

Special Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM



ATTENDING:

Dr. Yanira Oliveras-Ortiz, Dr. Michael Odell, Dr. Joanna Neel, Mr. Daniel Rodriguez (joined at 12:06 p.m.), Dr. Jo Ann Simmons, UA staff, and various parents.

OPENING:

The special board meeting of the UT Tyler University Academy was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Dr. Oliveras-Ortiz on Thursday August 26, 2021 via Zoom teleconferencing.

1. Call to Order

- Dr. Oliveras confirmed there were only 3 members in attendance at the start of the meeting and that we were awaiting Mr. Rodriguez to log-in to the session. And that we would proceed with information items until which time he could join.

2. Pledge:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT:

3. Open for Public Comment

- Dr. Oliveras confirmed no request for public comment were received.

Skip to Information Items awaiting Mr. Rodriguez's log-in.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Superintendent Report:

- **2021-2022 District Improvement Plan**
Dr. Simmons presented and explained the district improvement plan.
- **2021-2022 Tyler Campus Improvement Plan**

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Dr. Simmons presented and explained the Tyler campus improvement plan.

- **2021-2022 Longview Campus Improvement Plan**

Dr. Simmons presented and explained the Longview campus improvement plan.

- **2021-2022 Palestine Campus Improvement Plan**

Dr. Simmons presented and explained the Palestine campus improvement plan.

Dr. Oliveras-Ortiz noted that Mr. Rodriguez joined the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and that a quorum was not present, we would continue with remaining Informational Items before moving on to Action Items.

- **TEA Health Guidance**

Dr. Simmons explained that the total number of students and staff that tested positive for COVID-19 is 16. Dr. Simmons also informed the board that other superintendents across Texas have reported increases in COVID-19 cases, due to the Delta variant. Remote conferencing for students is being discussed as an option for students who tested positive for COVID-19. Dr. Simmons explained that the wearing of masks is optional for student and staff alike, but it is highly encouraged. Dr. Simmons expressed to the board that parents have contacted her desiring masks to be mandated.

Dr. Odell noted that UT Tyler University Academy is a part of UT Tyler University, which falls under the executive branch. The Governor will require all board meetings to meet in person starting in September 1.

Dr. Joanna Neel inquired about the state of the substitute teacher pool. Dr. Simmons replied that all three campuses need substitute teachers and to please spread the word.

- **District/Campus Enrollment and Attendance**

Dr. Simmons presented the current enrollment and attendance rates. 344 Tyler, 259 Longview (error noted on 12th grade, should be 14), and 227 Palestine with District totaling 830. Total attendance rate is currently 98.15%.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Consent Agenda

- **Previous Minutes, Monday July 26, 2021**

1st motion: Mr. Daniel Rodriguez, 2nd motion: Dr. Odell, Passed 4-0.

- **Request Approval of 2020-2021 Budget Amendments**

Ms. Chesnut presented Budget Amendment 4 to move expenses that are budgeted under Instruction, to Staff/Curriculum Development and Community Services.

Ms. Chesnut presented Budget Amendment 4.1 to accept the ESSER funds and allocate them between Instruction, Staff/Curriculum Development, School Leadership, Health Services, and General Administration. Funds from Extra Curricular had to be moved to Food Services to cover additional expenses there.
1st motion: Dr. Odell, 2nd motion: Mr. Daniel Rodriguez, Passed 4-0.

8. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn, 1st Dr. Neel, 2nd Mr. Odell, adjournment occurred at 12:38 p.m.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board on September 9, 2021.

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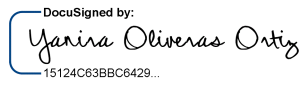
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