

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on March 20, 2017, 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.(A)(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 March 16, 2017, at 4:30 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S. (2001), § 311.(A)(9).

PRESENT: Cindy Decker
Ruth Ann Fate
Gary Percefull
Lana Turner-Addison

ABSENT: Shawna Keller
Suzanne Schreiber
Amy Shelton

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. President Turner-Addison led the flag salute.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Superintendent Deborah Gist presented the agenda with the following correction.

The effective date for the special assignment for Jason S. Rogers, Edison Preparatory High School, listed on page 32 was corrected to read February 4, 2017.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Drs. Turner-Addison and Gist welcomed visitors and thanked them for attending the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

The Memorial Junior High School S.W.A.T. (Students Working with Advanced Technology) team and their teacher Mr. Robert Dumas gave a presentation on how the team was serving as ambassadors for new students, training them to use Chromebooks and assisting them with personalized learning software, in addition to assisting with maintaining and repairing Chromebooks.

Dr. Gist announced that Board Member Shawna Keller was not at the meeting because she was at home following the birth of her son Alexander Keller. Dr. Gist shared a newborn picture of Alexander and congratulated the Keller family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Ruth Ann Fate made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017, regular meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cindy Decker and passed by the following vote: AYE: Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Shawna Keller, Suzanne Schreiber, and Amy Shelton.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

There were no action agenda items.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Dr. Gist presented the information agenda and called on staff to introduce items submitted by each of them. Staff reported to questions from members of the Board. During presentation of information items G-19 through G-21, which were recommendations to renew charter school contracts, Director of Charter and Partnership Schools Mark Modrcin presented a Charter Performance and Renewal Recommendations report and responded to questions and comments from members of the Board. Dr. Gist and Board members commended Mr. Modrcin for the work he had done with the district's public charter schools and portfolio schools.

STAFF REPORTS

Instructional Leadership Directors Stacey Vinson and Robert Schornick presented an update on the district's 2016 graduation rates. Board members and Dr. Gist commended school leaders, teachers, students and the community as a whole for the impact each had on increasing the district's graduation rates and reaching the highest graduation rate the district had seen in more than five years.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS

A Finance Committee Report was presented by Board Member Gary Percefull. Mr. Percefull said that the committee reviewed the district's travel reimbursement policy and made recommended revision to align the policy with current travel processes. He said the committee also reviewed the current financial report and monthly encumbrance report. Mr. Percefull said that the district continued to experience severe budget cuts from the state, and that the finance committee would continue to monitor the budget situation closely and keep the Board apprised of any updates.

Dr. Lana Turner-Addison announced that she recently spoke at an AARP education forum and had reviewed and discussed the district's principal selection process. She said that, as part of the search process for school leaders, the district would hold teacher/staff and parent/community forums designed to help identify characteristics to be considered in the selection process. Dr. Turner-Addison said that the forums scheduled for McLain teachers and staff would be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, and the community and parent forum was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30. President Turner-Addison said that it was imperative to hear from staff and she encouraged their attendance and participation at the teacher forum as well as the community forum. Dr. Turner-Addison said that there was also an opportunity for the public to participate in an online survey if unable to attend one of the forums.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Darryl Bright, representative from Citizens United for a Better Education System, spoke on comments/questions regarding suspension policies and procedures.

Willetta Burks, citizen, spoke on the McLain High School principal selection and process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Gist updated the Board on the critical budget shortfall the district was facing, describing the situation as an incredibly serious budget crisis. She strongly encouraged the community and employees to advocate for public education, to reach out to their legislators, and to 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, April 3, 2017, 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 8:23 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate and seconded by Dr. Cindy Decker. The motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Cindy Decker, Gary Percefull, Ruth Ann Fate and Lana Turner-Addison; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Shawna Keller, Suzanne Schreiber, and Amy Shelton.

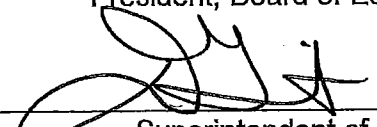
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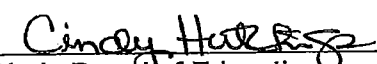
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