

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Center Independent School District met in regular session January 15, 2009, in the Administration Building. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p. m.

**PRESENT** Dr. Dixon Golden, Deborah Chadwick, Ortega Cartwright, Stephen Shires, Dan Wilkins, Sharon Nelson, Jim Sawyer, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finance and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee

**ABSENT** None

**STAFF** Director of Special Services Mickey Wulf, Center High School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Middle School Principal Gayla Miller, Director of Support Services Dale Anderson, Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, Curriculum Facilitator Tammy Lemoine, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson, Center High School Assistant Principal Jake Henson and Center High School Assistant Principal Tim Norman

**VISITORS** Elizabeth Fawcett of Wilf & Henderson

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Rayford Copelin gave the Invocation and Dan Wilkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD**

Administrators expressed their appreciation to the members of the school board for their dedication and hard work for the students and staff of Center ISD. Center High School Students presented each member with a plaque.

### **INCREASE DESIGNATED BUILDING FUND**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to increase the designated building fund \$530,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Deborah Chadwick left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

### **FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008**

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, that the financial audit report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008, as presented by Elizabeth Fawcett of the accounting firm of Wilf & Henderson of Texarkana be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the consent agenda be approved. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Minutes of December 4, 2008, December 8, 2008 and December 15, 2008
2. Tax Office Report
3. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report
4. Amendment to the Budget in the amount of \$140,000 for the Shelby County Appraisal District Fee. This amount will be transferred from Function 41 to Function 99. TEA has established a new code for this expenditure.
5. Overnight Student Activity Trips as follows:
  - a. Track Meet – Rice University Bayou Classic Track Meet – March 27 and 28, 2009, Boys Track Team and A'mie Preston of the Girls' Track Team – Tracy Bolton and Lester Belrose, Sponsors
  - b. Close Up Foundation program – Washington, D.C. – leaving on January 25, 2009 and returning on January 30, 2009 – 9 students – Ronnie Wilkins, Sponsor
  - c. FFA – San Antonio Stock Show (Swine show)– leaving after school February 13, 2009 and returning February 16, 2009 – 1 student – Shana Brittain and Marshall Miles, Sponsors
  - d. FFA – San Antonio Stock Show (AG Mechanics) – leaving February 19, 2009 and returning February 22, 2009 – 19 students – Shana Brittain and Marshall Miles, Sponsors
  - e. FFA – Houston Livestock Show (goat show) – leaving March 9, 2009 and returning March 12, 2009 – 25 students – Swine show – 25 students – leaving March 16 and returning March 19, 2009 – AG Mechanics – 19 students – leaving March 19 and returning March 22, 2009 – Shana Brittain and Marshall Miles, Sponsors

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

### **NEW POSITIONS APPROVED**

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Stephen Shires to approve the following new positions:

- Science Specialist
- Math Specialist
- ELA Specialist
- Social Studies Specialist
- Data and Assessment Coordinator
- Hospitality/Culinary Arts Teacher at CHS
- Health Science Technology Teacher
- Career Counselor

The motion carried unanimously.

Deborah Chadwick returned to the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

### **MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer to approve the first series of accounts payable for December. The motion carried 6-0.

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Dan Wilkins, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to approve the second series of accounts payable for December. The motion carried 6-0.

Abstaining: Jim Sawyer

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins to approve the remaining accounts payable for December. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MINERAL EXPLORATION SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY TABLED**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to table an exploration survey to be conducted on school property. The motion carried unanimously.

### **VENDOR FOR FACILITY FURNISHINGS AWARDED**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to award the facility furnishings for the elementary, intermediate and high school projects to Educator's Depot. The motion carried unanimously.

### **DATE FOR FEBRUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CHANGED**

A motion was made by Dan Wilkins, seconded by Stephen Shires, to change the date of the February School Board Meeting from February 12, 2009 to February 23, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING**

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on instructional planning.

### **APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED AND GENERAL STATE WAIVERS APPROVED**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to permit administration to request Staff Development Waivers for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 school years. The motion carried unanimously.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF TASB POLICY UPDATE 84**

Board Members were given a copy of the Vantage Points and Explanatory Notes for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 84.

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED**

A motion made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, carried unanimously to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Luz Gonzalez
2. Erica Klein
3. Kayla O'Connor
4. Sharon Winstine

### **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL**

A motion made by Dan Wilkins, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to employ Darryl Harless as an Instructional Aide for Special Services, Center ISD, subject to assignment.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.