

**DALLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 20, 2004**

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Dallas County Schools met in a Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dallas County Schools Administration Building, 612 North Zang Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75208.

In attendance were:

PRESIDENT	B. J. Smith
VICE PRESIDENT	Barnett Goodstein
MEMBERS	Earl Bullock Martin Hoffman Dave Wallace
NOT PRESENT	Larry Duncan
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT & EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY	Rick D. Sorrells
ATTORNEY	Gary Grimes
STAFF	Deanne Hullender Terry Penn, Transportation
GUESTS	David Kubes, MMG Don Broom, City of Dallas Doug Dykman, City of Dallas Cassandra Fletcher

The president called the meeting to order at **1:02 p.m.**

Barnett Goodstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barnett Goodstein made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on **April 15, 2004** with grammatical corrections. Martin Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Barnett Goodstein made the motion to accept the financial report dated **April 15, 2004**. Earl Bullock seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the financial reports and present them to be filed for audit purposes.

Dave Wallace asked Superintendent Rick Sorrells to provide an overview of the Personnel/Compensation Committee Meeting regarding the Board vacancy. The committee interviewed one prospective board member this morning. The committee will continue interviewing two other prospective board members prior to the next board meeting with a recommendation to follow.

By statute, Dallas County Schools Board of Trustees reorganize each May. Barnett Goodstein nominated B. J. Smith for president. Earl Bullock seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dave Wallace nominated Barnett Goodstein for vice-president. Earl Bullock seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A listing of the Board Committees was distributed. Barnett Goodstein made a motion to approve the committees as shown. Dave Wallace seconded the motion. Earl Bullock voiced some concern about approving committees with the vacancy on the Board and that specific committees having no name. He asked that we include in the motion "with the exception of the two positions held by the member from Commissioner's Precinct 4. Dave Wallace seconded the friendly amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent Rick Sorrells introduced Mr. Douglas Dykman, Deputy Director with the City of Dallas Housing Department. The Dallas Urban Land Bank's goal is to develop a significant quantity of affordable single-family homes on vacant, tax-delinquent properties within Dallas neighborhoods. With cooperation and assistance from the Dallas taxing entities, the City of Dallas proposes to implement a local Urban Land Bank Demonstration Pilot project to address the dual needs of insufficient affordable housing and older neighborhoods at risk.

Martin Hoffman made the motion to approve the City of Dallas Land Bank Project subject to legal review. Earl Bullock seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent Rick Sorrells introduced David Kubes with Municipal Marketing Group who addressed questions concerning advertising on school buses.

Earl Bullock made the motion to approve further study using a blind survey of merchants to determine the financial impact of this venture. Dave Wallace seconded the motion.

Rick Sorrells voiced that the staff recommendation was to investigate the possibility of the amount of money DCS could receive and the levels of interest in certain advertisements that may be used.

Martin Hoffman made a friendly amendment to limit the study to the exterior of the bus. Dave Wallace seconded the amendment and it was accepted. Mr. Hoffman also made it clear that his position was to use the advertising on our buses as a funding source of last resort.

Voting yes: *Hoffman, Bullock, Smith and Wallace*

Voting no: *Goodstein*

Superintendent Rick Sorrells reported:

- 1) Fuel Prices;
- 2) Salary Schedule will come to the Board at the next meeting;
- 3) Possibility of an after school Advisory Meeting in the future;
- 4) DCS summer hours to begin in June, no July meeting, and several August meetings;
- 5) Various additional reminders.

Barnett Goodstein made the motion that the meeting adjourns. Martin Hoffman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned 2:08 p.m.

s/B. J. Smith

s/Rick D. Sorrells

B. J. SMITH
PRESIDENT, Board of Trustees
DALLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD of
Trustees

RICK D. SORRELLS
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT & EX-
OFFICIO SECRETARY, Board of
Trustees

Procedures for Replacement of DCS Board of Trustees Vacancy

The following process is in place for the replacement for the open position of the Board of Trustees due to the death of board member Russell Kent.

The Personnel/Compensation Committee is now soliciting names and resumes of prospective candidates from current board members and educational/community leaders. Resumes are submitted by April 30th to the committee via:

Dave Wallace, Chairman
Personnel Compensation Committee
Dallas County Schools
612 North Zang Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75208

The committee will review prospective candidates (prior to the board meeting).

The committee will bring one or more candidates to the entire board at the May Board meeting.

NOTICE DCS Board of Trustees Vacancy

The Personnel/Compensation Committee of Dallas County Schools is now soliciting names and resumes of prospective candidates for the replacement of the open position on the Board of Trustees due to the death of board member Russell Kent.

Persons interested in being considered for the vacancy should submit a resume by April 30th to the committee via:

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Requirements for this position are established by State Statute. According to statute, candidates: must be a qualified voter of the county from which they are elected; must reside in Dallas County Commissioner District 4; must possess good moral character; must be able to read and speak the English language; must be persons of good education and in sympathy with the public free schools; and must not be connected with the public schools of any district, either as an official or as an employee.

Further, section 141.001 of the Texas Election Code provides that a candidate: must be a United States citizen; must be 18 years of age or older; must not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court; must not have been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities, and must be a resident of the state for 12 months, and a resident of the Commissioner District for six months, prior to the day on which the appointment is made.

The vacancy is expected to be filled in May 2004. The current term ends in May 2005. The position is set for election to a full six year term in May 2005.