

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma was held on July 11, 2022, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Cheryl Selman room at the Charles C. Mason Education Service Center, 3027 S. 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., § 311.(A)(5) and (A)(9), and by posting the attached agenda and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in prominent public view at tulsaschools.org and in the inside of the clear glass display case outside the main door of said Charles C. Mason Education Service Center on July 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311.(A)(9).

PRESENT: E'Lena Ashley
John Croisant
Jerry Griffin
Susan Lamkin
Jennettie Marshall
Stacey Woolley

ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez

OPENING EXERCISE

Ms. Stacey Woolley, 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. Board President Woolley led the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

District News Round-up was presented by the Executive Director of Communication and Strategy, Emma Garrett Nelson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, and the June 20, 2022, regular meetings of the board. Ms. Susan Lamkin **seconded** the motion, and **the motion passed** by the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, E'Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Mr. John Croisant to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was **seconded** by Board Member Susan Lamkin.

Superintendent Gist and staff responded to questions from members of the board.

Board President Woolley called for the vote, and the **consent agenda votes are as follows:**

AYE: Susan Lamkin, John Croisant, Stacey Woolley, and Jerry Griffin approved consent agenda items: E.1, E.2, E.5, E.7, E.8, E.14, E.15, E.19, E.20, E.21, E.22, E.23, E.24, E.25, E.26, and E.27.

NAY: Jennettie Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Jerry Griffin voted nay on the following consent agenda items. **Therefore, the following items did not pass.** E.3, E.4, E.6, E.9, E.10, E.11, E.12, E.13, E.16, E.17, E.18, E.28, and E.29.

ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

The following constituents spoke to action agenda items as listed:

John Huffines – G.1, G.2, G.3, and G.4.

Melissa Remington – G.6

ACTION AGENDA

G.1. RECOMMENDATION: Board to receive bids for the purchase of \$33,800,000 Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022B, and motion and vote to award said bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the notice of sale and instructions to bidders.

Mr. Rick Smith of Municipal Finance Services, Inc. presented the bids for item G.1 and a tabulation of all bids received was provided to the Board. Mr. Smith noted that BOK Financial Securities, Inc. was the lowest bidder for the Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022B, and Mr. Smith recommended that the Board award said bonds to BOK Financial Securities, Inc. as the lowest bidder complying with the notice of sale and instructions to bidders. He answered questions of the Board.

Mr. John Croisant made a **motion** to approve to award said bonds to BOK Financial Securities, Inc as the lowest bidder, and Board Member Griffin **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, E'Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

G.2. RECOMMENDATION: Board to receive bids for the purchase of \$6,200,000 Technology Equipment General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2022C, and motion to vote to award said bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the notice of sale and instructions to bidders.

Mr. Rick Smith presented the bids for item G.2 to the Board, and a tabulation of all bids received was provided to the Board. Mr. Smith noted that BOK Financial Securities, Inc. was the lowest bidder for the Technology Equipment General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2022C, and Mr. Smith recommended that the Board award said bonds to BOK Financial Securities, Inc. as the lowest bidder complying with the notice of sale and instructions to bidders.

Board Member Marshall stated that she continued to have concerns due to what she believed is a conflict of interest for Tulsa Public Schools to place bonds with BOK since as she stated the superintendent is married to the Vice President of Institutional Markets.

Superintendent Gist stated that although she has addressed this concern publicly on multiple occasions, she would do so again to be responsive to Dr. Marshall's continued concerns. Dr. Gist stated that her husband is one of hundreds of vice presidents at BOK and that the work that her husband does in no way has any association with the work associated with the receipt, review, or awarding of bids for the General Purpose Obligation bonds. Mr. Rick Smith of Municipal Finance went on to explain the process for the receipt, review and awarding of bids to the lowest bidder that is all handled by an external organization separate from Tulsa Public Schools.

