

**OFFICIAL 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 July 12, 2007, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

**PRESENT** Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Sharon Nelson, Dr. Dixon Golden, Dr. Florencio Singson, Jim Sawyer, Superintendent Kelly Rodgers, 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, Curriculum Facilitator Debra Holder, F. L. Moffett Assistant Principal Linda Snell, Center Middle School Principal Heath Hagler, Athletic Director Ron Callahan, Center High School Principal Rick Baker, Maintenance/Transportation Director Jeff Crooms and other school employees

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Golden gave the Invocation and Deborah Chadwick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 14, 2007, 2007, called meeting of June 20, 2007 and called meeting of June 26, 2007.

**AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS OR COMMITTEES**

None

**NEW BUSINESS - ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**TAX OFFICE  
REPORT  
APPROVED**

Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel presented the tax office report. The taxes collected for the month of June 2007 totaled \$47,355.91. Total current taxes collected to date are \$4,810,887.24. A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the tax office report as presented.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT  
APPROVED**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

**JUNE  
ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the accounts payable for June.

**AMENDMENTS  
TO THE BUDGET  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to approve an amendment to the cafeteria budget as follows:

The number of students being served has increased sixteen percent over last year. A budget amendment in the amount of \$70,000 is made. The fund has a significant fund balance to support the amount requested.

**ORDER  
AUTHORIZING  
ISSUANCE OF  
SCHOOL  
BUILDING  
BONDS ADOPTED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance of School Building Bonds, Series 2007 and take all necessary action thereof.

**BIDS FOR  
SUMMER  
PROJECTS  
AWARDED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to award the bids for summer projects as follows:

1. Classroom Remodel at Center Middle School – One bid was received. The bid is awarded to Cox Contractors in the amount of \$90,500.
2. Portable Buildings for F. L. Moffett Primary School – One bid was received. The bid is awarded to General Shelters in the amount of \$52,068 for two (2) portable buildings.
3. Practice Field Lighting – No bids were received.

**ADM.  
AUTHORIZED  
TO SOLICIT  
PROPOSALS  
FOR  
PRACTICE FIELD  
LIGHTING**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to authorize administration to solicit proposals for lighting for the practice field.

**ADM.  
AUTHORIZED  
TO SOLICIT  
PROPOSALS  
FOR INS.**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to authorize administration to solicit proposals for the purchase of property and fleet insurance for the 2007-2008 school year.

**EXTENSION  
OF WORKERS'  
COMP INS.  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve an extension of the Workers' Comp Insurance with Deep East Texas Self Insurance Fund.

**APPRAISAL  
CALENDAR &  
LIST OF  
APPRAISERS  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the "Teacher Appraisal Calendar" and List of Appraisers for the 2007-2008 school year as presented by Superintendent Rodgers.

**ADM.  
APPRAISAL  
CALENDAR  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Appraisal Calendar and Superintendent's Expectations for Administrators as presented by Superintendent Rodgers.

**ADM. AUTH.  
TO SOLICIT  
PROPOSALS  
FOR PURCHASE  
OF COMPUTERS  
& RELATED EQUIPMENT**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to authorize the administration to solicit proposals for the purchase of computers and related equipment for the district.

**SURPLUS SALE  
APPROVED**

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Singson, carried unanimously to accept the proceeds from the surplus sale as presented.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Administrative Reports**

District Administrators' Reports were presented to the Board. Items discussed were:

- Student Activities
- Staff Development Activities
- Curriculum Activities
- Maintenance Progress
- Campus and District Plans

### **B. First Draft of 2006-2007 Budget**

Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel presented the first draft of the 2007-2008 budget for the board members to review.

### **C. Schedule for "Meet the Teacher" Evening**

Board Members were given a copy of the schedule for "Meet the Teacher" for the 2007-2008 school year.

### **D. CIT Report**

The June CIT Report was presented by Superintendent Rodgers.

### **E. Correspondence**

- Thank you from Diane Morton for the donation made to the scholarship fund in her mother-in-law's, Erlene Morton, memory.
- Thank you from Gladys Andrews for the donation made to the scholarship fund in memory of her brother-in-law, Ross Lonergan.

### **CLOSED SESSION-TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 (PERSONNEL)**

The Board went into closed session at 7:45 p.m. after School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle announced intention of doing so under provisions of TGC.551.074 (Personnel Matters). President Tinkle announced that the session was open at 11:55 p.m.

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS  
EMPLOYED**

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

1. Attached is a list of last year's substitute teachers approved for placement on the 2007-2008 substitute teacher list
2. Kimberly Adams
3. Angela Booth
4. Debra Gardner
5. Dawna Jo Inman
6. Brandalyn Rambin
7. Pam Sowell
8. Amber Preston

**RESIGNATIONS  
ACCEPTED**

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dr. Golden, carried unanimously to accept the following resignations:

1. Clifton Tierney – Teacher/Coach – Center Middle School
2. Robert Richards – Instructional Aide/Coach – Center Middle School
3. Oscar Encarnacion – Spanish Teacher/Coach – Center High School
4. Sue Howard – Teacher – Center Middle School – retirement
5. Christy Stark Fox – Science Teacher – Center Middle School
6. J. Scott Eastland – Teacher/Coach – Center High School
7. Nancy Eastland – Second Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School

**EMPLOYMENT  
OF PERSONNEL  
APPROVED**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried to employ the following personnel for the 2007-2008 school year, subject to assignment:

Abstaining: Sharon Nelson

1. Tonya Hilton – School Counselor – F. L. Moffett and Center Elementary Schools
2. Solomon Cassell – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – Center Intermediate School

3. Linda Hornbuckle – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher – Center Middle School
4. Robert Hornbuckle – PE Teacher/Coach – Center Middle School
5. Lee Ann McGraw – Science Teacher – Center Middle School
6. Shelby Pope – Life Skills Nurse – Center Middle School
7. LaKeisha Evans – Special Services Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
8. Cindy Hutto – Pre-Kindergarten Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
9. Vernell Hicks – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
10. Alicia Gonzalas – Bilingual Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
11. Griselda Olalde – Pre-K Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School
12. Elizabeth Ward – Pre-K Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School
13. Jessica Dillard – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School
14. Betty Session – Special Services Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
15. Adam Lambert – History Teacher/Coach – Center High School
16. Brandon Kruebbe – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade History Teacher – Center Middle School

**LEAVES OF  
ABSENCE  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the following leave of absences:

1. Nelly Montoya – Instructional Aide – Center Intermediate School - September 19, 2007 until October 31, 2007 – maternity leave
2. Jenny Rhodes-Cassell – Teacher/Coach – Center High School – September 25, 2007 until November 5, 2007 – maternity leave

**SALARY  
INCREASES &  
STIPENDS  
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the salary schedules and extra-curricular stipends as presented by Superintendent Rodgers.

**PERFORMANCE  
INCENTIVES  
TABLED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to table the performance incentive plans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.