

Williston School Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2013
District Board Room
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman J. Calvin Melton called the January 15, 2013, regular monthly business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chair J. Calvin Melton, Vice-Chair Scotty M. Richardson, Secretary Chris R. Rivers, and Trustees Doris B. Young and Billy A. Williams, Jr.

Members absent: None

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Jonathan Vickery (The People Sentinel)

Also present for the meeting were Superintendent Dr. Tom Siler, Director of Special Services Jeriah Owens, Director of Instruction Dr. Rachel Wall, Directory of Finance Sally Kardes, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Dr. Eavon Hickson and Dr. Brian Newsome, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and approximately 12 guests.

2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Young followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Melton called for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION Mr. Richardson SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Melton called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 regular meeting and December 18, 2012 special meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

5. Honors and Achievements

Dr. Siler recognized 6th grader, Emily Grace Williams, for having a perfect score on the writing section of the 2011-12 PASS test.

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Siler recognized all Board members.

Board Chair, Calvin Melton, was recognized with a certificate and pin for his 10 years of service as a School Board Trustee.

6. Citizens' Participation

No one addressed the Board of Trustees at this time.

7. Continuing Business

7.1 Human Resources Update

Dr. Siler gave the Board a brief update on Human Resources. He also informed the Board that letters of intent had been sent to all certified employees for the 2013-14 school year.

Dr. Siler recognizes Dr. Hickson, WEMS principal, who will be retiring June 30, 2013. He thanked her for her 12

years of service in the Williston School District giving her a total of 33 years of experience in the education field.

7.2 Operations Update

Dr. Siler gave the Board information on the renovation of the old freezer and the installation of a new freezer at Kelly Edwards Elementary School during Christmas break. Dr. Siler also discussed about the safety of our schools. He recommended the Board approve the purchasing of new radios for the school district at a total of \$35,300.88, which will provide the requested number of radios for schools, busses, and district staff.

MOTION Mr. Richardson SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

7.3 Legislative Update

Dr. Siler gave a brief legislative update.

7.4 Finance Update

Director of Finance Sally Kardes gave the Board an update on employee benefits, which included employer health increase and employee cost increase. She informed the Board that employee retirement will increase from 7.0% to 7.5% July 1, 2013.

7.5 Special Services Update

Director of Special Services Jeri Owens gave the Board an update on the Special Services Department as well as the Gifted and Talented (TAG) program and the Williston-Elko Alternative School for the 2012-13 school year.

8. New Business

8.1 Out of State Field Trip Requests

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the four (4) out of state field trip requests presented.

MOTION Mr. Richardson SECOND Ms. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

8.2 Student Transfer Requests

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the three (3) out of district student transfer requests presented.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

8.3 WEHS Graduation Time Change

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the time change for the high school graduation from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm. He stated this would give more family time after graduation.

ACTION Approved Unanimously

8.4 District Calendar for 2013-2014

Dr. Brian Newsome, WEHS principal, went over the proposed 2013-14 school year calendar. Some questions were asked. A motion was called for the approval of said calendar.

MOTION Mr. Richardson SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

9. Items for Board Information

Dr. Siler presented the Board with information only at this time.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Melton called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Rivers SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

J. Calvin Melton, Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary