# THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF January 21, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on January 21, 2020, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Cheryl Selman Room, ground floor, 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 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 January 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S. (2001), § 311.(A)(9).

PRESENT: Ruth Ann Fate

Brian Hosmer Shawna Keller Jennettie Marshall Suzanne Schreiber Jania Wester Stacey Woolley

ABSENT: None

#### **OPENING EXERCISES**

Ms. Shawna Keller, 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 Keller introduced Board Ms. Wester and she announced the Spanish interpretation services. The flag salute was led by the Booker T. Washington High School JROTC under the direction of Master Sergeant Kyle Gordinier. The participating cadets were introduced by Board Member Jania Wester.

#### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

President Keller welcomed visitors and thanked them for attending the meeting. President Keller asked for all visitors to follow the established procedures for providing input and feedback, and not to be disruptive during the meeting.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Suzanne Schreiber made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate and <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

There were no special presentations.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Brian Hosmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020, regular meetings of the board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jania Wester and passed by the following vote: AYE: Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jennettie Marshall, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was seconded Ms. Ruth Ann Fate. Superintendent Gist and staff members responded to questions from members of the board. President Keller called for the vote and the motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Ruth Ann Fate, Brian Hosmer, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

President Keller spoke to the organization of the speakers for the evening. President Keller called the speakers who were addressing multiple action agenda items.

<u>Xavier Doolittle</u> spoke in opposition of items F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11. <u>Tina Kaminski</u> spoke in opposition of items F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11. <u>Darryl Bright</u> spoke in opposition of items F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11. <u>Kelsey Royce</u> spoke in opposition of items F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11. <u>Joey Wignarajah</u> spoke in support of items F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11. F-1. Enter into the Oklahoma No Cost Access Codes (NCAC) Invoice Agreement with Identity & Security, N.A. ("IDEMIA"). IDEMIA holds a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) to provide all background and teacher certification checks for potential applicants and current employees, as needed.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate to approve item F-1. President Keller called for the vote and the motion was <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Jennettie Marshall, Ruth Ann Fate, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F.2.** Pay eligible retiring certified teachers and certified administrators an incentive in exchange for early, written, and irrevocable notice of their intent to retire according to the requirements set forth by the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, effective no sooner than the last workday of the employee's 2019-2020 contract, and no later than July 1, 2020. Such notice will also constitute the employee's irrevocable resignation of employment with the district, effective on the last workday of the employee's 2019-2020 contract or June 30, 2020, whichever is earlier. A \$2,500.00 incentive will be paid to eligible employees who provide written notice no later than the close of business on February 28, 2020.

A motion was made by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber to approve item F-2. Devin Fletcher responded to questions from members of the board. President Keller called for the vote and the motion <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F.3.** Discuss, consider and take action to reject the revised application of Harlow Creek Elementary School, Inc. to open a new charter school within the boundaries of Tulsa Public Schools in Northwest Tulsa and approve a statement of the reasons for its rejection.

Following introduction of action item F-3 President Keller called  $\underline{\text{Mr. William Hickman}}$  who spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber to reject the Harlow Creek application based on the stated reasons provided and the discussion here this evening and seconded by Ms. Jennettie Marshall to approve item F-3. President Keller called for the vote, which passed by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-4.** In order to provide more instructional and extracurricular opportunities for students, change the grade configurations of certain schools in the Central Junior High School feeder pattern beginning in the 2020 -2021 school year. Specifically, in this recommendation, we propose the following:

- Change the grade configuration of Burroughs, Emerson, Academy Central, and Wayman Tisdale Elementary Schools from a PK-6th grade to a PK-5th grade beginning in the 2020-2021 school year
- Change the grade configuration of what is currently called Central Junior High from a 7th

   8th grade facility to a 6th- 8th grade facility beginning the 20202021 school year, and change the designation of the facility to Central Middle School, which will, beginning 2020-2021, serve 6th graders who would have attended Burroughs, Emerson, Academy Central, and Wayman Tisdale.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Ms. Jania Wester to approve item F-4. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jennettie Marshall, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-5.** In order to provide more instructional and extracurricular opportunities for students, change the grade configurations of certain schools in the Memorial Junior High School feeder pattern beginning in the 2020 -2021 school year. Specifically, in this recommendation, we propose the following:

- Change the grade configuration of Key, Marshall, and Salk Elementary Schools from a PK-6th grade to a PK-5th grade beginning the 2020-2021 school year.
- Change the grade configuration of what is currently called Memorial Junior High from a 7th – 8th grade facility to a 6th-8th grade facility beginning in the 20202021 school year, and change the designation of the facility to Memorial Middle School, which will, beginning 2020-2021, serve 6th graders who would have attended Key, Marshall, and Salk Elementary Schools.

