

**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 May 14 2008, in the Library of Center High School. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p. m.

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

ABSENT Ortega Cartwright

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Special Programs Director Angela Lawson, 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, Jake Henson and Timothy Norman

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Casey Golden gave the Invocation and Todd Dock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECOGNITION OF BAND, SPORTS AND ACADEMICS PARTICIPANTS

Band Director Jim Jones recognized some to the band members from the 7th and 8th grade bands and the high school band. Each student gave his/her name and awards they had received this year.

UIL Coordinator Michelle Bender recognized UIL participants and their accomplishments.

Athletic Director Ron Callahan introduced coaches and players who participated in sports and acknowledged their accomplishments in district, regional and state competitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle took this time to recognize some of the school board members, staff and students of staff for their recent accomplishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the consent agenda be approved containing minutes of April 17, 2008, April 25, 2008 and May 1, 2008; tax office report; monthly financial statement; and overnight student activity trips for (1) Chaparrals – Drill Team Camp – Moody Gardens – Galveston, TX – departing on June 21, 2008 and returning on June 24, 2008 – Pamela Sanford, Sponsor and (2) 8th Grade Math-Science – NASA/Johnson Space Center/Kemah – May 21 and 22, 2008 – Dannie Helton, Bettye Johnson and Bobbi Adams, Sponsors.

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, to approve the remaining accounts payable for April. The motion carried unanimously.

REJECT PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Dr. Singson, to reject any proposal for construction manager at risk. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR FLOORING AT F. L. MOFFETT PRIMARY SCHOOL

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Singson, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for the flooring at F. L. Moffett Primary School. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR CENTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for playground equipment for Center Intermediate School. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFY SUPERINTENDENT TO REGION VII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, carried unanimously to Certify Superintendent James Hockenberry to serve as a committee member on ESC Region VII Advisory Committee for the 2008-2009 school year.

SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF MILK AND BREAD PRODUCTS

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Golden, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for the purchase of milk and bread products for the Food Services Department for the 2008-2009 School Year. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for the purchase of fuel for student transportation for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for the purchase of student accident insurance for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

PERMISSION FOR SURPLUS SALE

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Golden, to grant permission to conduct a sale of surplus items as presented by Assistant Superintendent Copelin. The motion carried unanimously.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASE

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to reject the Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease offered by Devon Energy Production Co. LP, 1200 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Hockenberry reminded the board members that they are invited to the prom on Saturday night. He also reported that work has begun on the new elementary site and that we are waiting for the preliminary sketches on the new buildings.

Jim Sawyer and Sharon Nelson were asked to help oversee the new building construction on the intermediate campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

CIT REPORT

Brenda Hill will be on the high school campus on Thursday, May 15, 2008 and will then submit her report.

SERVICE AWARDS BREAKFAST

The service awards breakfast is scheduled for Saturday May 31, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the high school cafetorium. Service award pins and retirement plaques will be given at that time.

CENTER HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Commencement for Center High School Graduates will be held on Saturday May 31, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at Roughrider Stadium. Alease Copelin will organize the event.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 26, 2008 will be a holiday for all students and staff of Center ISD in observance of Memorial Day.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 9:10 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, made a motion to accept the following resignations:

1. Brenda Agnew – 1st Grade Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective May 31, 2008
2. Adam Lambert – Teacher/Coach – Center High School – effective May 31, 2008

3. Udoro Ekpin- Gatwood – English Teacher – Center High School – effective May 31, 2008
4. Carl Reed – Teacher/Coach – Center High School – effective end of contract for the 2007-2008 school year
5. Marva Evans – Instructional Aide – Special Services – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective April 25, 2008
6. Brandie Cain-Heard – Teacher – Center Intermediate School – effective May 31, 2008

The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Golden, carried unanimously to employ the following personnel for the 2008-2009 school year, subject to assignment:

1. Sally Wilburn – P.E. Teacher –Center Elementary School
2. Debi Amos – 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher – Center Middle School
3. Brandalyn Weible Ramin – Special Services – Center Elementary School
4. Shanelle Ruiz – 2nd grade Teacher – Center Elementary School
5. Alvin Davis – P. E. Teacher/Coach – Center Middle School
6. Jeryl Wheeler – Math Teacher/Coach – Center High School
7. Beverly McDaniel – ELA Teacher – Center Middle School
8. Dominique Roland – 4th Grade Teacher – Center Intermediate School
9. Timothy Norman – Assistant Principal – Center High School
10. Jake Henson – Assistant Principal – Center High School

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to approve a leave of absence for Robert L. Hornbuckle, teacher/coach, Center Middle School. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW POSITIONS

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to approve new positions to Center ISD as follows:

1. Truancy & Attendance Officer for the District – K through 12th Grade
2. Assistant Principal for the Elementary School
3. Assistant Principal for the Intermediate School
4. Additional Assistant Principal for the High School

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.