

**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 17, 2008, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

**PRESENT** Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Dr. Dixon Golden, Ortega Cartwright, Sharon Nelson, Dr. Florencio Singson, Jim Sawyer, Interim Superintendent Vernis Rogers, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee

**ABSENT** None

**VISITORS** Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Special Programs Director Angela Lawson, Special Services Director Mickey Wulf, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Director of Maintenance/ Transportation Jeff Crooms, Center Middle School Principal Heath Hagler, Center High School Principal Rickey Baker, Technology Director Richard Miller, Athletic Director Ron Callahan, F. L. Moffett Primary School Assistant Principal Linda Snell and Community Services Coordinator Billie Sue Payne

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ortega Cartwright gave the Invocation and Deborah Chadwick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Interim Superintendent Vernis Rogers presented certificates of appreciation to the Center ISD Board Member for their dedication and service to the school district. Principals and Directors presented the school board members with gifts of appreciation.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AEIS (ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM)**

Interim Superintendent Vernis Rogers reported on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report for 2007-2007. As required by statute, this information will be

published and disseminated to the public. The report is available on our website at “centerisd.org”. A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the AEIS Report for 2006-2007.

### **FUNDRAISING – PROPOSAL BY ROUGHRIDER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the proposal made by the scholarship fund committee represented by Ann Grant for several fundraising projects, one which involves selling inscribed bricks to be placed in a designated location be approved. The district will not be responsible for any funding for the project. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the consent agenda containing minutes of December 12, 2007 (regular meeting), December 12, 2007 (called meeting), December 17, 2007, December 21, 2007 and January 3, 2008, tax office report, monthly financial statement, and student activity trip for State Robotics Competition – Manor High School – Austin, Texas, the week of February 1-3, 2008, - 4 students – Lee Brazzel and Delilah Koonce, Sponsors, and the AAA Regional Team Tennis Tournament on February 29 and March 1, 2008 and the State Team Tournament that will take place on March 7 & 8, 2008 – tennis team – Leon Dykes, Sponsor, be approved. Also noted was correspondence from Vertical Alliance Group, Inc. and Mickey Chandler. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

### **MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to approve the second series of accounts payable for December. The motion carried 6-0.

Abstaining: Jim Sawyer

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dr. Singson, to approve the remaining accounts payable for December. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PROPOSAL FOR E-RATE ELIGIBLE TECHNOLOGY FOR ELEMENTARY BUILDING**

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the proposal from M-Optic for Cabling Infrastructure in the amount \$85,601.20 and Switches in the amount \$34,500 be accepted. This does not represent all of the technology needs for the new facility. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BENCHMARK TEST REPORTS**

Benchmark Test Results were reviewed.

## **FACILITY PROGRESS**

A report was given on the progress of the new facility.

## **MODIFICATIONS TO CURRENT CENTER ISD MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION**

Center Middle School Heath Hagler is requesting to modify the Cheerleader Constitution to have a Middle School Cheerleader Constitution but allows for differences related to the age of the participants.

## **CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 7:55 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

Jim Sawyer left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 10:30 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

## **CONSIDER AND ACT ON CONTRACT FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL**

Dr. Golden, seconded by Dr. Singson, made a motion, to approve the contract for James Hockenberry as Superintendent of Center ISD as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS EMPLOYED:**

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dr. Golden, carried unanimously to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. Brittany Campbell
2. Norma Castillo
3. Cortney Ortega
4. K. Lacey Rash

### **RESIGNATION ACCEPTED**

Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, made a motion to accept the resignation of Sandra Newton, First Grade Teacher, F. L. Moffett Primary School, effective December 21, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to employ Brenda Agnew as a First Grade Teacher at F. L. Moffett Primary School, subject to assignment, effective January 4, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to approve a leave of absence for Sheila Childress beginning January 11, 2008 for a minimum of 30 days. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.