

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on October 2, 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 29, 2023, at 5:27 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. Rogers High School JROTC led the flag salute and performed the posting of the colors.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

Agenda item E.5 was withdrawn.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Board President Stacey Woolley introduced Tulsa Honor Academy students that performed two Ballet Folklorico routines.

The Executive Director of Family, Community, and Youth Empowerment presented the District News Round Up, and the chair and member of the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee, Mr. Greg Shaw and Ms. Justine McIntosh gave updates on completed summer projects.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes were submitted for approval.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Susan Lamkin. Dr. Ebony Johnson shared some additional information on agenda items E.3, E.4, and E.8 from questions received from the board and answered additional agenda questions in the meeting.

President Woolley called for the vote and the motion **passed** by the following:

Dr. Jennettie Marshall **moved** to table agenda item E.27 and moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Ms. Woolley **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley (with the exception of item E.4), Diamond Marshall, John Croisant, Jerry Griffin, Susan Lamkin, Jennettie Marshall, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: E'Lena Ashley on item E.4; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

Speaker #1 – G1

Speaker #2 – G.1

Speaker #3 – G.1 & G.2

Speaker #4 – G.1

Speaker #5 – G.1

Speaker #6 – G.1

Speaker #7 – G.1  
Speaker #8 – G.2  
Speaker #9 – G.2  
Speaker #10 – G.2  
Speaker #11 – G.2  
Speaker #12 – G.2

### ACTION AGENDA

G.1 RECOMMENDATION: Approve the renewal of the charter school contract with Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences, Inc. for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2028. Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences is a 501c3 and serves grades 6th-12th.

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion**, and Dr. Jerry Griffin **seconded** the motion.

Dr. Kathy Dodd gave a brief overview of the charter authorization and renewal process and answered questions of the Board.

The motion to renew the Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences, Inc. for a four-year term **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.

G.2 RECOMMENDATION: Approve a three-year renewal of Tulsa Honor Academy, Inc. charter school contract for a high school serving grades 9-12. This renewal will start July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2027. Tulsa Honor Academy is a 501c3 organization. If granted, this renewal will align the chart school expiration dates of Tulsa Honor Academy's middle school and high school and authorize the district to draft a new single charter school contract incorporating both of Tulsa Honor Academy's schools.

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

Board Member Diamond Marshall asked questions and shared concerns. She expressed a desire to have discussions with the THA Executive Director and members of the THA board prior to a vote. She also stated that she believed the recommendation for renewal should either be for one year, contingent on a conversation with THA or table the item as presented.

Eric Wade stated that a motion to table can be made and that the current motion and second to approve the renewal as presented in the agenda item is on the floor. He also shared that any board member may make a motion to table. He advised that there may be notice deadlines for non-renewal, but that those details could be worked out following the meeting.

Ms. Diamond Marshall made a **motion** to approve the renewal of the THA contract for one year with the stipulation that the board have conversations with the THA Executive Director and members of their board. Board Member Jennettie Marshall **seconded** the motion.

Dr. Jennettie Marshall shared her positive observations during her visits to Tulsa Honor Academy, but she also shared that due to some recent information she was in agreement that

there needed to be more conversations with THA to ensure that Tulsa Honor Academy was a safe and joyful learning environment for all scholars.

Board President Woolley asked legal counsel, Eric Wade, the timeframe for non-renewal notification to THA as this information would help inform her decision to either support a one-year renewal or to table the item for future consideration of a three-year renewal.

Eric Wade shared that the deadline under the state statute for notice of non-renewal is (8) months, so the board has until the end of October to consider the renewal. Therefore, a motion to table could be made.

Board Member Diamond Marshall made a **motion to table** the THA Charter three-year renewal, and Dr. Jerry Griffin **seconded** the motion.

Board Member Croisant asked Dr. Kathy Dodd to share why the recommendation for a three-year renewal for THA and what the academic and financial areas are whether of need or of strength. Dr. Dodd addressed Mr. Croisant's questions and shared the criteria and framework that supported the district three-year renewal recommendation.

