

Windham School District
Board of Trustees
292nd Meeting



Minutes

February 19, 2016

Austin, Texas

WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Omni Hotel Downtown – Longhorn Room
700 San Jacinto Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

**February 19, 2016
10:00 – 10:30 AM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Convene Windham School District (WSD) Board of Trustees (Board)

I. Regular Session

A. Consideration of Approval of Consent Items

1. Minutes of the December 10, 2015, WSD Board Meeting
2. Excused Absences

B. Superintendent's Report

C. Report from the Chairman, WSD Board

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Revisions to Windham Board Policy WBP-08.01, "Student Eligibility for Windham School District Programs" (pages 1-9)

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Deletion of Windham Board Policy WBP-07.27, "Demotion" (pages 10-11)

Adjourn WSD Board

The WSD Board may discuss and/or take action on any of the items posted on this meeting agenda. The WSD Board may also convene into Executive Session on any of these matters when attorney-client privilege is warranted.

**MINUTES OF THE WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting No. 292

The Windham School District Board of Trustees met in session on Friday, February 19, 2016, at the Omni Hotel Downtown, Austin, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judge Dale Wainwright, Chairman
Terrell McCombs, Vice Chairman
Leopoldo (Leo) Vasquez, III, Secretary
Thomas Fordyce
Judge Larry Gist
Larry Miles
Derrelynn Perryman
Thomas P. Wingate

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Gambrell

WINDHAM STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Clint Carpenter, Superintendent
Paul Brown
Dr. Latreace Craig
Martha Fields
Bambi Kiser
Amy Lopez
Michael Mondville
Mike Vickers
Michael White

CONVENED

Judge Dale Wainwright, TBCJ Chairman, convened the meeting of the 292nd Windham School District (WSD) Board of Trustees (Board) to order on Friday, February 19, 2016, at 10:01 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the *Open Meetings Act*. During the regular session, the Board conducted business from the agenda posted in the Texas Register. A quorum was present and the meeting was declared open.

Judge Wainwright recognized Joseph Halbert, General Counsel for Senator Charles Schwertner.

Judge Wainwright reported the WSD Board was committed to providing the opportunity for public presentations on posted agenda topics as well as for public comments on issues within its Jurisdiction, as provided in Board Rule 300.1. As no speaker registration cards were received by the board staff, no public presentations on posted agenda topics or comments within the board's jurisdiction were heard.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Chairman called the Board's attention to the Consent Items on the agenda, which consisted of the minutes of the December 10, 2015, meeting and excused absences.

There being no comments, objections or amendments to the Consent Items, the Consent Items were approved as submitted.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Clint Carpenter, WSD Superintendent, informed the Board that the Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching Finalists are being recognized locally and statewide by news affiliates who want to share their story of teaching excellence. Johnathan Silver of the Texas Tribune visited the Robertson Unit in Abilene on December 4, 2015, and observed Jody Addy teaching and spoke with some of her students and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) administrative staff. Additionally, the Abilene Reporter News announced Ms. Addy's selection as the Excellence in Teaching award winner.

Evan Folan of television station KVIA-7 in El Paso interviewed finalist Martha Estrada in her classroom at the Sanchez State Jail on January 13, 2016. He also interviewed her principal, the TDCJ administration and her students to learn about her unique and effective teaching strategies from those who work with her.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN, WSD BOARD

Chairman Wainwright said he and WSD administrative staff, on January 5, hosted eight members of the Governor's staff, the Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Parole, Mr. David Gutierrez, TDCJ staff members Bryan Collier, Bill Stephens, Jerry McGinty and April Zamora and others from TDCJ as they toured the Woodman State Jail and the Hughes maximum security Unit in Gatesville. They were pleased that members of the Governor's Office staff, including Libby Elliott, senior policy advisor, and Michael Goldman, policy advisor for the criminal justice area, joined them for the tour. The purpose of the visit was to observe Windham's academic and vocational training programs focused on developing new collaborative efforts between TDCJ and Windham, thereby supporting successful reentry of released offenders.

The examining group witnessed dedicated Windham staff working to train and educate the challenging and varied population served in TDCJ. They watched WSD teachers in action in classrooms, and listened to WSD teachers and administrators recount stories of their success with students. They also spoke with offenders about learning the necessary skills to get a job and a brighter future on release from TDCJ. They heard more from Windham job partnership staff about companies which have committed to hiring skilled and certified students who have completed the WSD education program.

Additionally, the group was able to see the close working relationship between TDCJ unit staff and educators in Windham. The combined effect of both Windham and TDCJ working together to accomplish the goals of the State was evident in the senior leadership of both organizations.

The tour was successful in showing the positive aspects of collaboration between the two organizations to serve the public good. Chairman Wainwright said the tour was encouraging and inspiring, and he thanked Dr. Carpenter and the WSD staff for their work. He said it is making a difference.

**DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
REVISIONS TO WINDHAM BOARD POLICY WBP-08.01, “STUDENT ELIGIBILITY
FOR WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS”**

Michael P. Mondville, WSD General Counsel, said Windham Board Policy WBP-08.01 “Student Eligibility for Windham School District Programs” has a large number of changes but most of these are small revisions. The most significant change is the addition of the high school diploma program, which WSD is now authorized to administer. He asked for Board approval of the policy as presented.

Judge Larry Gist moved that the WSD Board of Trustees approve the revisions to WSD Board Policy WBP-08.01, “Student Eligibility for Windham School District Programs” as presented.

Terrell McCombs seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

**DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
DELETION OF WINDHAM BOARD POLICY WBP-07.27, “DEMOTION”**

Mr. Mondville stated the policy on demotion was implemented in 1987. It has not been used because of the structure of employment at WSD, as this district does not demote people as a means of discipline. WSD has other measures for this purpose. Therefore, this policy is not necessary, and Mr. Mondville asked for the board to delete the policy.

Derrellynn Perryman moved that the WSD Board of Trustees approve the deletion of WSD Board Policy WBP-07.27, “Demotion” as presented.

Tom Fordyce seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.

Judge Wainwright thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded them that the next meeting of the WSD Board of Trustees will be Friday, April 15th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 292nd meeting of the WSD Board of Trustees adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Chairman *

Secretary *

* Signature on file

Note: Referenced attachments for draft minutes are available upon request. Following approval of the minutes, attachments will be maintained with the signed minutes in the Office of Record.