

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on March 4, 2024, commencing at 6:31 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 March 1, 2024, at 5:25 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

ABSENT: Stacey Woolley

OPENING EXERCISES

The meeting was paused due to technical difficulties at 6:32 p.m. and resumed at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. John Croisant, vice-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. Central High School led the flag salute and performed the posting of the colors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

Superintendent Johnson shared some additional information on agenda item E.9 – New Leaders. She stated that there will be no expenditure or encumbrance of FY25 funds until after FY25 expenditures are approved in July of 2024. Dr. Johnson also stated that the February 26, 2024, minutes are being withdrawn from consideration. The February 26, 2024, minutes will be submitted for board consideration at a future board meeting.

Additionally, Dr. Johnson announced that the staff report, 2023-2024 Mid-year Budget Amendment Update would be moved earlier in the agenda so that the discussion would take place before consideration of the consent agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Caroline Crouch presented the District News Round-Up.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Susan Lamkin made a motion to approve the February 5, 2024, minutes of the regular meeting of the board, and Ms. Diamond Marshall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Ebony Johnson introduced Ms. Jill Hendricks, deputy chief financial officer, Kathi Hayward, executive director of federal programs, and Joe Stoeppelwerth, district treasurer to present the 2023-2024 Mid-year Budget Amendment Update. Dr. Johnson and district staff answered questions of the board.

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

Dr. Ebony Johnson shared additional information on agenda item E.32, Oklahoma Teacher Empowerment Program and answered questions of the board.

Board Vice-President Croisant called for the vote on the consent agenda, and the **consent agenda passed** by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

Speaker #1 – G.1 and G.3

Speaker #2 – G.2

Speaker #3 – G.1 and G.2

ACTION AGENDA

G.1 RECOMMENDATION: Board to receive bids for the purchase of \$35,000,000 Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A, and motion and vote to award said bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the notice of sale and instructions to bidders.

Mr. John Croisant introduced Ms. Jericah Dawson of Municipal Finance to present the bids and answer questions of the board. Mr. Croisant asked if there was a motion to award said bonds to Mesirow Financial Inc., who offered the lowest rate of interest bid at 2.899999%.

Board Member Susan Lamkin made a motion to award the bid to Mesirow Financial Inc., and Ms. Diamond Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

G.2 RECOMMENDATION: Board to consider and vote on a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$35,000,000 by the School District, authorized at an election duly called and held for such purpose (June 8, 2021); designating the bonds as "Combined Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A", providing for registration thereof; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

Ms. Lamkin made a **motion** on agenda items G.2. The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Diamond Marshall. 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: None.

G.3 RECOMMENDATION: Name the baseball field at Will Rogers High School, "Gordon Morgan Field". This item is intended to allow for public comment per policy 8102.

No action was taken on this item.

STAFF REPORT

The 2023-2024 Mid-year Budget Amendment Update was considered prior to board consideration of the consent agenda.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Ashley shared that she will have a District 4 Community meeting on March 25, 2024 on the topic the science of reading. She reiterated Ms. Diamond Marshall's comments that it is great when Tulsans show up to share their thoughts on the Tulsa bonds that were previously approved by the community. Ms. Woolley went on to say she agreed it was great when Tulsans show up and went on to add that it was great when citizens and taxpayers show up to work together to help students whether they are from Tulsa or Broken Arrow.

Dr. Jennettie Marshall shared that Friday she had the opportunity to sit on a panel with Representative Regina Goodwin, Ms. Charlotte Walker, Ms. Joyce Williams, and Ms. Margaret Love at Worship Nation for an education forum. She thanked the community and friends for their well wishes and prayers regarding her two-year old granddaughter.

Mr. Croisant highlighted that last Friday the TPS Honor Band performed at Rogers' historic art deco auditorium. The middle and high school bands performed two performances in front of OSU and North Texas High School representatives. He shared his appreciation and thanks to Ms. Cindy Largent, interim principal of Will Rogers and Ms. Aleks Kitchens, manager of academic fine arts, for making it possible.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Johnson wished everyone a happy Women's History month and thanked the Tulsa community for their continued support of bonds demonstrating their ongoing investment in the district and Tulsa's young people.

NON-ROUTINE ITEMS

There are 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, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

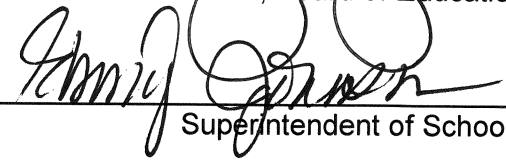
Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.



Attorney for the School District



President, Board of Education



Superintendent of Schools



Clerk, Board of Education