

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on November 7, 2022, commencing at 6:31 p.m., in the Cheryl Selman room, ground floor, at the Charles C. Mason Education, 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)(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 tulaschools.org on November 4, 2022 at 4:15 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(9).

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

ABSENT: None

OPENING EXERCISES

Ms. Stacey Woolley, president of the Board of Education, 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. Superintendent Deborah Gist led the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

Superintendent Gist corrected item G.2 to read, KIPP Tulsa University Preparatory. She also announced the addition of the following funding phases to item E.26:

Phase 1 applicable bond

Phase 2 contingent upon sale and receipt of 2023A bond

Phase 3 contingent upon sale and receipt of 2023B bond

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Deborah Gist introduced the special presentations. District News Round-up was presented by the Executive Director of Communications, Emma Garrett-Nelson and the 2022 Bond Project Update was presented by Greg Shaw, Chair of the Bond Oversight Committee and Emil Hall, a member of the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Vice President John Croisant **moved to approve** the minutes of the October 10, 2022, special meeting of the board. Dr. Jerry Griffin **seconded the motion**, and the motion **passed** by the following vote: AYE: Jerry Griffin, E'Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Judith Barba Perez, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley. NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Mr. John Croisant to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Judith Barba Perez. Staff responded to questions from members of the board. President Woolley called for the vote, and the motion **passed** by the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall (with the exception of E.2), Judith Barba Perez, Susan Lamkin, John Croisant, E'Lena Ashley (with the exception of E.2 and E.21), Jerry Griffin (with the exception of E.2); NAY: Jennettie Marshall - item E.2, E'Lena Ashley - item E.2 and E.21, Jerry Griffin - item E.2; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

Speaker #1 – G.1

Speaker #2 – G.1

Speaker #3 – G.1

Speaker #4 – G.1

Speaker #5 – G.2

Speaker #6 – G.2

Speaker #7 – G.2

Speaker #8 – G.2

Speaker #9 – G.2

ACTION AGENDA

G.1 Recommendation: discussion among board members and to receive comment from the public regarding redistricting (aka reapportionment) options and other matters relating to the development of a redistricting plan for school board election districts. This item does not include a vote on the topic.

Board President Woolley thanked the constituents who spoke and opened the floor for the board to discuss item G.1. She also reminded Tulsans that the redistricting timeline for school board districts happens after redistricting at the state and city level.

Board Members discussed the development of the redistricting plans and community engagement and feedback.

Dr. Griffin asked legal counsel what the consequences would be if the board did not reach a decision regarding redistricting by December 31, 2022.

Mr. Eric Wade responded that the board has an obligation under state law to make a decision regarding redistricting by December 31, and that the consequences if that does not happen could possibly be that someone could file a lawsuit against the district and seek a judicial order that requires redistricting to be done by way of writ of mandamus to the board.

Dr. Marshall then asked legal counsel what the consequences were for not completing this by November 18. Mr. Wade responded that by statute the board has to redistrict between August 1 and December 31. Additionally, he stated there are annual school board elections with a deadline approaching to approve a resolution calling for the election that will take place next year for District 1. He shared that this resolution would include a description of the geographic boundaries of District 1. He went on to say that the board has until December 31 to make a redistricting decision by state law, so the board can do redistricting before or after the deadline for that election resolution on November 18. His recommendation would be that the board make a decision on redistricting prior to the resolution deadline, so that the new boundaries of District 1 are set and do not change after the resolution calling the election. If the board were to approve a redistricting plan after November 18, it could change the boundaries of District 1 after the resolution calling for the election has been filed with the election board. He went on to share that doing so seemed problematic. Additionally, he stated that although he could not list all of the potential problems, he went on to say there is a possibility of generating problems that he was not able to foresee.

In reference to Mr. Wade's advisement, Dr. Marshall stated that, "that bothers me because we are putting demands on this board to change dates from December 31 to November 18 and we are saying that it seems problematic, but we don't have definitively by statute what those problems will be. It is a matter of self-interpretation or the lack thereof. I have a problem with moving this date. I don't see that there is going to be great impact if we stay according to the state statute. There is a reason the statute was written, and the December 31 guideline was given. I think we are just biting off more than we can chew by coming up with well "maybes" "probablies" and "seeminglylies." Let's just stick to the law and the law says December 31. Let's

go with it and be comfortable in it. I have to trust that when the law was set our legislative process was followed. The individuals that were instrumental in creating that law and setting it forth in the statute books knew what they were doing.”

Dr. Gist spoke to the complexity of board redistricting and highlighted for students in the audience that the work of redistricting is a great example of a process that is a part of democracy. She went on to thank the Board Redistricting Ad hoc Committee members: Dr. Griffin, Mr. Croisant, and Dr. Marshall, Ms. Woolley, and all of the board for their hard work in this process.

G.2: Approve a three-year renewal for KIPP Tulsa University Preparatory that shall require an update to the board by district staff regarding the school’s performance no later than November 30, 2023.

Dr. Gist restated her strong recommendation for the three-year renewal of KIPP Tulsa University Preparatory and invited questions from the board. Dr. Gist and staff answered questions of the Board.

A **motion** was made by Board Member Croisant and **seconded** by Ms. Barba Perez. Dr. Gist and staff answered questions of the Board.

Dr. Jennettie Marshall made a **motion** to amend the motion to “approve a three-year renewal for KIPP Tulsa University that shall require an update to the board by KIPP and district staff regarding the school’s performance no later than November 30, 2023. Dr Jerry Griffin **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** with the following vote:

AYE: Jerry Griffin, E’Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Judith Barba Perez, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Croisant shared that he requested in his meeting regarding the district’s annual audit that he would like a review of federal funds and any district areas of financial concern. The external auditor confirmed that information would be included in their annual audit. Additionally, Mr. Croisant spoke about the OSSBA Region 4 meeting that was hosted at Edison High School and attended by Board Members Croisant and Lamkin.

Ms. Woolley reminded constituents of the upcoming election and the importance of voting and helping others to vote. She shared that voting is not only a right but also a responsibility.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were four speakers signed up to speak under Citizens’ Comments.

- Speaker #1 – Substitute teaching and teacher vacancies
- Speaker #2 – Declaration of Independence and Policy 1102

Speaker #3 – Chef Academy Club at TRAICE

Speaker #4 – Highlighted Board Member Barba Perez for reading to her class

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Gist highlighted the celebration of Dia de Los Muertos, Native American Heritage Month, school psychology week, and the 2022 Tulsa Public Schools Teacher of the Year, Traci Manuel.

She also reminded Tulsans to vote on November 8.

OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no non-routine items.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Woolley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

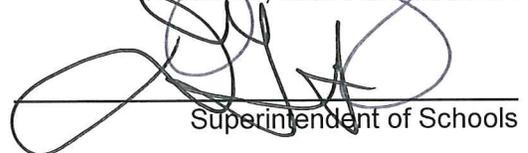
Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.



Attorney for the School District



President, Board of Education



Superintendent of Schools



Clerk, Board of Education