

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on May 15, 2023, commencing at 6:35 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 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 tulsaschools.org on May 12, 2023 at 4:54 p.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 Hale High School JROTC led the flag salute and performed the posting of the colors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

There were no corrections to the agenda.

STAFF REPORT

Superintendent Gist and Chief Finance Officer, Jorge Robles presented an update on the Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Budget and answered questions of the board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Croisant made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular meeting of the board. Board Member Diamond Marshall **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** to approve the consent agenda was made by Board Member John Croisant, and the motion was **seconded** by Dr. Jerry Griffin.

Superintendent Gist and district staff answered questions of the board to include a question from Dr. Jennettie Marshall regarding the Operations Associate for the Parent Resource Center that was listed under item E.3 on the February 27, 2023, agenda. During discussion Dr. Gist shared that audios of all regular meetings of the board are posted online as a reference, but also the district team would review the minutes and verify board approval of this position.

President Woolley took a recess at 7:49pm to allow time to confirm the board vote on the item in question.

The board meeting resumed at 8:09pm. After reviewing the audio, the minutes, and consultation with district staff and legal counsel, Dr. Gist confirmed the position in question was approved by a four to two board vote.

Board President Woolley called for the vote, and the consent agenda **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley, Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Jerry Griffin, Susan Lamkin, and Stacey Woolley on all consent items. Jennettie Marshall aye with the exception of the election of Graciela Caceres Cuadros for the position of Operations' Associate at the Parent Resource Center (E.2 Routine Staffing item p.7).

NAY: Jennettie Marshall - Election of Graciela Caceres Cuadros for the position of Operations' Associate at the Parent Resource Center (E.2 Routine Staffing item p.7); ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

All consent items **passed**.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

Speaker #1 – G.1, G.2, and G.3

Speaker #2 – G.1 and G.2

Speaker #3 – G.1 and G.2

ACTION AGENDA

G.1 RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution fixing the amount of Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023B to mature each year; fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold; approving the preliminary official statement and authorizing distribution of same; authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law; and approving other matters related to the issuance of the District's Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023B.

A **motion** was made by Board Member Croisant and **seconded** by Dr. Griffin. Dr. Gist and district staff answered questions of the board.

Dr. Gist and staff answered questions of the board, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSENT: None.

G.2 RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution fixing the amount of Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2023C to mature each year; fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold; approving the preliminary official statement and authorizing distribution of same; authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law; and approving other matters related to the issuance of the District's Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2023C.

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve item G.2, and the motion was **seconded** by Dr. Jerry Griffin.

Dr. Gist and district staff answered questions of the board. The motion **passed** by the following vote: AYE: E'Lena 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 agreement with Hilborne & Weidman, P.C. to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the District's Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023B and Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2023C.

Mr. Croisant made a **motion** to approve item G.3 The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Susan Lamkin, and the motion **passed** unanimously. AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, Jerry Griffin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

GOAL MONITORING REPORT

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Interim Goal 3.3

Board President Woolley reminded the board of the fundamental questions that they would be considering in their review of the report.

Mr. John Croisant made a **motion** to accept receipt of the report, and Ms. Diamond Marshall **seconded** the motion.

Superintendent Gist introduced the report and answered questions of the board regarding the current work and strategies for success regarding the future work toward this Interim Goal 3.3.

President Woolley called for the vote to accept receipt of the Interim Goal 3.3 report. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley, Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; PRESENT: Jerry Griffin; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Marshall shared that she had the privilege to visit some the schools in Board District 3 and distribute cookies to teachers in honor of teacher appreciation week. She shared her excitement visiting Walt Whitman Elementary with Dr. Gist to discuss the future plans to use the adjacent land as biking and walking trails as well as a space for outdoor instruction.

Ms. Susan Lamkin recognized the Memorial Chargers boys' soccer as the 5A Academic State Champions with the highest team grade point average with an overall 3.84 in 5A soccer.

Board Member Diamond Marshall shared her appreciation for the clerk of the board's support connecting her with Board District 2 schools. She shared positive highlights of her visits to Carver Middle School, Kendall-Whittier, and Sequoyah Elementary. She also gave a shout out to the librarian in the audience and praised the organized inviting spaces of the libraries she was able to see during her school visits.

Mr. John Croisant shared that Edison's 5A boys' soccer team finished in the semifinals as did the East Central boys' soccer team. He praised the coaches and teams for their hard work that resulted in two Tulsa teams making it to the semifinals.

Ms. Stacey Woolley said thank you to Tulsans who put in their time, effort, and votes to support students as well as those that regularly attend the board meetings. She stressed the importance of hearing differing views and all voices. She also shared her appreciation for the amazing community partners who have invested in Tulsa Public School students.

Additionally, she recognized the Executive Director of Communications, Emma Garrett-Nelson and the Chief Talent Officer, Andrea Castaneda who will soon be leaving Tulsa for other job opportunities. She share that they will be greatly missed for all of their contributions to Tulsa students.

Board Member Jerry Griffin left the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Speaker #1 – Greenwood Leadership Academy

Speaker #2 – Hale High School Academics and FAFSA access

Speaker #3 – Board and district team seating configuration at Board meetings

Speaker #4 – Graduation week and acknowledging the work of district team to prepare seniors for graduation

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Gist highlighted the end of the year special events, such as the Employee Years of Service Celebration and the Teacher and Support Employee of the Year events. She gave special recognition to Katie Bercher, the 2023 Teacher of the Year, and Christopher Scott, the Support Employee of the Year.

Superintendent Gist shared information on the commencement ceremonies, and paid tribute recently passed important and beloved Tulsans who were part of the Tulsa Public School family: J. Kavin Ross, Leon Rollerson, and Tim Shadley.

OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

L.1 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.

L.2. Executive session. (Room 200C)

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to go into executive session, and the motion was **seconded** by Board Member Susan Lamkin. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Susan Lamkin, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jerry Griffin.

The board entered executive session at 10:05 p.m.

L.3. Motion and vote on motion to acknowledge return to open session from executive session.

The board members returned to open session at 10:20 p.m. Mr. John Croisant made a **motion** to return to open session. Ms. Susan Lamkin **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley, Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jerry Griffin.

L.4. Board President Stacey Woolley shared the minutes of the executive session stating: "The board discussed 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 I the diversion of funds from the district, the Board having been advised by its attorneys that disclosure will seriously impair the ability for 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.”

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

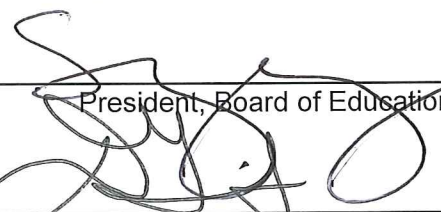
President Woolley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 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