

**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 April 16, 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, Ortega Cartwright, 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 Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson, Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Executive Director of Curriculum Daya Hill, Center Intermediate School Teacher Allison Johnson, Director of Support Services Dale Anderson, Center High School Assistant Principal Lynne Williams and F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount

VISITORS Kaylin M. Burleson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell gave the Invocation and Jim Sawyer 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 Sharon Nelson, that the consent agenda be approved. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Minutes of March 12, 2009, March 23, 2009 and March 30, 2009
2. Tax Office Report
3. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report

4. Amendment to the Budget
 - The building project for the Center ISD Administration Building requires a budget amendment in the amount of \$900,000 for estimated expenditures for the 2008-2009 school year.
5. Overnight Student Activity Trips:
 - Center High School programming team – UT Tyler – TCEA State Programming Contest – departing April 17, 2009 and returning April 18, 2009 – 5 students – Lee Brazzel, Sponsor
 - Center FFA – Area IX FFA Convention and Talent Competition – Sam Houston State University – Huntsville, Texas – departing on May 4, 2009 and returning on May 5, 2009 – 4 students – Shana Brittain, Sponsor
 - Chaparrals – Dance Camp – Moody Gardens – Galveston, Texas – departing on June 28, 2009 and returning July 1, 2009 – 20 students – Nicolle Davis, Sponsor

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Stephen Shires to approve the remaining accounts payable for March. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF FLOORING FOR F. L. MOFFETT PRIMARY SCHOOL

A motion was made by Stephen Shires, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for purchase of flooring for F. L. Moffett Primary School. The motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 7 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER CERTIFIED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to certify Superintendent James Hockenberry as a representative of the local school district to the Regional advisory Committee, Region 7 Education Service Center. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE AWARDED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Stephen Shires, to award the proposal for Student Accident Insurance to Brazos Valley, exercising the 2 year option. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to authorize administration to solicit proposal for the purchase of cafeteria equipment, pending the district being awarded the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant. Award notifications are due June 8, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR BANK DEPOSITORY

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for a bank depository. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL FINANCE UPDATE

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on school finance.

DISCUSSION OF CATE PROGRAM

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on the CATE Program.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on strategic planning.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Golden called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel) at 6:43 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 7:02 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

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. Billie Bailey
2. Joanna Blackwell
3. Connie Bradshaw
4. Shannon Cooper
5. Yesenia Diaz
6. Jordan Doggett

7. Lashawn Finley
8. Darren Gregston
9. Ginger Morris
10. Angela Norton
11. Maxie Odom
12. Ashley Wulf

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, by employ the following people, subject to assignment:

1. Traci Mettauer as Business/Technology Teacher - Center High School – for the 2009/2010 school year
2. Allison Johnson – Mathematics specialist – Center ISD
3. Kaylin M. Burleson – Social Studies Specialist – Center ISD – beginning April 27, 2009

Abstaining: Steven Shires
The motion carried 6-0.

RESIGNATIONS OF PERSONNEL ACCEPTED

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

1. Carlene Carl – Speech and Language Therapist – Center ISD – effective June 12, 2009
2. Tasha Reed Evans – Instructional Aide – Center Intermediate School – effective March 27, 2009
3. Belinda Loftice – retirement – 2nd Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School – effective May 31, 2009
4. Joanna Parker – 2nd Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School – effective end of the 2008/2009 school year
5. James Lynn Livingston – retirement - Science Teacher – Center High School – effective May 31, 2009
6. Misti Whittley – Instructional Aide – Life Skills – Center Elementary School – effective end of the 2008/2009 school year

7. Barbara Taylor – retirement - Math Lab Teacher – Center Elementary School – effective May 30, 2009
8. Zeala M. Wilson – Math Teacher – Special Education - Center High School – effective June 1, 2009
9. Hallie Johnson – Special Services – Center Intermediate School – effective end of 2008/2009 school year

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:04.