

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Center Independent School District met in called session August 3, 2010, in the Administration Office of Center ISD, 107 PR 605, Center, Texas. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT Dixon Golden, Deborah Chadwick, Sharon Nelson, Jim Sawyer, Dan Wilkins, Stephen Shires, Ortega Cartwright, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin and Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel

ABSENT None

VISITORS Colleen Doggett, *The Light and Champion*

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FIRST REPORT

Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel presented the FIRST Report.

DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS BUDGET SET

The following motion was made by Jim Sawyer and seconded by Stephen Shires:

“I move to approve the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the budget at 12:00 noon on August 27, 2010 at the Administration Office. The proposed budget is \$17,185,932.”

The motion carried unanimously.

TAX RATE ADOPTED

The following motion was made by Ortega Cartwright and seconded by Dan Wilkins:

“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.17 per hundred dollars valuation for Maintenance and Operations (M&O), of \$0.1938 per hundred dollars valuation for Interest and Sinking (I&S), for a total rate of \$1.3638 per hundred dollars valuation, which is effectively a .0485 percent increase in the tax rate; furthermore that if a majority of voters approve the \$1.3638 total tax rate in an election to be held September 18, 2010, in order to reduce the I&S tax rate by \$0.13 per hundred dollars valuation, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.17 per hundred dollars valuation for Maintenance and Operations, of \$0.0638 per hundred dollars valuation for Interest and Sinking, for a total rate of \$1.2338 per hundred dollars valuation, which is effectively a 0 percent increase in the tax rate.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY .0485 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME (without homestead exemption) BY APPROXIMATELY \$130."

The motion carried unanimously.

TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (TRE) FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2010 ORDERED

The following motion was made by Dan Wilkins, seconded by Stephen Shires, and carried unanimously:

"I move that Center Independent School District call a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) to be held on Saturday September 18, 2010 at the Center Middle School Cafeteria located on Malone Drive, Center, Texas with early voting beginning September 1 and ending September 14, 2010 to be held at the Center Independent School Administration Building located at 107 PR 605, Center, Texas."

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer and seconded by Dan Wilkins to employ the following people for the 2010/2011 school year, subject to assignment:

1. Melissa Williams Crawford – PPCD Paraprofessional – Special Services – F. L. Moffett Primary School
2. Shaddean Aaron – Instructional Aide/Coach – Center High School
3. Leslie Hardee – 1st Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School

The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson and seconded by Dan Wilkins to accept the following resignations:

1. Karen Thomas – Teacher – Center High School
2. Jenni Bernard – 1st Grade Teacher – Center Elementary School
3. Katherine Raymond – Instructional Aide – Center Elementary School

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.