

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on April 3, 2023, commencing at 6:36 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 March 31, 2023, at 4:00p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(9).

PRESENT: E'Lena Ashley
John Croisant
Jerry Griffin
Susan Lamkin
Diamond Marshall
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. The McLain High School JROTC led the flag salute and performed the posting of the colors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

Dr. Gist corrected a line of the rationale on agenda item G.4 to read, "the proposed calendar increases the instructional time for students by three days or 20 hours. Additionally, agenda item E.3's rationale should be clarified to state that the school foundations and/or the PTAs of those schools pay the expenses of the Amity intern program.

Board President Woolley made the following changes to the order of the meeting. She moved the executive session earlier in the meeting, to immediately follow item G.4. She also moved the H.1 and H.2 staff reports to follow the District in the News under special presentations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Deborah Gist introduced Emma Garrett-Nelson, the executive director of communications, to present the District News Round-up.

STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Gist introduced Dr. Kathy Dodd, Chief Strategy Officer, to provide an update on guardrail 3.1. Subsequently, she introduced Jorge Robles, Chief of Finance and Operations, to provide a Safe and Healthy Schools update.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve the minutes as listed on the agenda, and Board Member Susan Lamkin **seconded** the motion. After discussion regarding the number and the dates of the minutes, Board Member Griffin made a **motion to table** the approval of minutes. This motion was **seconded** by Board President, Stacey Woolley.

The motion to table the vote on the approval of the minutes **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jenettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, E'lana Ashley and Stacey Woolley; NAY: Diamond Marshall; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Board Member 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.

President Woolley called for the vote, and the consent agenda **passed** with the following vote: AYE: E'lana Ashley (with exception of E.19), Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Jerry Griffin (with exception of E.19), Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall (with exception of E.11, E.16, E17, E19) and Stacey Woolley. NAY: Elena Ashley to item E.19, Jerry Griffin to item E.19, and Jennettie Marshall to items E.11, 16, 17 and 19); ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

Speaker #1 - G.4.
Speaker #2 - G.4.
Speaker #3 - G.2.
Speaker #4 - G.2.
Speaker #5 - G.3.
Speaker #6 - G.1 and G.4.
Speaker #7 - G.4.
Speaker #8 - G.2.

ACTION AGENDA

G.1 RECOMMENDATION: Approve the 2022-2023 Amended School Budget and Financing Plan prepared in accordance with Section 5-154 of the School District Budget Act. The amended budget presents to the Board the details of the estimated revenue and expenditures that total \$738,247,318 and \$673,514,558, respectively for all appropriated funds.

Mr. Jorge Robles, Chief of Finance and Operations, presented the mid-year amendment for the 2023 fiscal year, followed by board discussion.

A **motion** was made by Board Member Croisant. The motion was **seconded** by Board Member Jerry Griffin. The motion **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, Elena Ashley and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

G.2 RECOMMENDATION: Approve an amendment to the agreement between Tulsa Public Schools and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) 6049 Oklahoma for the 2022-2023 school year related to increased compensation.

A **motion** was made by Board Member John Croisant. The motion was **seconded** by Board Member Jerry Griffin. The motion **passed** with the following vote: Elena Ashley, Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Jerry Griffin, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

G.3. RECOMMENDATION: Approve an amendment to the agreement between the district and the Tulsa Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) for the 2022-2023 school year related to increased compensation.

A **motion** was made by Board Member Croisant. The motion was **seconded** by Board Member Jerry Griffin. The motion **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, Elena Ashley and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

G.4 RECOMMENDATION: Approve the 2023-2024 school calendar.

Mr. Jorge Robles, Chief of Finance and Operations, presented an overview of the proposed calendar, followed by board discussion.

A **motion** was made by Board Member John Croisant. The motion was **seconded** by Board Member Jerry Griffin. The motion **passed** with the following vote: Elena Ashley, Diamond

Marshall, John Croisant, Jerry Griffin, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

OTHER NON-ROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

President Woolley entertained a motion, second, discussion and vote on motion to go into executive session for the purpose of conducting confidential communications between the board of education and its attorneys concerning pending claims or actions against Devin Fletcher and other individuals/organizations who may be connected to him in the diversion of funds from the district, the Board having been advised by its attorneys that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process the claim or conduct the litigation in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to go into executive session, and Board Member Diamond Marshall **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, Elena Ashley and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

The board went into executive session at 9:25 p.m.

Board Member John Croisant made the **motion** to return to open session, with a **second** from Board Member Susan Lamkin. The motion **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Elena Ashley, Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Jerry Griffin, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall and Stacey Wooley. NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

The board returned to open session at 10:43 p.m.

Board President Stacey Woolley shared the minutes of the executive session stating: "During the executive session, the Board of Education held confidential communications with its attorneys concerning pending claims or actions against Devin Fletcher and other individuals/organizations who may be connected to him in the diversion of funds from the district, the Board having been advised by its attorneys that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process the claim or conduct the litigation in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes. All members of the board present at this meeting were present at the executive session. This statement will constitute the minutes of the executive session."

Board Member **Jerry Griffin** made a motion to authorize the attorneys to investigate the option of pursuing civil litigation against Devin Fletcher and other entities or individuals involved in the diversion of funds and advise the board president when additional conversations with the board are needed so that executive session may be scheduled at the earliest appropriate moment. The motion was **seconded** by Board Member John Croisant. The motion **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, Elena Ashley and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

ACTION AGENDA

G.5 RECOMMENDATION: Accept the independent audit issued by RSM, US, LLP of the district's financial statements (the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) and of the reports and schedule of district's federal program, including federal recovery dollars (single audit) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Superintendent, Dr. Gist, introduced Mike Gibson and Kevin Smith, representatives of RSM to share their report, followed by a board discussion.

A **motion** was made by Board Member Croisant. The motion was **seconded** by Board Member Jerry Griffin. The motion **passed** with the following vote: AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, Elena Ashley and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no board reports.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no speakers signed up to speak under citizen comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was no superintendent report or presentation.

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, April 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 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