

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

**247<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

The Windham School District Board of Trustees met in session on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Austin, Texas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Oliver Bell, Chairman  
Gregory (Greg) Coleman, Vice Chairman  
Tom Mechler, Secretary  
Eric Gambrell  
Janice Harris Lord  
Terrell McCombs  
J. David Nelson  
Leopoldo (Leo) Vasquez, III

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Pastor C. L. Jackson

**WINDHAM STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Debbie Roberts, Superintendent  
Linda Goerdel

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brad Livingston  
Bryan Collier  
Melinda Bozarth

**CONVENED**

Oliver Bell, Chairman, called the meeting of the Windham School District (WSD) Board of Trustees (Board) to order on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 11:56 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act. A quorum was present and the 247<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board was declared open. The Board adjourned into executive session which is closed to the public in accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071 and §551.074.

Chairman Bell reconvened the regular session of the Windham School District Board of Trustees 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 of the Board was present and the meeting was declared open at 12:47 p.m.

Chairman Bell reported that the Board was committed to providing the opportunity for public presentations on topics posted on the meeting agenda, as well as public comment on issues within its jurisdiction as provided in Board Rule 300.1. Persons interested in providing presentations or comments at the meeting were required to complete a registration card and submit it at least ten (10) minutes prior to the meeting's posted start time. As no cards were

received prior to the required deadline, the Board would not hear public presentations on posted agenda topics or public comments.

**DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING  
CONSENT ITEMS**

Chairman Bell called the Board's attention to the Consent Items on the agenda (Attachment A), which consisted of the minutes of the May 20, 2008, meeting, appraisers for the 2008-2009 school year, multiple employment requests, personal property donations and approval of excused absences.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any comments, objections or amendments to the Consent Items. Noting there were none, he stated the Consent Items were approved as submitted.

**DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WSD  
SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

Chairman Bell stated that this item was discussed in executive session and the Board met with the Superintendent.

*Janice Harris Lord made a motion that the WSD Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent contract to include an annual salary of \$108,000.00 for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.*

*Greg Coleman seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.*

**DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WSD  
BUDGET AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

Linda Goerdel, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the proposed 2008-2009 budget and salary schedule.

She stated that foundation school funding from the Texas Education Agency will remain the same.

There will be a slight increase in The Echo budget due to an increase in printing costs of the offender newspaper. There will also be a slight increase in the Education, Recreation & Library Services budget due to piloting a program to automate the inventory system of library books at two (2) units.

There are no mandated state pay raises for Windham employees for the upcoming year. Salaries are approximately 91% of the District's budget. Excluding Project RIO, the District's estimated income is approximately \$74.2 million dollars.

David Nelson asked if there was a state mandated raise approved for teachers by the Legislature, would the raise be covered by the Texas Education Agency. Ms. Goerdel responded that it would.

*Mr. Nelson moved that the Windham School District Board of Trustees approve the Windham School District operating budget and salary schedule for 2008-2009 school year as presented.*

*Eric Gambrell seconded the motion, which prevailed unanimously when called to a vote.*

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Roberts thanked the Board for their continued support.

Ms. Roberts reported that summer is a busy time for Windham. She recently met with each regional administrator and the division directors to complete teleconferences with each unit principal to determine what their programming and staffing needs would be for the coming school year. The process took four days to complete but it gave the principals input into the programming and staffing of their units.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

As noted earlier, no cards were received therefore, no public comments were made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Bell adjourned the 247<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WSD Board of Trustees at 12:57 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary