

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma was held on May 2, 2016, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Cheryl Selman Room, ground floor level, at the Charles C. Mason Education Service Center, 3027 South New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was given by service of written notice of the meeting to the office of the County Clerk of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, as required by Title 25, O.S. (2001), § 311.5 and by posting the attached agenda and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in prominent public view in the enclosed glass display case at the main door of the Charles C. Mason Education Service Center on April 29, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S. (2001), § 311.9.

PRESENT: Wilbert Collins
Cindy Decker
Ruth Ann Fate
Shawna Keller
Gary Percefull
Suzanne Schreiber
Lana Turner-Addison

ABSENT: None

OPENING EXERCISES

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison, president of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order and declared that a quorum of the Board was present; therefore, the meeting was qualified to consider the agenda items. The flag salute was led by the East Central High School JROTC under the instruction of Major Mike McGuire. The participating cadets and instructors were introduced by Ms. Shawna Keller.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Deborah Gist, superintendent of schools, presented the agenda and made the following change:

Consent item **E-2** – **Withdrawn**

Ms. Ruth Ann Fate made a motion to adopt the agenda with the noted change. The motion was seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and passed by the following vote: AYE: Wilbert Collins, Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Suzanne Schreiber, Shawna Keller, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison welcomed visitors and thanked them for attending the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Superintendent Deborah Gist introduced the 2016 Teacher of the Year Mr. Robert Kaiser and the 2016 Support Employee of the Year Ms. Melinda Taylor, and she shared videos of the surprise assemblies that were held the previous week where the winners were announced. Dr. Gist and Board members congratulated the winners and thanked them for the important work they did every day for the students of Tulsa Public Schools.

Dr. Gist introduced the following award recipients and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Booker T. Washington High School teacher Mr. John Waldron – The Claude A. Dyer Memorial Award

Clinton Middle School teacher Ms. Krystal Media – The Excellence in the Classroom/Teachers Teaching Students Award for Instructional Excellence

TCTA Vice President Shawna Mott-Wright – The Political Activist Award

Tulsa Classroom Teachers Association – The Advocate for Academic Freedom Award

Dr. Gist welcomed Tulsa Debate League's Executive Director Ross Faith. Mr. Faith introduced students from East Central, Central, and Washington high schools who had worked with the Debate League and who would compete in the National Speech and Debate Association's national tournament. The students shared success stories and told of the impact that debate had on their education.

Special presentations were concluded with musical presentations by the Hawthorne Elementary Sound Machine Ensemble who performed "Oh Happy Day," and Perry Elementary fourth-grade students who performed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) song.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Suzanne Schreiber made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shawna Keller and passed by the following vote: AYE: Wilbert Collins, Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Suzanne Schreiber, Shawna Keller, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Cindy Decker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate and passed by following vote: AYE: Wilbert Collins, Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Suzanne Schreiber, Shawna Keller, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

ACTION AGENDA

F-1. Adopt the 2016-2017 District Staffing Plan.

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison called on the following individuals who had signed up to speak to the item.

- Ms. Etta Taylor – spoke in opposition to the staffing plan
- Mr. Darryl Bright – spoke in opposition to the staffing plan
- Ms. Sally Perez – spoke in opposition to the staffing plan
- Mr. Ed McIntosh – spoke in opposition to the staffing plan

Mr. Gary Percefull made a motion to approve item F-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber.

Following opening remarks from Superintendent Gist, Chief Financial Officer Trish Williams gave a detailed report on the staffing plan, and she and Dr. Gist responded to questions from members of the Board.

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison called for the vote and the motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Wilbert Collins, Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Suzanne Schreiber, Shawna Keller, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Dr. Gist presented the information agenda and called on staff to introduce items submitted by each of them. Staff responded to questions from members of the Board of Education.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief of Staff Paula Shannon presented an action planning update on the implementation of the district's strategic plan.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS

A portfolio committee report was presented by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber. Ms. Schreiber said that the committee discussed a proposed revision to the charter compact, the grant-funded position for the director of charter and partnership schools, and the Eastside Academy lease.

In light of the district's budget shortfall, Ms. Schreiber reminded the public to advocate for responsible tax policies and for a continued investment in students and public education. She also asked the public to continue to engage with Board members during the budget crisis and to share their concerns, ideas, and suggestions. Ms. Schreiber urged the public to carefully evaluate those who did not lead with Oklahoma's kids as their first priority. She said that the public had significant opportunities coming up in June and November to make their voices heard.

Ms. Shawna Keller said it had been a very difficult several months for the district with the budget shortfall, and she said that the Board had carefully considered all budget recommendations and none of the decisions made had been taken lightly. Ms. Keller said that although these were difficult times, there were some positive things happening throughout the district. She congratulated the teacher and support employees of the year, both of whom were from her Board district.

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison thanked the speakers who spoke during the citizens' comments portion of the meeting. She said that it was important that Board members heard from the public that they represented and she encouraged them to continue sharing concerns and comments. Dr. Lana-Turner said that the Board recognized that the current legislators had not done a good job when it came to supporting education. She encouraged the public to make their voices heard with their legislative representatives.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Deborah Gist highlighted recent events, including the Radio Disney Music Awards where Justin Bieber made a surprise visit to Central High School and presented the school with a \$10,000 grant. She also gave a budget crisis update and announced that the district was just informed that it might face yet another mid-year budget cut due to revenue shortfalls in the Common Education Technology Revolving Fund. Dr. Gist said that could translate into another reduction between \$800,000 and \$1 million. Dr. Gist said that managing the shortfall would get increasingly more difficult as the district and Board considered the 2016-2017 budgets, and she encouraged the public to lean on each other and, together, make their voices heard.

OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no nonroutine items.

NEW BUSINESS

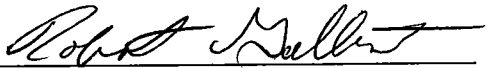
There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

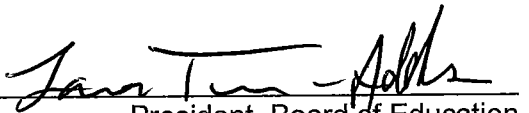
President Turner-Addison announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cheryl Selman Room at the Charles C. Mason Education Service Center, 3027 South New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at **8:32 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Shawna Keller and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber. The motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Wilbert Collins, Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Suzanne Schreiber, Shawna Keller, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

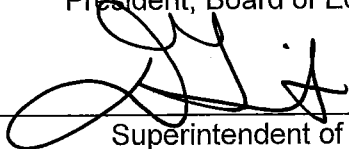
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Attorney for the School District



President, Board of Education



Superintendent of Schools



Clerk, Board of Education