

SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 1, 2009, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Elaine Schuster. All board members were present, and Ms. Schuster announced that a quorum was present.

Dr. Branscum said he hoped Board Members and staff had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday and wished each a safe and joyful upcoming holiday season. Dr. Branscum said Mr. Bob Parrish had a presentation to make to Mrs. Pam Davidson [was not present] in honor of Metro Tech Bus Driver/Trainer Randy Davidson, who passed away unexpectedly in October.

Mr. Parrish said Mr. Davidson was very devoted to and worked for MTC eight years. He and his wife met as bus drivers and ended up getting married. Mr. Parrish said his first interaction with Mr. Davidson was not a positive one because Mr. Davidson reported he was having a problem with payroll. It turned out that Mr. Davidson was correct. Mr. Parrish said he acted fairly with Mr. Davidson and that changed their friendship. Mr. Parrish then read the presentation.

Mr. Ed Melott, SBC Director, was recognized for his accomplishments as ACTE President. Mr. Melott received a standing ovation. He said it was a great pleasure and honor for him to represent everyone across the nation in Career and Technical Education. One of the things he has learned as he moved up through the state is how close the Oklahoma CTE [career and technology education] family is. No matter where he has been in Oklahoma, everyone has welcomed him. At the national level, they have come to realize that there are many venues they work with, different people in different situations. All are interested in creating jobs and creating economic development for our nation, especially in times like these. He said data from several states indicate that if a student completes three credit (three difference courses) hours of CTE, they have a 95% graduation rate. In the state of South Dakota, it is a 100% graduation rate. We know we are helping prevent dropouts and to help students get jobs.

Dr. Branscum said MTC has a number of nationally certified teachers and now has three more who have received certification. Mrs. Pam Ashley, HCC Director, introduced the three teachers, Stacey Post-Vails, Tori Wolohon, and Kelli Carnes.

Dr. Danene Vincent presented information on MTC's involvement with at-risk and dropout students. She also discussed the MCA program.

Board Members asked questions about TIF districts and the MAPS 3 proposal. Dr. Branscum explained these items.

Items approved:

Minutes of November 3, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Transfer of funds from the school activity accounts to the general fund

ISO Project Plan and Training Plan

Full-time career specialty areas and associated 10-month, certified teaching positions for the Metro Career Academy, effective August 2010: 1) Entrepreneurship / Small Business Management, 2) Environmental Sciences / Horticulture, and 3) Vision Care.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Metro Technology Centers and YWCA of Oklahoma City

Reimbursement for 25% of the costs for the replacement of two (2) diesel school buses with 2007 or later diesel emissions and retrofit of 6 (six) school bus engines with the installation of diesel oxidation catalysts

Personnel Items

Encumbrances and Purchasing Items

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

