

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on April 19, 2021, commencing at 6:30 p.m., in the Cheryl Selman room, ground floor, at the Charles C. Mason Education, 3027 S. New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma in addition to video conference. 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., § 311(A)(5) and (A)(8), and by posting the 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 and at tulsaschools.org on April 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(9).

PRESENT: Judith Barba Perez
John Croisant
Jerry Griffin
Shawna Keller
Jennettie Marshall
Suzanne Schreiber

ABSENT: Stacey Woolley

OPENING EXERCISES

Board Vice President Schreiber called the meeting to order, roll called, 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 Nathan Hale High School JROTC under the direction of Colonel William Galbreath and Master Sergeant Terryl Gregg. The participating cadets were introduced by Board Member Jerry Griffin.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Board Member Shawna Keller made a motion to adopt the agenda, and Board Member John Croisant seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Judith Barba Perez, Jennettie Marshall, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Superintendent Deborah Gist recognized the Teacher and Support Employee of the Year finalists, Dennis Burns, Craig Hoxie, Donna Ross, Jacqui Walker, Joey Williams, Rita Botello, Sandra Johnson, Heather Mackey, Kristi Peterman, and Vertula Rentie.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Jerry Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular meeting of the board and the April 12, 2021 special meeting of the board. **The motion to approve was seconded by Mr. John Croisant. The motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Judith Barba Perez, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Shawna Keller to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Jennettie Marshall.

The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Judith Barba Perez, Jennettie Marshall, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

ACTION AGENDA

F.1. RECOMMENDATION: Rename the current Tulsa Learning Academy site "North Star Academy."

A motion was made by Ms. Jennettie Marshall and the motion was seconded by Dr. Jerry Griffin.

Mr. John Huffines spoke on items F-1, F-4, F-4, and F-5.

Following board comments Vice President Schreiber called for the vote and **the motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Judith Barba Perez, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

F.2. RECOMMENDATION: Enter into a contract with the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame to host and provide services for Booker T. Washington High School's senior dinner dance on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

A motion was made by Ms. Jennettie Marshall and seconded by Mr. John Croisant to approve item F.2.

The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Jennettie Marshall, Judith Barba Perez, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

F.3. RECOMMENDATION: Pay expenses associated with College Board for Advanced Placement (AP) examination fees at Thomas A. Edison Preparatory School during the 2020-2021 academic year.

A motion was made by Mr. John Croisant. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shawna Keller.

The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Judith Barba Perez, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Wooley.

F.4. As a reminder, this item was on as an information item at the last regular board meeting and is coming before you today as an action item.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter into a memorandum of understanding with The Opportunity Project to support the design, development, and coordination of quality summer programming for all students in Tulsa Public Schools. The Opportunity Project will serve as a central support hub and key liaison for community implementation partners from April 20, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The Opportunity Project was the most responsive and responsible vendor for the request for proposal. (A contract with The Opportunity Project spanning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 will be presented to the Board of Education in May.)

Board Member John Croisant made a motion to approve item F-4 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Shawna Keller.

Mr. KJ (Kujanga) Jackson spoke on item F.4.

Ms. Lisa Shotts spoke on item F. 4.

Dr. Gist and district staff answered questions of the board.

Vice President Schreiber called the question. Board Member Shawna Keller seconded the motion to close debate and go to a vote. **The motion passed with the following vote:** AYE: Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Judith Barba Perez, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: Jerry Griffin; Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

F.5. RECOMMENDATION: Enter into a contract between Central High School and the Guthrie Green venue for the 2020-21 Senior Prom scheduled for April 30, 2021.

Ms. Shawna Keller made a motion to approve item F. 5 and Board Member Judith Barba Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Judith Barba Perez, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, and Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Superintendent Gist introduced the information agenda and information item G.2 to include some historical context with regard to the renaming of the Dual Language Academy. School Leader Sandoval also spoke regarding the process followed by the ad hoc naming committee and the recommended name that was submitted.

The following individuals spoke to item G. 2 – Renaming of Dual Language Academy:

Mr. John Tyra
Karin Nero
Carmen Fields
Joyce Williams
Jessica Samaroo
Joyce Brown
Tania Garza
Yasha Hill
Linda Thomas
Judy Eason McIntyre

Vice President addressed the audience and speakers to be sure in their public comments that they speak to the board as a whole and not single out individual board members or direct their comments to those in the audience. They were also instructed to keep their comments respectful.

Following comments from the board, Dr. Gist introduced the information items. Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Jorge Robles presented a report on the 202-2021 Amended School Budget.

STAFF REPORT

Jorge Robles, chief financial and operations office presented a health update on COVID-19. Superintendent Gist and the district team answered questions from the board.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice President Schreiber mentioned and encouraged the public to attend the upcoming community listening sessions that will help inform the development of the next strategic plan for Tulsa Public Schools. She also announced the tax day extension until June 15, 2021 and encouraged all to file their taxes so as not to miss out on the child care tax credit.

Getyourrefundtulsa.org to get assistance with filing your taxes.

Board Member Croisant also spoke highly of the three Board Community listening sessions that he has participated in. He stressed the importance of listening to the community and shared his appreciation for the community feedback at board meetings and at the listening sessions. He also mentioned that he will be representing the board at an upcoming Oklahoma State School Board Associations Director's meeting on Friday and Saturday in Oklahoma City. He will bring back an update for the Board.

CITIZENS Comments

Melissa Remington spoke on conflicts of interest with the board and superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Gist encouraged all to take a moment of silence in remembrance of the 26th anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred Murrah building in Oklahoma City and the loss of 168 Oklahomans.

Dr. Gist also announced the launching of the Tulsa NextGen Externship program in collaboration with Senator Kevin Matthews and the Tulsa Regional Chamber that was created to ensure underrepresented students, particularly African American students, are connected to business leaders and career opportunities.

In light of extraordinarily difficult and violent national events, Dr. Gist reminded listeners of the Unit T-Town pledge of solidarity that Tulsa Public Schools created in July of 2016 in partnership with the Tulsa Police Department. The pledge that is hanging in the entryway of the Education Service Center serves as a reminder of the commitment and desire of the district and community for a stronger, better, brighter future for Tulsa students.

OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no non-routine items.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

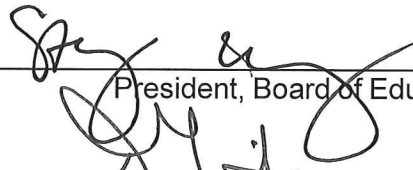
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned **at 9:37 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Jennettie Marshall and seconded by Ms. Shawna Keller. The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Judith Barba Perez, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, and Suzanne Schreiber. NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Stacey Woolley.**

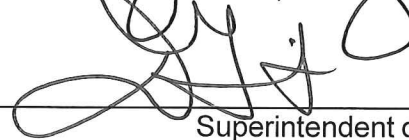
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Attorney for the School District



President, Board of Education



Superintendent of Schools



Clerk of the Board of Education