

**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 March 12, 2009, in the Administration Building. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 5:59 p. m.

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

ABSENT Ortega Cartwright

STAFF Director of Special Services Mickey Wulf, Center High School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson, Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Center High School Teacher Nancy Dickerson, Center Middle School Teacher Donna Neuville and Center Intermediate School Teacher Carlene Higgins

VISITORS Parents and Students

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan Wilkins gave the Invocation and Jim Sawyer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

YOUTH ART MONTH PRESENTATION

Art Teachers, Nancy Dickerson, Donna Neuville and Carlene Higgins and art students gave a presentation for youth art month.

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 February 23, 2009 and March 4, 2009
2. Tax Office Report
3. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report

4. Amendment to the Budget
 - a. An amendment in the amount of \$3,444,600 for the building projects for the High School and Intermediate School
 - b. An amendment in the amount of \$6,893 from function 11 to function 13
5. Overnight Student Activity Trips as follows:
 - a. Chaparrals – Branson, Missouri – departing March 18, 209 and returning March 21, 2009 – 19 students – Pam Sanford, Sponsor
 - b. Center High School Beta Club – Dallas, Texas – Beta Club Convention – departing on April 12, 2009 – returning April 14, 2009 – 12 students – Shasta Briggs and Kelly Lucas, Sponsors
 - c. Center Middle School Beta Club – Dallas, Texas – Beta Club Convention – departing on April 12, 2009 – returning April 14, 2009
 - d. Center High School Cheerleaders – Grapevine, Texas – Cheerleader Camp w/Universal Cheerleader Association (UCA) – departing on June 28, 2009 and returning July 2, 2009 – 38 students – Jenny Cassell and Kelly Lucas, Sponsors

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to approve the remaining accounts payable for February. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for the purchase of student accident insurance for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

There are no textbooks up for adoption this year so a committee was not appointed.

DISCUSSION OF FOOD SERVICES

Superintendent Hockenberry presented information on contracting with a Cafeteria Management Service as a possible new direction for Center ISD Food Services Program.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Golden called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel) at 6:30 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. Holly Fannin
2. Jessica Mouton
3. Monica Reescano
4. Kelly Wood

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins, by employ Mickey Smith as Teacher/Coach with Center ISD, subject to assignment. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS OF PERSONNEL ACCEPTED

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

1. Mitchell P. Spence – Math Teacher – Center High School – effective May 30, 2009
2. Thomas M. Helms, Jr. – Teacher – AEP – effective May 29, 2009
3. Jesus Garcia-Castillo – Spanish Teacher – Center Middle School – effective May 29, 2009
4. Pamela Sanford – Retirement – BCIS/Accounting Teacher – Center High School – effective end of May 2009
5. Leslie Hicks – History Teacher – Center High School – effective end of 2008/2009 school year

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer and carried unanimously to approve a leave of absence for Bobbi Adams McDonald, Science Teacher, Center High School, beginning March 11, 2009 and continuing until April 3, 2009.

CONTRACT RENEWALS FOR TEACHERS AND CERTIFICED SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to renew the contracts for teachers and certified support personnel as presented by Superintendent James Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Jim Sawyer made a motion, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.