

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on September 18, 2023, commencing at 6:34 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 15, 2023 at 5:45 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 flag salute was led by Central High Schools' JROTC under the direction of Lieutenant Commander JR Kamm and Senior Chief Rob Kamm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

There were no corrections to the agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There were no minutes submitted for board approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Dr. Ebony Johnson and district staff answered questions of the board, and the consent agenda **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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

G.1. RECOMMENDATION: Enter into an agreement with J. Douglas Mann ("Mann"), sole proprietor, to provide special counsel legal services and representation to the District and, in particular, its Interim Superintendent of Schools ["the Interim Superintendent"] and its Board of Education ["the Board"] from September 19, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve agenda item G.1, and Board Member Jerry Griffin **seconded** the motion.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Ebony Johnson answered questions from the Board. Item G.1 **passed** by the following vote:

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

G.2. RECOMMENDATION: Enter into an agreement to continue the current application and registration software from SchoolMint Inc. to support Tulsa Public Schools improved enrollment system during school year 2023-24, effective October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This contract was awarded under the Interlocal Purchasing System Contract #200702.

A **motion** was made by Mr. John Croisant. Ms. Diamond Marshall **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** by the following vote after discussion of the agenda item.

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

### GOAL MONITORING REPORT

#### **Post-Secondary Ready Graduates (Goal 3), Advanced Course Eligibility (Interim 3.2)**

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

President Woolley called for the vote to accept receipt of the Goal 3/Interim Goal 3. report.

Board Member Croisant made a **motion to accept** the report, and Board Member Susan Lamkin **seconded** the motion.

Dr. Ebony Johnson introduced the report and presented a brief video to give additional context regarding the MAP, SAT, and ACT assessments. Dr. Johnson and staff engaged in discussion and answered questions from the board.

The **motion to accept receipt** of the report **passed** by the following vote:

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

### STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Jorge Robles, chief finance and operations officer presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Summary Report. Mr. John Croisant extended an invitation to his fellow board members to join the Board Finance Committee that meets monthly. Mr. Robles answered questions of the Board.

### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Ashley shared she was grateful for the encouraging news of the work taking place such as raising the bar, being more rigorous, and engaging families. She shared the recent visit of Senator Prieto, Senator Rader, Master Sargent Woodson, and representatives of the Aerospace Museum to East Central High School with a goal of bringing more resources and programs to the school. She also shared information regarding the District 4 Community Meeting.

Dr. Jennettie Marshall honored and thanked the Men of Monroe for their work in supporting Monroe Middle School students. She mentioned that several Tulsa Public Schools former educators will be inducted into the African American Educator Hall of Fame on September 29 in Oklahoma City. She represented Tulsa Public Schools at the CUBE Convention through National School Board Association in Chicago, and she shared that she is looking forward to sharing the information with her fellow board members.

Board Member Susan Lamkin shared that she is a board member of the Tulsa Council of Parent and Teacher Association and reported their recent work to support schools with struggling PTAs. She mentioned that she visited several schools that need support and encouraged parents who would like to be more involved and learn more about their schools to reach out to see if volunteering to be a part of the school PTA is of interest to them.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Speaker #1 – Class sizes and teacher dress codes

Speaker #2 – Learning at schools is a three-legged stool: the child’s self-view, parental involvement, and the teaching environment

Speaker #3 – Value of learning languages and the need to avoid rejecting global education out of xenophobia or provincialism

Speaker #4 - How board members should support local control on behalf of their constituency.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Interim Superintendent Dr. Ebony Johnson highlighted National Hispanic Heritage Month, 918 Day, and shared her reflections and joy of being a part of Tulsa’s complicated but vibrant history. She thanked the board members and staff and community for their support of her as she embarks on her new role as interim superintendent.

Dr. Johnson acknowledged the challenging times and the strong foundation for success left by her predecessor Dr. Deborah Gist. Additionally, she foreshadowed that more information would be coming soon regarding her plans for the first 100 days as Tulsa Public Schools interim superintendent.

OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no non-routine items.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

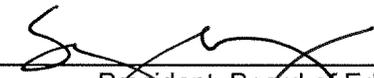
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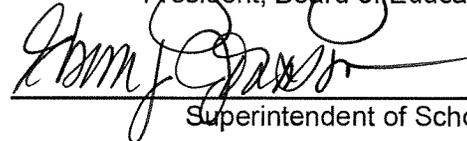
President Woolley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, October 2, 2023.

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

  
Clerk, Board of Education

  
Attorney for the School District

  
President, Board of Education

  
Superintendent of Schools