

MINUTES

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2009

A. Call to Order

The Williamson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2009, in the Williamson County Administrative Complex Auditorium.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pat Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by D'Wayne Greer, after which the Board observed a moment of silence.

Members Present12

D'Wayne Greer	1 st District	Susan Graham	7 th District
Janice Mills	2 nd District	Pat Anderson	8 th District
Janine Moore	3 rd District	Barry Watkins	9 th District
Tim McLaughlin	4 th District	Bill Peach	10 th District
Gary Anderson	5 th District	Mark Gregory	11 th District
Terry Leve	6 th District	James Bond	12 th District

Members Absent0

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Anderson presented the agenda, including the Consent Agenda, for Board approval.

Barry Watkins moved to approve the agenda, including the Consent Agenda, as presented. D'Wayne Greer seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson called for a voice vote on the motion.

Action: Motion Carried.

Chairman Anderson read the approved Consent Agenda to the audience.

C. Consent Agenda (as approved above)

1. Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2009
2. Approval of Recommendations for Field Trip Fee Requests

D. Items of Particular Public Interest

1. Public Comment

Chairman Anderson called on the following individuals who had requested the opportunity to address the Board:

- Chuck Aldrich, who addressed the Board regarding his zoning appeal request before the Board;

- Richard Smith, who asked the Board to consider access road options to the new elementary school in the Spring Hill area other than through Augusta Place;

- Chuck Wortman, who also asked the Board to develop another entry way into the new school other than through the small subdivision of Augusta Place, and suggested improvements to Duplex and Hurt roads.

E. Communications to the Board

1. Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent David Heath announced that state AYP scores are in but are embargoed until they are released on Wednesday at a news conference.

Dr. Heath also announced that TVASS scores have dropped across the state after being re-normed this year and briefly explained how that process worked.

Dr. Heath invited Board members to attend day two of the Administrators meetings to hear keynote speaker Joe Murphy.

2. Board Chairman's Report

Chairman Anderson invited Board members to the August 5th day of New Teacher Orientation at Franklin High School.

Chairman Anderson announced that after agenda item G.1, the Board would recess and move to the Carolyn Campbell Room for the final agenda item, G.2, Superintendent Search, and the presentation of the new slate of superintendent candidates by Ray and Associates.

F. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business before the Board.

G. New Business

1. Request for Zoning Appeal

Chairman Anderson called on Staff Attorney Jason Golden regarding the appeal for a zoning exception from the Aldrich family, whose home is in the Franklin Special School District. Mr. Golden explained the options open to the board regarding the appeal:

1. Vote to suspend Board Policy 1.703 and vote to allow the family's children to attend Trinity Elementary School or another WCS school;
2. Vote to deny the request; or
3. Take no action, effectively denying the request.

Mr. Golden noted that a fourth option existed per board policy that allowed a student from FSSD to apply to attend an open zone school in the district. However, for the coming school year, no Williamson County elementary schools are open zone, therefore removing this as an option for the Aldrich family for the 2009-10 school year.

There was discussion about the maps that appear on the district web site and the need to emphasize on the home page of the web site that the locator is the only way to correctly determine the schools for which a residence is zoned.

There was also discussion about the process to re-designate homes from one school district to the other and how the taxes and funding would be affected by that change. Further discussion included other neighborhoods that were split between the two school districts, and the current student capacity at Trinity.

Barry Watkins suggested annual joint meetings between the two school boards to improve communications between the districts and address problems such as this.

Tim McLaughlin moved to suspend board policy to allow the Aldrich children to attend Trinity Elementary School. James Bond seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson asked for a recommendation from Interim Superintendent Heath, who recommended against the motion.

Chairman Anderson called for a roll call vote on the motion.

D'Wayne Greer	No	Susan Graham	No
Janice Mills	No	Pat Anderson	No
Janine Moore	No	Barry Watkins	No
Tim McLaughlin	Yes	Bill Peach	No
Gary Anderson	No	Mark Gregory	Yes
Terry Leve	No	James Bond	Yes

Action: Yes, 3; No, 9; Abstain, 0; Motion Failed.

Chairman Anderson recessed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to allow the Board to move upstairs for the presentation from the superintendent search firm of the slate of candidates for the position of superintendent.

2. Superintendent Search

Chairman Anderson called the meeting back into session at 7:20 p.m. and distributed the five candidate files for: Barry Carroll, Dennis Dearden, David Heath, Mike Looney and James Wilson.

Chairman Anderson reported that search consultants Gary Ray and Bill Newman were on standby for a conference call with the Board. There was discussion about how to proceed.

The Board was connected through a conference call with Gary Ray and Bill Newman, from Ray and Associates.

Chairman Anderson stated that the board members had received the five candidate file packets. Mr. Ray recommended that the Board interview all five applicants.

Various general questions were asked about the candidates.

Janice Mills moved to recess for 50 minutes to allow board members to review the applicant files. Barry Watkins seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson called for a roll call vote on the motion.

D'Wayne Greer	Yes	Susan Graham	Yes
Janice Mills	Yes	Pat Anderson	Yes
Janine Moore	Yes	Barry Watkins	Yes
Tim McLaughlin	Yes	Bill Peach	No
Gary Anderson	Yes	Mark Gregory	No
Terry Leve	Yes	James Bond	No

Action: Yes, 9; No, 3; Abstain, 0; Motion Carried.

Chairman Anderson recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting back into session at 8:40 pm.

There was some general discussion about the candidates and about information in the applicant files and suggestions about what candidates to interview.

Terry Leve moved to interview all five of the candidates. James Bond seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson called for a roll call vote on the motion.

D'Wayne Greer	Yes	Susan Graham	Yes
Janice Mills	Yes	Pat Anderson	Yes
Janine Moore	Yes	Barry Watkins	Yes
Tim McLaughlin	- - -	Bill Peach	Yes
Gary Anderson	Yes	Mark Gregory	- - -
Terry Leve	Yes	James Bond	Yes

Action: Yes, 10; No, 0; Abstain, 0; Motion Carried.

Another call was placed to Ray and Associates to report the decision of the Board to interview all five candidates, on August 3, 4 and 5, with interviews held in the Carolyn Campbell Conference Room at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. each evening as needed. Chairman Anderson noted that the Board would meet in special called session on August 6 prior to the Board Work Session to select candidates to return for second interviews.

Budget Director Leslie Holman asked the will of the Board regarding the amount of \$3500 for expenses for Ray and Associates as set in the contract. The Board took no action to change that amount.

There was then discussion about questions to be used for this round of interviews.

James Bond moved that all board members submit two or three interview questions to Jason Golden by Thursday. Barry Watkins seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson would work with Mr. Golden to compile the questions to be used from those submitted.

Chairman Anderson called for a roll call vote on the motion.

D'Wayne Greer	Yes	Susan Graham	Yes
Janice Mills	Yes	Pat Anderson	Yes
Janine Moore	Yes	Barry Watkins	Yes
Tim McLaughlin	- - -	Bill Peach	Yes
Gary Anderson	Yes	Mark Gregory	- - -
Terry Leve	Yes	James Bond	Yes

Action: Yes, 10; No, 0; Abstain, 0; Motion Carried.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.