

**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 17, 2008, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:08 p. m.

**PRESENT** Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Ortega Cartwright, Dr. Dixon Golden, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee Sharon Nelson entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**ABSENT** Jim Sawyer and Dr. Florencio Singson

**VISITORS** Center High School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Middle School Principal Gayla Miller, Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, Director of Maintenance/Transportation Jeff Crooms, Tammy Lemoine and Athletic Director Ron Callahan

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ortega Cartwright gave the Invocation and Deborah Chadwick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Renee Bush, parent, addressed the board concerning Policy FMH (Local) regarding regulations governing graduation. She ask the board to consider the impact of this policy on students that have completed four years of high school, earned all their credits but are not allowed to “walk” graduation night with their peers because they did not pass TAKS.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the consent agenda be approved containing minutes of June 12, June 26 and July 1, 2008; tax office report; and the monthly and quarterly financial statement. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Ortega Cartwright, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to table this item until later in this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **TASB POLICY UPDATE 83 ADOPTED**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Golden, to add (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Services and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 83 except Policy DEA (Local). The motion carried unanimously.

### **STUDENT AND ADULT MEAL PRICES INCREASED**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to increase the price for student and adult breakfast and lunch meals by \$.25. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND FLEET INSURANCE**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, carried unanimously to authorize the administration to solicit for proposals for the purchase of property and fleet insurance for the 2008-2009 school year.

### **AGREEMENT FOR WORKERS COMP INSURANCE WITH DEEP EAST TEXAS WORKERS COMP FUND EXTENDED**

A motion was made by Ortega Cartwright, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to extend the agreement for workers comp insurance with Deep East Texas Workers Comp Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

### **APPRAISAL CALENDAR AND LIST OF APPRAISERS APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the appraisal calendar and list of appraisers for the 2008-2009 school year as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPRAISAL CALENDAR APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the administrative appraisal calendar for the 2008-2009 school year as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry.

### **MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson to approve the first series of accounts payable for June. The motion carried 4-0.  
Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to approve the remaining accounts payable for June. The motion carried unanimously.

### **POLICY FMH (LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tinkle requested Superintendent Hockenberry to gather information from staff, administrators and parents on the impact of this policy on students.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Hockenberry reported to the board on the progress on the construction of the new elementary school. He also gave an update on the renovations at the high school and intermediate school. AP scores were received today and are being reviewed. Also, we will need to call an election for school board trustees for the November election. The first day to sign up for a place on the ballot is July 27, 2008.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

### **UPDATE ON PRIMARY SCHOOL FLOORING PROJECT**

Superintendent Hockenberry reported that the flooring project for F. L. Moffett Primary School is proceeding satisfactorily.

### **REPORT ON CENTER ISD BIDDING PROCESS**

Superintendent Hockenberry reported on the bidding process for Center ISD. The process is policy mandated and followed.

### **UPDATE ON SUMMER TAKS TESTING**

High School has been taking tests this week. Other campuses have results in and are making decisions on the results. There will be no more opportunities to take the tests this summer.

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

No action will be taken on standardized dress for this year. The dress code will be the same as last year.

### **CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 7:40 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 9:15 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Attached is a list of last year's substitute teachers approved for placement on the 2008-2009 substitute teacher list.
2. Barbara Cloudy
3. Betty Collins
4. Kathi Howard
5. Alma Jaimes

### **INCREASE IN PAY FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to increase substitute teacher pay \$5.00 a day for all levels.

### **RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to accept the following resignations:

1. Elizabeth Ward – PreK Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School
2. Ashley Suttles – PreK Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School
3. Leanna Acuna – PreK-4 Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School
4. Monica Smith – Science Teacher – Center Middle School
5. Melissa Thompson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School

### **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL**

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

1. Cynthia Byers – Computer Lab Aide – Center Intermediate School
2. Joanna Parker – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School
3. Sherrie Callahan – History Teacher – Center High School
4. Karen Thomas – ELA Teacher – Center High School
5. Deborah Welch – Librarian – Center High School
6. Ross Allison – Math Teacher – Center High School
7. Mary Hockenberry – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher – Center Middle School
8. Keirsten Morris – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher – Center Middle School
9. Carlene Higgins – Fine Arts Teacher – Center Intermediate School
10. Kinyata Calhoun – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
11. Jenna Kovalchick – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher – Center Middle School
12. Pamela Rodgers – ELA Teacher – Center High School
13. Autumn Landrum – PreK-3 Teacher, F. L. Moffett Primary School

### **EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to employ Wayne D. Hugland as school attorney. The motion carried 4-0.

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.