

**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 February 14, 2008, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:02 p. m.

PRESENT Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Ortega Cartwright, Sharon Nelson, Dr. Florencio Singson, Jim Sawyer, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee

ABSENT Dr. Dixon Golden

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Special Programs Director Angela Lawson, F. L. Moffett Primary School Assistant Principal Linda Snell, Director of Maintenance/Transportation Jeff Crooms, Center Middle School Principal Heath Hagler, Center High School Principal Rickey Baker, Center Intermediate School Principal Dale Anderson, Curriculum Facilitator Debra Holder, Community Services Coordinator Billie Sue Payne, Center Elementary School Teacher Tammy Lemoine, Malcom McKinley with Goodwin-Lasiter, Inc., and Gueinn Clark, President of the Tennis Association

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Sawyer gave the Invocation and Ortega Cartwright led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were reviewed. These reports include information for curriculum, maintenance, and campus activities.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK VS. GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Malcom McKinley of the Goodwin-Lasiter reported to the board on the progress of the construction plans for the new elementary school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the consent agenda containing minutes of January 17, 2008 (called meeting), January 17, 2008 (regular meeting), January 24, 2008 (called meeting) and January 30, 2008 (called meeting), tax office report, monthly financial statement, and student activity trips for the State DECA Conference and Competition – Corpus Christi, Texas – February 28, 2008 – March 2, 2008 – up to 8 students – Barbara Prince, Sponsor, Girls Regional Powerlifting Meet – February 27 -28, 2008 in Forney, Girls State Powerlifting Meet, March 14 – 15, 2008, in Killeen and Boys State Powerlifting Meet, March 28-29, 2008 in Abilene, Coach Callahan, Sponsor, be approved. Also noted was a thank you letter from the Roughrider band Department, Center ISD to the Board of Trustees. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer to approve the first series of accounts payable for January. The motion carried 5-0.

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to approve the remaining accounts payable for January. The motion carried unanimously.

CIT REPORT

Superintendent James Hockenberry gave the report submitted by Brenda Hill, Consultant. Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, made a motion that the report be accepted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AP REPORT

Center High School Principal Rickey Baker reported to the board on the progress of the AP Benchmark testing. Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, made a motion that the report be accepted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW TRANSFER POLICY

After reviewing the current transfer policy, Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, made the motion that the transfer policy be accepted with no changes. The motion carried unanimously.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Singson, to adopt the criminal history check as presented by Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin. The motion carried unanimously.

DONATED COMPUTERS

Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer applied for used computers through a program in which businesses provide discarded computers to schools. Center ISD received 42 desktop machines, 25 laptops and assorted printers. The machines are comparable to what CISD purchases and have allowed the district to replace an outdated lab at Center Middle School and use the laptops on the Elementary campus. A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to accept the gift of the donated computers. The motion carried unanimously.

COVERING TENNIS BLEACHERS AND BUILDING A BACKBOARD AT THE OLD TENNIS COURT

Shelby County Tennis Association President Gueinn Clark presented a letter of request for participation of the Center ISD in the construction of tennis backboard structure at the Middle School Tennis Courts. She also presented a bid for the construction for covering the tennis bleachers.

TxDOT CORRESPONDENCE

Assistant Superintendent Copelin reported this past fall Judge Tomlin organized a meeting with TxDOT, the county and the school to discuss potential traffic issues near the proposed Elementary site. Possible widening of Roughrider Drive and paving of county roads CR1000 and CR1001 was discussed.

Center ISD received correspondence from TxDOT concerning expanding Roughrider Drive to include a turning lane. This widening of the street would begin at Highway 96 and continue just past the High School. The project is a 90%/10% funding program with the local entity assuming the 10%. The projected cost of the project is \$700,000. Roughrider Drive is a city street so the district will work with the city on the next steps.

The TxDOT correspondence also projected the cost of paving CR 1000 and CR1001 to be \$1.76 million and \$1.06 million respectively. It was also noted that no federal or state money would be available for either of these projects.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent James Hockenberry reported on UIL rules, procedures, and guidelines for booster clubs, transportation grant and on his first two (2) weeks as superintendent of the district.

DISBRIBUTION OF TASB POLICY UPDATE 82

TASP Policy Update 82 was distributed to the board. Action will be taken on the local policy changes at the regular March meeting.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 8:00 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 10:35 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

Jim Sawyer left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS EMPLOYED:

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

1. Deyanira Almaguer
2. Kelly Gray
3. Ruby Johnson
4. Cindy Lindsey
5. Mayra Mendoza
6. Brittany Porter
7. John Porterfield
8. Samantha Sanford

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Dr. Singson, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, made a motion to accept the following resignations:

1. Nelly Hernandez – Instructional Aide – Center Intermediate School – effective January 25, 2008
2. Kit Cater – Spanish Teacher – Center High School – effective December 21, 2007

The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to employ David Garonzik as an Algebra I Teacher at Center High School, subject to assignment. The motion carried unanimously.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to approve the following leaves of absence:

1. Jessica Dillard – 2nd Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School – March 3, 2008 until April 21, 2008 – maternity leave
2. Jennifer DuVon – Kindergarten Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – April 21, 2008 through the end of the 2007/2008 school year – maternity leave
3. Laura Blount – Translator – Center ISD – March 24, 2008 until May 5, 2008 – maternity leave

The motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR CAMPUS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

The board of trustees approved contract extensions of 14 administrators based on the superintendent's recommendation. The motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.