

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on September 11, 2023, commencing at 6:33 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](http://tulsaschools.org) on September 8, 2023 at 4:30p.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

ABSENT: Jerry Griffin  
Stacey Woolley

OPENING EXERCISES

Board Vice President John Croisant, 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 flag salute was led by the Edison High School JROTC, under the direct of Lieutenant Colonel Hill and First Sargeant Shipps.

SUPERINTENDENT’S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

Deputy Superintendent Paula Shannon pulled agenda items E.24, E.28, and the Thoreau school field trip on agenda item E.1 from the meeting agenda. Additionally, she asked that item E.20 be corrected to replace the word, “engineer” with the words, “construction manager.”

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Caroline Shaw presented the District News Round Up.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Member Diamond Marshall made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, regular meeting of the board and the August 15, 2023, and August 23, 2023, special meetings of the board. Board Member Susan Lamkin **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** to approve the consent agenda was made by Board Member Susan Lamkin, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Diamond Marshall.

Deputy Superintendent Paula Shannon acknowledged and answered previously submitted questions on agenda items E.3, E.5, E.6 and E.7. Ms. Shannon and the district team addressed additional board questions, and the consent agenda **passed** by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

There were no action items on the agenda.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Stephanie Andrews, executive director of student and family supports and Dr. Oliver Wallace, director of student and family advocacy shared the yearly update on the Student and Family Guide to Success.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Jennettie Marshall shared her positive experience visiting schools along with Dr. Ebony Johnson, Ms. Paula Shannon, Dr. Estella Bitson, and Board President Woolley as well as two Oklahoma State Board of Education members, Ms. Kendra Wesson and Mr. Donald

Burdick. She also mentioned that it is almost time for her Legacy Trail Blazer award dinner that uplifts educators, principals, and district staff who work hard on behalf of Tulsa students and families. Dr. Jennettie Marshall mentioned what she felt was a productive visit to the August 28 Oklahoma State Board of Education meeting. She also shared concerns regarding the actions and statements of two Tulsa Board of Education members regarding staff and their fellow board members. She encouraged each board member to be better and to do better and made a personal commitment to do so.

Board Member E'Lena Ashley shared her appreciation of Board Member Jennettie Marshall's remarks and addressed some of the comments.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Speaker #1 – Superintendent search and concerns regarding TPS sponsored charters

Speaker #2 – Thanking Dr. Gist for service to the Tulsa community

Speaker #3 – Express support of the work and progress TPS is doing to ensure that every child has the best opportunities available to his/her public education. Reinforce what TPS is doing with regard to progress of MAP and how that is serving as a template for Shawnee Public Schools.

Speaker #4 – Recognized 9/11 and shared some of the activities teachers are doing to prepare students as well as her experience volunteering in classrooms.

Speaker #5 – Spoke regarding current events involving her child's education at Zarrow Elementary.

Speaker #6 – Racial justice

Speaker #7 – Accreditation/State takeover

Speaker #8 – Appreciation for TPS teachers

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was no superintendent report or presentation.

### OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no non-routine items.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John Croisant announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Attorney for the School District



President, Board of Education



Superintendent of Schools



Clerk, Board of Education