A motion was made by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber to approve item F-5. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jennettie Marshall, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-6.** In order to provide more instructional and extracurricular opportunities for students, change the grade configurations of Sequoyah Elementary School and Rogers College Junior High School beginning in the 2020 -2021 school year, and expand the enrollment transfer preferences to Rogers High School. Specifically, in this recommendation, we propose the following:

- Change the grade configuration of Sequoyah Elementary from a PK-6th grade to a PK-5th grade beginning 2020-2021 school year. Rising 6th graders' enrollment area (their "school of right") will be Monroe Middle School beginning the 2020-2021 school year.
- Change the grade configuration of what is currently called Rogers College Junior High from a 7th – 8th grade facility to a 6th-8th grade facility, and change the designation of the facility to Rogers College Middle School.
- Expand the enrollment transfer preference to what will be Rogers College Middle School such that rising 6th graders from Sequoyah Elementary School and Kendall-Whittier have a preference to that school (Rogers College Middle School) should they wish to apply, and thereby align the existing transfer preference with the new grade

configuration of Rogers College Middle School. This preference will become effective for students applying this year—meaning for students seeking to enroll at Rogers for the 2020-2021 school year

A motion was made by Dr. Brian Hosmer and seconded by Ms. Jania Wester to approve item F-6. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacev Woolley and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-7.** Authorize Greenwood Leadership Academy Partnership School at Academy Central to receive 2020-2021 enrollment applications for PK-5th grade and approve the renewal of their partnership school application for the 2020-2021 school year. This renewal will expand the grades of the partnership school such that, in the 2020-2021 school year, all students living in the enrollment area of, or otherwise served at, the Academy Central facility receive instruction through the partnership school model with Greenwood Leadership Academy as the educational service provider. The contract describing the terms of the partnership school's operation in 2020-2021 shall specify that full implementation of the agreement shall be contingent on the District receiving sufficient student performance data for the 2019-2020 school year and the District having adequate funding to contract with the partnership school as an educational service provider in fiscal year 2021.

Following the introduction of item F-7 President Keller called on the following individuals who had signed up to speak to the recommendation.

Ray Owens spoke in support of the recommendation.

Angela Brown spoke in support of the recommendation.

Donna Harper spoke in support of the recommendation.

Jabar Shumate spoke in support of the recommendation.

Tiffany Crutcher spoke in support of the recommendation.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate to approve item F-7. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Ruth Ann Fate, Brian Hosmer, Suzanne Schreiber, and Shawna Keller; NAY: Stacey Woolley and Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-8.** In order to provide students and staff with access to exceptional learning conditions, capture financial savings, and establish a more sustainably-sized elementary school for the students living in the enrollment area of Wright Elementary School, the district will:

- Close Wright Elementary at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Require the modification of enrollment boundaries such that students who would have attended PK-5th grade at Wright Elementary in the 2020-2021 school year will, beginning the 2020-2021 school year, attend Eliot Elementary or Patrick Henry, depending on their residence.

 Move the district's deaf-education program currently operating at Wright Elementary to Patrick Henry Elementary at the end of the 2019-2020 school year for operation beginning the 2020-2021 school year.

President Keller called on the following individuals who had signed up to speak to the recommendation.

Sarah Brewer spoke in support of the recommendation.

Shelley Anderson spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Mary Hooks spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Ginger Page spoke in support of the recommendation.

Sharon Holt spoke in the support of the recommendation.

Jene Carpenter and Linda Vincent spoke in support of the recommendation.

