Carpenter and Chief Financial Officer Robert O'Banion presented information regarding Windham at these hearings. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee members asked for information regarding student preparation and number of academic and vocational credentials. The members were also interested in the ability of Windham students to obtain State Licensure in the field in which they were trained. Dr. Carpenter provided information explaining that Windham's students obtain state licensure at over 80% and that Windham counsels students prior to enrollment to measure the degree to which their crime would interfere with obtaining employment and licenses. Students are provided options that increase the likelihood of successful employment within a particular training field. The committee chairman inquired about the extended year programs and Dr. Carpenter reported that the program was successful. The committee chairman complemented the Windham staff and programs and stated that significant improvement has been seen in Windham over the past several years and asked that field staff be told of his positive impressions.

The presentation to the LBB allowed Windham to present the exceptional items request, which Windham has submitted to the Texas Legislature through TEA. Robert O'Banion offered details and explanation to the request; including the largest being a 6% salary increase for field based staff. Additionally, LBB members asked about the funding request for extended year funding which had been brought up in the Senate testimony.

Mr. O'Banion and Dr. Carpenter explained the process of extending the school year for offenders in a pilot program these past two years and the success for students with learning disabilities.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF WSD BOARD POLICY WBP-11.12 (rev. 10), "INVESTMENT POLICY" AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr. O'Banion presented WBP-11.12, "Investment Policy." He stated that in accordance with Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code, Public Funds Investment Act, and in conjunction with the Bboard's responsibilities as the WSD Board of Trustees, WBP-11.12, "Investment Policy" was being brought before the Board for annual review. There were no substantive changes to the policy, only some minor language revision regarding eligible investment pools have to be in compliance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. He also added that WSD works in conjunction with TDCJ on any policy modifications for the investment policy so WSD is essentially presenting the same policy as TDCJ. He asked the Board to approve the policy as presented along with a resolution adopting the investment policy.

Terrell McCombs moved that the WSD Board of Trustees approve the annual review of WSD BP-11.12, "Investment Policy" and the resolution adopting the investment policy as presented and that the Chairman sign the resolution adopting the policy.

Derrelynn Perryman seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Chairman Wainwright thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting of the WSD Board of Trustees will be Thursday, December 13, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business for the regular session, Chairman Wainwright adjourned the 308th meeting of the Windham School District Board of Trustees at 10:17 a.m.

Chairman*

Secretary*

*Signature on File

Note: Referenced attachments for draft minutes are available upon request. Following approval of the minutes, attachments will be maintained with the signed minutes in the Office of Record.