

**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 August 13, 2009, in the Administration Building. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

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

ABSENT None

STAFF/VISITORS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Daya Hill and Southwest Foodservice Excellence Director Jeff Ackerman

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan Wilkins gave the Invocation and Stephen Shires led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

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 July 16, 2009, August 5, 2009 and August 12, 2009
2. Tax Office Report
3. Monthly Financial Statement and Quarterly Investment Report

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Stephen Shires, to approve the first series of accounts payable for July. The motion carried 6-0.

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins to approve the second series of accounts payable for July. The motion carried 6-0.

Abstaining: Jim Sawyer

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Stephen Shires, to approve the remaining accounts payable for July. The motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE ON AUGUST 31, 2009 APPROVED

A motion was made by Dan Wilkins and seconded by Stephen Shires, to approve the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate at 12:00 noon on August 31, 2009 in the Administration Office. The proposed budget is \$17,568,470. The proposed tax rate is \$1.2338. This consists of an M&O rate of \$1.04 and an I&S rate of \$.1938. The motion carried unanimously.

BROADCAST AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTER BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. AND CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to approve The Broadcast Agreement between Center Broadcasting, Inc. and Center Independent School District as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry. The motion carried 6-0.
Abstaining: Stephen Shires

PERMISSION TO RENEW PROPERTY AND FLEET INSURANCE

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to approve the renewal of property and fleet insurance with TASB for an amount of \$75,749.00. The motion carried unanimously.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION PLAN APPROVED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick and seconded by Dan Wilkins, to approve the curriculum and instruction plan for Center ISD as presented by Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Daya Hill. The motion carried unanimously.

GRADING POLICY ADOPTED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to adopt the grading policy for Center ISD as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

GRADUATION PLAN(S) ADOPTED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to adopt the graduation plan(s) for Center ISD as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry and Assistant Superintendent Copelin. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Copelin gave an update on construction projects for the district.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

1. Amber Alford
2. Elizabeth Cole
3. Billie Daniels
4. Tiffany Fischer-Blowers
5. Amy Henderson
6. Ruby Johnson
7. Tiffanie King
8. Laura McGhen
9. Anne Moss
10. Michael Raines
11. Samantha Sanford
12. Romonia Weathered
13. Cathylene Williams
14. LaWanda Williams

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to approve a leave of absence for Azusena Guerrero, beginning August 17, 2009 and continuing through October 12, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS OF PERSONNEL ACCEPTED

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

1. Vivian Ford – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
2. Stephanie Snell – Secretary – Center High School

The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Stephen Shires, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to employ the following people, subject to assignment:

1. Rosa Barbee – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
2. Ruth Gonzalez – Secretary – Center High School
3. Maureen Kennon – Instructional Aide – PreK – F. L. Moffett Primary School

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.