Superintendent Gist shared additional information and answered questions from the board.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate to approve item F-8. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, and Shawna Keller; NAY: Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, and Stacey Wooley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-9.** In order to provide students and staff with access to exceptional learning conditions, capture financial savings, and establish a more sustainably sized elementary school for the students living in the enrollment areas of Mark Twain and Wayman Tisdale elementary schools, it is recommended that the Board:

- Close Mark Twain Elementary at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Require the modification of enrollment boundaries such that students who would have attended PK-5th grade at Mark Twain in the 2020-2021 school year, attend Wayman Tisdale Elementary beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.
- Pending board approval of the recommendation above regarding the grade configuration of Central Junior High, provide that rising 6th graders from mark Twain attend Central Middle School.

President Keller called on the following individuals who had signed up to speak to the recommendation.

Kirby Counts spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Angie Teas spoke in support of the recommendation.

Elaine Buxton spoke in support of the recommendation.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate to approve item F-9. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which passed by the following

vote: AYE: Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: Stacey Wooley and Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-10.** To capture financial savings and establish a more sustainably sized elementary school for the students living in the enrollment area of Grimes Elementary School and nearby elementary schools:

- Close Grimes Elementary at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Require the modification of enrollment boundaries such that students who would have attended PK-6th grade at Grimes Elementary in the 2020-2021 school year will attend Carnegie or Key, depending on their residence, beginning the 2020-2021 school year

President Keller called on the following individuals who had signed up to speak to the recommendation.

<u>Kristen Smith</u> spoke in support of the recommendation <u>Angela Foster</u> spoke in opposition to the recommendation. <u>Krista Blanche</u> spoke in support of the recommendation.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Ms. Jania Wester to approve item F-10. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jania Wester and Shawna Keller; NAY: Stacey Woolley and Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F-11.** To capture financial savings and to ensure that students learn in a high-quality and appropriately-sized facility, it is recommended that the Board:

- Close Jones Elementary at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Require the modification of enrollment boundaries such that students who would have attended PK-6th grade at Jones Elementary in the 2020-2021 school year will attend MacArthur, Lindbergh or Bell, depending on their residence, beginning the 2020-2021 school year.

President Keller called on the following individuals who had signed up to speak to the recommendation.

<u>Marie Alexander</u> spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

<u>James Isaacs</u> spoke in support of the recommendation.

<u>Stephen Remington</u> spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

<u>Melissa Remington</u> spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

<u>Twyla Waterson</u> spoke on support of the recommendation.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Dr. Brian Hosmer to approve item F-11. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered

questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Suzanne Schreiber, Ruth Ann Fate, Jania Wester and Shawna Keller; NAY: Stacey Woolley, Brian Hosmer, and Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**F.12** Discuss and adopt the 2020-2021 Staffing Plan that provides for the distribution of staff to each of the district's schools. The staffing plan allocates instructional, administrative, and support personnel to provide a quality learning experience for each and every student.

A motion was made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Dr. Brian Hosmer to approve item F-12. Superintendent Gist and team shared additional information and answered questions from the board. President Keller called for the vote, which <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

#### STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

### INFORMATION AGENDA

Superintendent Gist introduced the information agenda items, and she and staff responded to questions from members of the board.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Board member Fate asked her fellow board members for ideas for an OSSBA seminar.

Board member Wester shared an update on a Booker T. Washington coach that is currently facing hardship. Ms. Wester also thanked Roger's High School principal, Nikki Dennis, Chief Wicks, students and community on reporting a possible safety concern at the school.

Board member Marshall shared a report that we lost a trailblazer this week, Antoinette Jackson who served many years as a counselor at Central High School.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Darryl Bright spoke to budget cuts in district services.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Gist thanked all the principals that attended the meeting and for supporting one another. Superintendent Gist acknowledged that these recommendations are the first phase of some very challenging recommendations. Superintendent Gist mentioned that bell times are also a part of the recommendations.

Superintendent Gist announced that she is pleased that the Tulsa Team is once again a part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

#### OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no nonroutine items.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Keller announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, 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 11:19 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber and seconded by Stacey Wooley. The motion <u>passed</u> by the following vote: AYE: Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jennettie Marshall, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.

Attorney for the School District

President, Board of Education

Superintendent of Schools

Clerk, Board of Education