A **motion** by Board Member John Croisant was made to award said bonds to BOK Financial Securities, Inc as the lowest bidder, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Susan Lamkin. The **motion did not pass** by the following vote: AYE: Susan Lamkin, John Croisant, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: Jennettie Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Jerry Griffin; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion to reconsider** and revote on agenda item G.2. The motion was **not seconded**.

Board Member Jerry Griffin made a **motion** to approve a second consideration of agenda item G.1, and the motion to reconsider was **seconded** by Ms. E'Lena Ashley. The **motion to reconsider failed** with the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, E'Lena Ashley, Jennettie Marshall; NAY: John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, and Stacey Woolley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

G.3. RECOMMENDATION: Board to consider and vote on a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$33,800,000 by the School District, authorized at election held June 8, 2021, duly called and held for such purpose; designating the bonds as "Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022B", providing for registration thereof; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

Mr. John Croisant made a **motion** to approve item G.3, and Ms. Susan Lamkin **seconded** the motion. The motion to approve **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, E'Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: Jennettie Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

G.4. RECOMMENDATION: Board to consider and vote on a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$6,200,000 by the School District, authorized at an election June 8, 2021, duly called and held for such purpose; designating the bonds as "Technology Equipment General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2022C", providing for registration thereof; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

This item was not considered by the Board due to the failure of item G.2 to receive bids for the purchase of \$6,200,000 Technology Equipment General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2022C.

G.5. RECOMMENDATION: Review and discuss proposed changes to Board Policy 2204 - Student Attendance. It is recommended that the board vote on the proposed changes at the next board meeting.

Mr. John Croisant made a **motion to** review and discuss proposed changes to Board Policy 2204, and the motion was **seconded** by Dr. Jerry Griffin. Dr. Gist and staff answered questions of the board. The board voted to consider this policy change for vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting. AYE: Jerry Griffin, E'Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

G.6. RECOMMENDATION: Pursue an audit of Tulsa Public Schools by an external professional organization. The superintendent shall present to the board for consideration and approval specific recommendations to be included within a request for proposal for the audit that ensure the audit is performed with objectivity, timeliness, and the appropriate level of expertise. The proposed terms and specifications of the request for proposal shall be presented to the board for consideration and approval by August 1, 2022.

A motion, second and vote was not taken for item G.6 as written in the agenda.

Board Member Jerry Griffin made a **motion** to require a forensic audit of Tulsa Public Schools. The board shall create a forensic audit committee to coordinate its efforts with the state auditor in pursuit of her audit responsibilities. Ms. E'Lena Ashley **seconded** the motion: The **motion failed** with the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin; NAY: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, John Croisant, E'Lena Ashley, and Stacey Woolley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Judith Barba Perez.

Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

Board Member Reports

Board President Woolley shared that her children are enjoying their experiences in Ready, Set, Summer similar to last year. She also shared her excitement to learn that 8,000 students are enrolled in the summer program.

Citizens' Comments

Speaker #1 - TPS budget, partnership, and charter school contracts

Speaker #2 - TPS budget

Speaker #3 – Group of Tulsans who feel marginalized

Speaker #4 – TPS budget and Mom's for Liberty

Speaker #5 – School board culture/climate

Speaker #6 – School board culture/climate

Speaker #7 - Sovereignty of the people and the connection to financial, social, and educational issues facing the district

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/PRESENTATION

Dr. Gist shared a summary of the implications of the Board's no vote on several of the district business items.

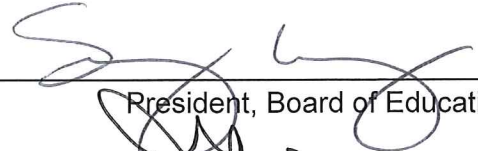
ADJOURNMENT

Board Members Jennettie Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Jerry Griffin left the meeting at 9:26 pm. The meeting concluded at 9:26pm due to a lack of quorum.

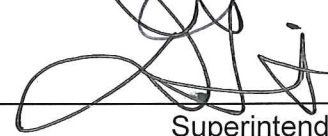
Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.



Attorney for the School District



President, Board of Education



Superintendent of Schools



Clerk, Board of Education