

**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 17, 2008, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p. m.

PRESENT Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Ortega Cartwright, Sharon Nelson, Jim Sawyer, Dr. Dixon Golden, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee
Dr. Florencio Singson entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

ABSENT None

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Special Programs Director Angela Lawson, Director of Maintenance/Transportation Jeff Crooms, Center Middle School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Intermediate School Principal Dale Anderson, Curriculum Facilitator Debra Holder, Community Services Coordinator Billie Sue Payne, Special Services Director Mickey Wulf, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Center Middle School Assistant Principal Gayla Miller and Andy Kurbow of Cox Construction

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sharon Nelson gave the Invocation and Jim Sawyer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the consent agenda containing minutes of March 13, 2008 and April 3, 2008; tax office report; monthly financial statement; and overnight student activity trips for (1) Programming Team – UT Tyler – TCEA State – Sat Programming Contest – departing on April 25, 2008 and returning April 26, 2008 – 4 students – Lee Brazzel, Sponsor (2) FFA – Lubbock, Texas, State FFA Convention – departing July 13, 2008 and returning on July 18, 2008 – 12 students – Shana Brittain and Marshall Miles, Sponsors (3) CHS Golf Team – Huntsville, Texas – Regional Golf Tournament – departing on April 21, 2008 and returning April 22, 2008 – 2 students – Jake Henson, Sponsor (4) CHS Boys and Girls Track Teams –

Humble, Texas – Regional Track Meet – departing on April 24, 2008 returning on April 26, 2008 – 15 members of Boys Track Team and 10 members of Girls Track Team – Ron Callahan, Lester Belrose and Tracy Bolton, Sponsors (5) CHS Boys and Girls Tennis Teams – Regional Tennis Tournament – Bryan, Texas – departing on April 21, 2008 and returning on April 23, 2008 – 15 students, Leon Dykes and Ron Callahan, Sponsors (6) UIL – Regional Academic UIL – Blinn College – Brenham, Texas – departing on April 11, 2008 and returning on April 12, 2008 – 21 students – Michele Bender, Chris Watlington, Michael Raines, Nancy Dickerson, Mary Pigg, Pam Sanford and Pam Franklin, Sponsors. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

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

PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK TABLED

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to table the recommendation to accept any proposal for construction manager at risk at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH WILF & HENDERSON, P.C. (AUDITORS)

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to approve the engagement letter of the audit firm of Wilf & Henderson, P.C. as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008. The estimated cost is the same as last year unless TEA requires additional schedules. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT POLICY FEC (LOCAL)

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to adopt Policy FEC (LOCAL) as presented by Assistant Superintendent Copelin. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Hockenberry reported on the new building project, the Garza County Property Grant and on TASB training that will take place at Stephen F. Austin State University on May 15, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

CIT REPORT

Superintendent James Hockenberry gave the April report submitted by Brenda Hill, Consultant.

BENCHMARK TEST REPORTS

Superintendent Hockenberry gave a report on benchmark test given.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 6:25 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS EMPLOYED:

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

1. Gary Langford

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, made a motion to accept the following resignations:

1. Cynthia Byers – Instructional Aide – Center Intermediate School – effective March 25, 2008
2. Jon Rholes – Special Education Teacher – Center Elementary School – effective August 31, 2008
3. Barbara Prince – Teacher - Marketing/BCIS/Banking/Financial Services Teacher – Center High School – effective May 31, 2008
4. Gwendolyn Cravey – Language Arts Teacher – Center Middle School – effective May 31, 2008 (retirement)

5. Traci Mettauer – 2nd grade teacher – Center Elementary School – effective May 31, 2008
6. Jena Risinger – Registrar – Center High School – effective April 11, 2008
7. David Garonzik – Math Teacher – Center High School – effective April 17, 2008

The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dr. Golden, made a motion to employ Myra Mendoza as an Instructional Aide at Center Intermediate School. The motion carried unanimously.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to approve a leave of absence for Dannie Helton, Science Teacher, Center Middle School, beginning April 16, 2008 through May 31, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.