

**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 16, 2009, in the Administration Building. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p. m.

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

ABSENT Ortega Cartwright

STAFF/VISITORS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Daya Hill, Director of Special Services Mickey Wulf, Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Center High School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Middle School Teacher Felica Cloudy and Southwest Foodservice Excellence Director Jeff Ackerman

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dixon Golden gave the Invocation and Jim Sawyer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

SOUTHWEST FOODSERVICE EXCELLENCE MEAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Ackerman, Director of Southwest Foodservice Excellence introduced himself along with two employees of Southwest Foodservice Excellence and told some of the foods that will be prepared and served in the cafeteria beginning in August. Southwest Foodservice Excellence catered the evening meal for the board members and other staff and guests in attendance at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, that the consent agenda be approved. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Minutes of June 4, 2009 and June 17, 2009
2. Tax Office Report

3. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report
4. Amendment to the Budget in the amount of \$12,000 for the S.E.A. Camp Project. Center ISD participates in the project with the City of center.

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

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

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Stephen Shires, seconded by Dan Wilkins to approve the remaining accounts payable for June. The motion carried unanimously.

APPRAISAL CALENDAR AND LIST OF APPRAISERS APPROVED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson to approve the appraisal calendar and list of appraisers for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPRAISAL CALENDAR APPROVED

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Stephen Shires, carried unanimously to approve the administrative appraisal calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry.

POLICY DEC (LOCAL) ADOPTED

A motion was made by Dan Wilkins, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to adopt Policy DEC (Local) as presented by Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin. This policy revision reflects changes in law, current District practice and recommendations from TASB. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICY DEA (LOCAL) ADOPTED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to adopt Policy DEA (Local) as presented by Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin. This policy is new and will clarify how the District compensates employees during a school closing and the possibility of serving as a relief shelter. The policy is also important in receiving FEMA reimbursement. The motion carried unanimously.

STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

No action was taken pending additional information from TEA.

2009-2010 Student Code of Conduct Adopted

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick and seconded by Jim Sawyer, to adopt the 2009-2010 Student Code of Conduct as presented by Assistant Superintendent Copelin. The motion carried unanimously.

TASB SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE DISCUSSION AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE DATES

Each school board member that attended the TASB Summer Leadership Conference gave a brief overview of the sessions he/she attended and how they benefited from the conference.

The TASB Annual Convention will be held October 2-4, 2009 in Houston, Texas. This will be during the Poultry Festival.

SYSTEMIC AND FUTURE PLANNING DISCUSSION

Superintendent Hockenberry gave a presentation on systemic and future planning for the district. Region 8 ESC is available for a three hour workshop on August 12, 2009.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE DATES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Several dates were discussed for budget workshops.

TAKS 2008-2009 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

TAKS 2008-2009 preliminary results were presented by Director of Curriculum and Instruction Daya Hill.

DISTRIBUTION OF CENTER ISD CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION PLAN

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Daya Hill distributed and presented preliminary curriculum and instruction plans.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A construction update was given.

POSSIBLE DATES FOR RIBBON CUTTING AT THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISCUSSED

Several dates were discussed for a ribbon cutting at the new elementary school.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Golden called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code

551.074 (Personnel) at 8:06 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 8:37 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins, carried unanimously to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Attached is a list of last year's substitute teachers approved for placement on the 2009-2010 substitute teacher list.
2. Crystal Body
3. Akeisha Fredieu
4. Regina Garrett
5. Thomas Helms
6. Cynthia Jackson
7. Melissa McGhen
8. Jessica Thompson
9. Misti Whittley

INCREASE IN PAY FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Stephen Shires, carried unanimously to increase substitute teacher pay \$5.00 a day.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

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

1. Tracy Walker – History Teacher – Center High School
2. Teresa Powell – Assistant High School Band Director – Center High School
3. John Yarbrough – 7th Grade Band Director – Center Middle School
4. John Travis Hill – Behavior Specialist for Special Services – Center ISD
5. Kelly H. Hull – Resource/Content Mastery Teacher – Center Middle School
6. Sharon Rice – 7th Grade Health Teacher – Center Middle School
7. Nakeshia Swindle – Instructional Aide – Math Lab – Center Elementary School

8. Susana Grande – PreK 3 Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School
9. Rebecca Paterson – Art Teacher – Center High School
10. Tara Harris – 5th Grade Math/Science Teacher – Center Intermediate School
11. Lenette Shadow – Science Specialist – Curriculum and Instruction Department – Center ISD
12. Tina Morris – LVN – Life Skills – Center Middle School – Special Services
13. Toni Sullivan – 6th Grade ELA Teacher – Center Middle School
14. Arthur Bush – Life Skills Teacher – Special Services – CIS
15. Karie Abshire – Life Skills Aide – Special Services – CIS
16. Debra K. Ellington – Life Skills Aide – Special Services – CES
17. Ashley Jackson – Life Skills Aide – Special Services - CES

The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS OF PERSONNEL ACCEPTED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson and seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to accept the following resignations/retirements:

1. Sherri Callahan – History Teacher – Center High School
2. Linda Doudna – Special Services Teacher – Retirement – effective June 29, 2009
3. Stephanie Bass – 5th Grade Teacher – Center Intermediate School
4. Angela Raymond – 6th Grade ELA Teacher
5. Kristyn Livingston – Educational Diagnostician – Special Services – Center ISD – effective July 10, 2009

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

