

## SYNOPSIS JULY 10, 2009, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. Six board members were present. Board members and staff introduced themselves and shared information about their background. Dr. Branscum explained that the purpose of this meeting was to provide information to new board members to help them more fully understand the role, responsibility and relationship of a school board and to acquaint board members with Metro Tech's (MTC's) culture, strategy, leadership style and governance system. Most important, we want board members to enjoy serving on the MTC board. Dr. Branscum also explained the "parking lot," a location in which questions or comments that did not directly relate to a discussion occurring at that moment could be listed and then covered as time allowed. He then said that Ms. Liz Guerrero would serve as time keeper for the speakers to help keep the meeting on track.

Dr. Branscum said at Metro Tech, ethical behavior is expected. To go beyond ethics, one must have virtuous behavior. He said that, based on 30+ years experience in Oklahoma's education system, he believes a primary issue affecting Oklahoma's education system is that it operates randomly, in a reactive rather than proactive manner. On June 5, 2000, MTC's Board selected the Baldrige business model. It is a nonprescriptive approach that helps an organization to develop strategies to become proactive. He then asked that Dr. Danene Vincent present information on the history of CareerTech Education.

Dr. Danene Vincent, Associate Superintendent, Chief of Staff, presented a brief history of Career and Technology Education. Ms. Bertha Robinson, Assistant to the Superintendent for Quality Services, reviewed Metro Tech's history, including Metro Tech's beginnings as a district and the development of the buildings and campuses. Dr. Danene Vincent reviewed information about Oklahoma's education structure. Dr. Elaine Stith, Associate Superintendent for Instructional and Student Services, and Mrs. Ruth Giddens, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services, shared information about Metro Tech's services and offerings.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to accept the best bid for recent bid openings related to the building being constructed on the north side of Springlake Drive.

Mr. Brian Ruttman, Chief Communications Officer, presented information related to the Role of the School Board and The Role of the School Board in the Community. Dr. Danene Vincent gave a brief history of Metro Tech's quality journey, MetroQuest. Dr. James Branscum reviewed the quality leadership model, PR<sup>9</sup>. Mr. Bob Parrish and Dr. Mark Vincent reviewed information about financial matters of the district.

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.