

**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 23, 2009, in the Administration Building. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

PRESENT Dr. Dixon Golden, Deborah Chadwick, Ortega Cartwright, Stephen Shires, Dan Wilkins, Jim Sawyer, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finance and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee
Sharon Nelson entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

ABSENT None

STAFF Director of Special Services Mickey Wulf, Center High School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Middle School Principal Gayla Miller, Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson, Director of Technology Richard Miller, Center Middle School Teacher Mary Hockenberry, and Center Middle School Teacher Felicia Cloudy and F. L. Moffett Primary Teachers Blanca Araiza and Verna Cloudy

VISITORS Daya Hill, Kevin Goodwin, Chris Mayfield, John Krueger, Marlin Cloudy and Candel Cloudy

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell gave the Invocation and Ortega Cartwright led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

1. Minutes of January 15, 2009 and January 28, 2009
2. Tax Office Report
3. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report
4. Overnight Student Activity Trips as follows:

- a. DECA – State Conference and Competition for Marketing Students – Galveston, Texas – departing on February 26, 2009 and returning on March 1, 2009 – 9 students – Nicolle Davis, Sponsor
- b. Girls Powerlifting – Regional Meet – departing on February 27, 2009 and returning on February 28, 2009 – 1 student – Donna Shannon, Sponsor
- c. Girls Powerlifting – State Meet – Corpus Christi – departing March 19, 2009 and returning on March 21, 2009 - 1 student – Donna Shannon, Sponsor
- d. Regional Tennis Tournament – Longview, Texas – departing March 6, 2009 and returning March 7, 2009 – 16 students – Leon Dykes and Brad Hickman, Sponsors
- e. State Tennis tournament – Waco, Texas – departing March 12, 2009 and returning March 14, 2009 – 16 student – Leon Dykes and Brad Hickman, Sponsors
- f. Center Middle School – UCA Cheer Camp – Stephen F. Austin University – 7th Grade and 8th Grade Cheerleaders – departing on July 28, 2009 and returning on July 31, 2009 – LeeAnn McGraw, Sponsor
- g. Boys Powerlifting – Palestine, Texas – Regional Meet – departing on March 13, 2009 and returning March 14, 2009 – 3 students – Powerlifting Coach, Sponsor
- h. Boys Powerlifting – State Meet – Abilene -, Texas – departing on March 27, 2009 and returning March 28, 2009 – up to 3 students – Powerlifting Coach, Sponsor

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Golden called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel) at 6:02 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 6:46 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED

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

- 1. Rosa Barbee
- 2. Jana Covington
- 3. Cheryl Eddins
- 4. Esmeralda Mendoza
- 5. David Puckett

LEAVES OF ABSENCE APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Stephen Shires, and carried unanimously to approve the following leaves of absence:

1. Haley Link – Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – beginning March 23, 2009 and returning to work on May 4, 2009 – maternity leave
2. Meghan McDonald – Teacher - F. L. Moffett Primary School – beginning March 23, 2009 and returning to work on May 4, 2009 – maternity leave
3. Diana Stanford – Teacher – Center High School – beginning February 2, 2009 and returning to work on February 23, 2009 – medical leave
4. Bebee Metcalf – Campus PEIMS – Center Intermediate School – beginning February 2, 2009 and returning to work on April 15, 2009 – medical leave

RESIGNATIONS OF PERSONNEL ACCEPTED

A motion made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, carried unanimously to accept the following resignations:

1. Miryam Escobedo – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective February 9, 2009
2. Connie Belgard – 8th Grade Math Teacher – Center Middle School – effective end of 2008/2009 school year
3. Ron Callahan – Athletic Director/Head Football Coach – Center ISD – effective June 30, 2009

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR CAMPUS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to extend the contracts for campus and district administrators as presented by Superintendent James Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/HEAD FOOTBALL COACH APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to employ Kevin Goodwin as Athletic Director/Head Football Coach for Center ISD. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM APPROVED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to employ Daya Hill as executive director of curriculum for Center ISD. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to have a five (5) minute break before continuing the school board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

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

Abstaining: Jim Sawyer

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

SUB COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE FUTURE FACILITIES USAGE APPOINTED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer and seconded by Deborah Chadwick to appoint a sub committee to evaluate future facilities usage. The committee members will be Bob Reeves and Stephen Shires. Bob Reeves will appoint more members as he deems necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBMISSION OF WAIVER FOR MODIFIED SCHEDULE/TAKS TESTING DAYS APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to permit administration to request A Waiver for Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR ADOPTED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Stephen Shires, to adopt the 2009-2010 School Calendar as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR IP TELEPHONY SYSTEM AWARDED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to award the bid for IP Telephony System to Computerland in the amount of \$56,556.48. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE AWARDED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to award the bid for Security and Surveillance to EyeOn Systems in the amount of \$37,087. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR MEDIA DISTRIBUTION AWARDED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to award the bid for Media Distribution to Master Audio Visual in the amount of \$194,446.60. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CABLING AWARDED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to award the bid for Infrastructure Cabling to Computerland in the amount of \$159,000. The motion carried unanimously.

MINERAL EXPLORATION SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY APPROVED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to approve the exploration survey to be conducted on school property as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

TASB POLICY UPDATE 84 ADOPTED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet from TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 84. The motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Golden called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.072 (Real Property) at 7:42 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 8:26 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.