



Waco Independent School District Special School Board Meeting
Waco ISD Conference Center
115 S 5th Street
Waco, Texas, 76701
Thursday, October 20, 2016
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Pat Atkins called the meeting of the Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:05 p.m. He stated that a quorum of Board members was present and that notice of the meeting had been posted.

Board Members Present: **President Pat Atkins, Vice President Allen Sykes, Secretary Norman Manning, Cary DuPuy, Stephanie Korteweg, Larry Perez, and Angela Tekell**

Board Members Absent: No one

III. Closed Meeting – President Atkins called the closed meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. pursuant the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

A. Texas Government Code Section

1. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

a. Real Property

b. Personnel Matters

2. 551.074 Personnel Matters

No action was taken during the closed meeting. President Atkins reconvened the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

President Atkins inquired whether the Board had any objections to hearing line items out of order. Hearing no objections President Atkins heard line items VII-B, and VII-F out of order.

VII-F. Construction Academy Update

- Donna McKethan, director of career and technical education, and Dr. Dale McCall, interim director of Greater Waco Academies, briefed the Board on the construction science academy. Scott Bland, president of Heart of Texas Builders Association, stated that both local and state builder's associations were in support of the construction academy.

VII-B. Baylor University's School of Social Work Campus-Based Family Services

- Carrie Arroyo, LCSW coordinator, and Carolyn Cole, LMSW clinical supervisor and trainer with the Campus-Based Family Services project, gave the Board an update on the program as well as introduced the five interns who worked at the five campuses involved in the project.

IV. AUDIENCE FOR GUESTS

- No one asked to speak.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

■ President Atkins recessed the open meeting at 8:03 p.m. to open the public hearing.

A. Public Hearing To Discuss the 2016 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (Schools FIRST)

■ Sheryl Davis, CFO, briefed the Board of Trustees on the Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas (Schools FIRST). She stated that Waco ISD received a “Superior” or an “A” rating for fiscal year 2014-15 with a score of 96. The Board of Trustees commended Ms. Davis for the district’s exceptional rating.

President Atkins inquired as to whether anyone in the audience would like to address the Schools FIRST report. Hearing no request, President Atkins closed the Schools FIRST public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

B. Public Meeting and Hearing to Consider Request for Property Detachment

■ President Atkins opened the public hearing on the request for property detachment of 316 E. Newland Drive, Waco, TX, 76706. Peter Rusek, legal counsel for the District, stated that Cruz Rodriguez met the requirements to request property detachment. Mr. Rodriguez, petitioner, stated that in January of 2016 he received a letter from Waco ISD stating that South Waco Elementary did not Meet Standard and therefore he began the motion to request detachment from Waco ISD. After some discussion President Atkins closed the public hearing at 8:39 p.m.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OCTOBER 20, 2016

A. Consideration and Possible Action on Deannexation Request

■ Dr. Bonny Cain, superintendent, recommended that the Board of Trustees decline the detachment request and adopt a resolution disapproving the petition due to the campus being removed from the low performing list, and the District as a whole Met Standard. The Board thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his professionalism during the process.

Cary DuPuy moved, Angela Tekell seconded, to accept the Administration’s recommendation to decline the deannexation request of 316 E. Newland Drive, Waco, TX, 76706. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Board Resolution to Participate in Texas Education Agency (TEA) Governance Training

■ The Board of Trustees requested that Dr. Cain contact the Texas Education Agency so that she could inquire on some concerns the Board had regarding the governance training. Dr. Bonny Cain, superintendent, stated that she would contact Mr. Crabill before the next Board meeting and get clarifications for the Board. Administration would place the line item back on the October 27th meeting agenda.

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Status of Transformation Committees

■ Dr. Robin McDurham, area assistant superintendent of schools – north, stated that the notes of the previous meeting would be online by October 28, 2016.

B. Baylor University's School of Social Work Campus-Based Family Services

■ The line item was taken out of order.

C. District Goals 2015-2016 Update

- Dr. Bonny Cain, superintendent, gave the Board a brief overview of the goals. Dr. Cain stated that Texas Education Agency was scheduled to release the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) in January 2017.

D. Board Member Committees

- There was no discussion on the line item.

E. Planetarium Project, Reach for the Stars

- The line item was pulled from the agenda, and placed on the October 27th agenda.

F. Construction Academy Update

- The line item was taken out of order.

G. Monthly and Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending August 31, 2016

- There was no discussion on the line item.

H. Monthly Financial Reports for the Period Ending September 30, 2016 99

- There was no discussion on the line item.

**VIII. DISCUSSION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 27, 2016
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

A. Approve Minutes

- 1. August 4, 2016, Special Meeting**
- 2. August 18, 2016, Workshop**
- 3. August 25, 2016 Business Meeting**
- 4. September 15, 2016, Special Meeting**
- 5. September 29, 2016, Business Meeting**

- President Atkins stated that if anyone had any corrections to the minutes, to submit them to Sandra Gonzales, secretary to the superintendent.

C. Approve 2016-2017 Budget Amendments

- There was no discussion on the line item.

D. Approve Bid Award for Demographic Study

- There was no discussion on the line item

E. Approve Bid Award for Theater and Fine Arts Supplies, Equipment, Repairs, and Services

- There was no discussion on the line item.

F. Approve Modification of Construction Delivery Method for the Child Nutrition Department Renovations Project, Declare Construction Delivery Method for 2016-17 Projects, and Identify the Architect/Engineer for Specified Projects

- Sherry Trotts, director of business services, stated that the District would rebid the project to include a project manager at risk who would have initial input on the design which would be a cost savings to the district.

G. Approve Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus Property

- There was no discussion on the line item.

H. Approve List of Qualified Brokers Authorized to Engage in Investment Transactions with the District

- There was no discussion on the line item.

I. Approve Independent Sources of Investment Officer Training

- There was no discussion on the line item.

J. Review Investment Policy and Strategies as Codified Under Policy CDA (Local) - Other Revenues: Investments

- Sheryl Davis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board on new federal regulations.

J. Improvement Plans

1. Approve District Plan

2. Approve 2016-2017 Campus Improvement Plans

■ Due to technical difficulties Administration moved line items J-1 and 2 to the November agenda. The Board requested that the improvement plans be reviewed for errors.

3. Approve Targeted Improvement Plans for Improvement Required and Formerly Improvement Required Campuses

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

4. South Waco Elementary Campus Turnaround Plan

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

K. Approve Class Size Waivers

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

L. Consider 2016-17 Teacher Incentive Plan

■ Dr. Cain stated that she collaborated with principals and teachers to improve the plan.

M. Policies

1. TASB Policy Update 106

■ The Board inquired as to whether the update made any impact on the District. Alfredo Loreda, Director of Technology, stated that the District had taken down the cameras due to the policy.

2. Local Policy Update

a. DNA and DNB (Local)

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

N. Render Finding that Good Cause did not Exist Under Texas Education Code 21.105 (c)(2) and authorize the Superintendent to File a Written Complaint with SBEC for Contract Abandonment

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

O. Approve Additional Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers for 2016-2017

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

P. Approve Temporary Employee Rate for Deaf Education Interpreter

■ There was no discussion on the line item.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

■ The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.