

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on August 7, 2023, commencing at 6:30 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 August 4, 2023, at 5:10 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(9).

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

ABSENT: Jerry Griffin

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 Girl Scout Troop 7090 under the direction of Ms. Ariel Myers and Niki Grauberger led the flag salute and performed the posting of the colors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

There were no corrections to the agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Stacey Vinson, who serves as the Instructional Superintendent for Secondary Schools introduced the first presentation featuring district students who shared their positive experiences participating in the Genesys Works program.

Superintendent Gist introduced Mr. David Harris, who serves as the president of the Tulsa Chapter of 100 Black Men. Mr. Harris shared some of the group's continued work mentoring and supporting Tulsa Public School students.

Ms. Sue Ann Bell shared some of the outstanding efforts of the grounds team, led by Mr. Jay Oates and Mr. Rob Dowler, to clear the fallen trees and debris from damage caused by the June storms. Ms. Bell shared that the team worked 12+ hour days, six days a week since the storms to clear debris hauling over 2,400 cubic yards of debris from schools.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the July 10, 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, John Croisant, Diamond Marshall, E'Lena Ashley, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jerry Griffin.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Croisant, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Diamond Marshall. Superintendent Gist and staff responded to questions from the board. The consent agenda **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley (with the exception of item E.27), Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: E'Lena Ashley on item E.27; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jerry Griffin.

STAFF REPORT

Discussion among board members, superintendent, and staff regarding district accreditation. Superintendent Gist spoke to the district's accreditation status and answered questions of the board.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. John Croisant congratulated Tulsa Athletic, that is led by two former BTW graduates and Coach Jason Rogers for winning a national championship.

Dr. Jennettie Marshall recognized the McLain PTSA for winning the Oklahoma State PTSA platinum award for the highest increase in membership. She also recognized Representative Regina Goodwin, former Mayor Susan Savage, and former Board Member Brian Hosmer, who were in the audience for the advocacy for Tulsa Public School students and for public education.

Board Member Ashley shared that she hosted a successful Board District 4 Community meeting with over 120 participants, and she acknowledged several of her District 4 community members that attended the board meeting.

Ms. Diamond Marshall shared that she loved the idea of acknowledging constituents in the audience, and she too acknowledged her constituents and community members in the audience. She also recognized Genesys Works for their great work and the students that previously spoke and participated in the program from Board District 2 schools, Booker T. Washington, and Will Rogers High School. Additionally, she gave credit to 100 Black Men as well who's work is so critical to the community and Project Teach that is initiative ran by the Terrence Crutcher Foundation that has worked with the schools to improve literacy.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Speaker #1 – Board meeting procedures

Speaker #2 – Addressing poverty as advocating for student achievement

Speaker #3 – Prayer at school event and Tulsa Public School accreditation

Speaker #4 – Showing respect for teachers

Speaker #5 – Statements regarding board member conduct and State actions

Speaker #6 – District accreditations, implications and actions taken

Speaker #7 – District accreditation

Speaker #6 – District accreditation

Speaker #9 – Ways to support schools as school year begins

Speaker #10 – District accreditation and religious liberty

Speaker #11 – School accreditation

Speaker #12 – Speak regarding implications of loss of accreditation to her child and all children of Tulsa Public Schools

Speaker #13 - Support for Tulsa Public schools in light of the threats of unaccreditation by Superintendent Walters to bring awareness to the broader community of the dire implications of a state takeover

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Gist recognized Ms. Karen Gaddis, former Oklahoma State Representative and one of Dr. Gist's favorite teachers. She also recognized her former teachers: Coach West, Mrs.

White, Ms. Goble, Mrs. Ratliff, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Trotter, and Mrs. Mingo as outstanding educators who supported her as a student in Tulsa Public Schools.

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, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 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