Dr. Jerry Griffin inquired how long this item would be tabled and what would be the interim action. Mr. Wade shared that action needed to be taken by the end of October and that generally speaking a motion to table means until the next regular board meeting. Board Member Woolley restated Ms. Diamond Marshall's request to have follow-up conversations with the THA Executive Director and/or THA Board Members during the interim.

Board President Woolley shared her appreciation for the work that Tulsa Honor Academy is doing such as the college acceptance rate last year with their first graduating class. She mentioned being able to see the amazing work happening especially in relation to college prep. She also shared that she did not want to give students and families fear, so she promised to work directly and swiftly with the THA Board and the Executive Director to ensure that the Board of Education has what they need for consideration of the charter renewal.

Board President Woolley called for the vote, and the motion to table **passed** by the following vote:

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

#### STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Lamkin attended a City-Council Meeting because two Tulsa Public School teachers in Board District 7 were given the award of Star Citizens. It was the teachers of the year from Marshall and McClure Elementary. She shared her appreciation for the Tulsa City Council's recognition of well-deserving teachers.

Mr. Croisant gave a shout out to the Edison Band who made it to the finals in the Oologah Band contest. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 5A blue.

Dr. Jennettie Marshall had the opportunity to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremony for the induction for African American educators into the African American Education Hall of Fame. She also shared that she attended the Oklahoma State Department of Education meeting with Interim Superintendent Dr. Ebony Johnson. She also highlighted the Town Hall sponsored by City-Councilor Vanessa Hall Harper and Kristy Williams featuring Dr. Ebony Johnson. Additionally, she shared that she and Board President Woolley visited both Tulsa Honor Academy and Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences and that it was heartwarming to see the student's engagement with the teachers. She also shared that she visited the Parent Resource Center to see some of the services being provided to parents and families, as well as announcing that on October 9 a Town Hall for District 3 to introduce Dr. Ebony Johnson as the new superintendent.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Speaker #1 – Charter school reforms

Speaker #2 – Redistribution of Eliot teachers

Speaker #3 – New superintendent

Speaker #4 – Science of reading

Speaker #5 – TPS partnerships/classroom content

Speaker #6 – Rebalance at Carnegie Elementary

Speaker #7 – Gender pronouns and background checks/security.

Speaker #8 – Hispanic Heritage Month, Indigenous People's Day and banned books week

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Interim Superintendent Johnson shared that it was her 11<sup>th</sup> day as superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools, and that she believes her career and life as a Tulsan has helped to prepare her for this role. She acknowledged the complexity, reality, and urgency of the work ahead, but also shared her confidence that the district is up to the challenge.

She shared additional information on Ms. Erin Armstrong's long history with the district and her qualifications that have prepared her to assume the role of Interim Chief Learning Officer.

She gave an update on her meeting with the Oklahoma state Department of Education outlining objectives, milestones, and deliverables that were share with OSDE in the three progress areas – literacy/science of reading, corrective action, and internal controls. She encouraged Tulsa families and the public interested in knowing more to visit [tulsaschools.org/facts](https://tulsaschools.org/facts) for updates on the district meetings with OSDE.

### OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Recommendation to accept the settlement agreement offered by Altria Group, Inc., Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") in the vaping-related litigation originally filed as *In re: JUUL Labs Inc., Marketing, Sales practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 3:19-md-02913, pending in the US District Court for the Northern District of California; and JUUL Labs Product Cases, Judicial Counsel Coordination Proceeding No. 5052, pending in the Superior Court of

California, County of Los Angeles, Department 11. This settlement is in addition to the prior board-approved settlement with JUUL Labs on March 6, 2023.

Board Member John Croisant made a **motion** to approve, and Dr. Jerry Griffin **seconded** the motion. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

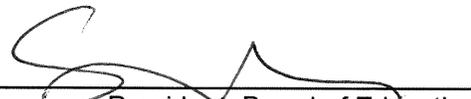
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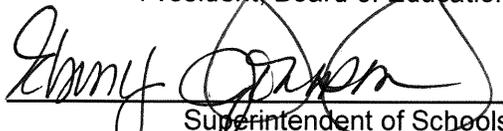
President Woolley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.

  
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Attorney for the School District

  
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President, Board of Education

  
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Superintendent of Schools

  
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