

**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 August 16, 2007, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:01 p. m.

PRESENT Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, 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
Sharon Nelson and Ortega Cartwright entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

ABSENT None

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, Special Services Director Mickey Wulf, Center Intermediate School Principal Dale Anderson; F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Community Services Co-coordinator Billie Sue Payne, David Cummings and other school employees

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Sawyer gave the Invocation and Dr. Singson 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. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 12, 2007, called meeting of July 23, 2007 and called meeting of August 6, 2007.

AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS OR COMMITTEES

None

NEW BUSINESS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

TAX OFFICE REPORT APPROVED

The taxes collected for the month of July 2007 totaled \$40,246.05. A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, 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.

JULY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Singson, carried to approve the first series of accounts payable for July.
Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Dr. Golden, carried unanimously to approve the remaining accounts payable for July.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET APPROVED

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$20,560 for the interest payment for the new Bond Series 2007. The August interest payment will qualify the new bonds for EDA funding.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING APPROVED

A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate at 12:00 noon on August 31, 2007 in the Administration Office. The proposed budget is \$16,288,739. The proposed tax rate is \$1.2338. This consists of an M&O rate of \$1.04 and an I&S rate of \$.1938.

SALE OF PROPERTY DUE TO NON-PAY- MENT OF TAXES APPROVED

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to approve the sale of property described as 0010 Jesse Amason, Block 73, Tract 12, next to Tri-Community House, 0.110 acres, located at 902 Greer Street, Center, Texas to Christine Patton, San Augustine, Texas, for the amount of \$4,000.

POLICY FNA (LOCAL) ADOPTED	A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to adopt Policy FNA (LOCAL) – Student Rights and Responsibilities/Student Expression as presented.
POLICY DEC (LOCAL) ADOPTED	A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to adopt Policy DEC (LOCAL) – Extended Emergency Sick Leave as presented.
LETTER REQUESTING ANNEXATION APPROVED	A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the execution of a letter to the City of Center to consider voluntary annexation of property on Roughrider Drive. The property is listed as 22.491 acres in the J. Amason Survey, A-10, Shelby County, Texas.
PROPOSAL FOR SITE PREPARATION AWARDED	A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to award the bid for site preparation for the new elementary campus to Circle C Dozer in the amount of \$6,820. Bids were received from K&L Contractors and Bronco Disaster Relief.
PRACTICE FIELD LIGHTING	No bids were received.
BROADCAST AGREEMENT APPROVED	A motion by Dr. Singson, seconded by Dr. Golden, carried unanimously to approve the Broadcast Agreement between Center Broadcasting, Inc. and Center Independent School District as presented by Superintendent Rodgers.
CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED	A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, carried unanimously to adopt the changes to the Code of Conduct as presented by Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Hearing

A hearing will be held on August 31, 2007, at 12:00 noon in the Administration Office.

B. Administrative Reports

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

C. TASB Convention Registrations

The 2007 TASB/TASA Convention will be held September 28-30, 2007 at the Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas.

D. SFA – 2008 Transition to Teaching Grant

SFA has been awarded the 2008 Transition to Teaching Grant to benefit our district in recruitment of English Language Learners.

E. SFASU/District Tuition Partnership Grant

SFA is continuing their District Partnership Grant with our district by paying for tuition and fees for the first two courses of district-sponsored staff. The district pays ½ and SFA pays ½ for 6 hours. The student will assume the cost of the additional courses to complete the certification. This will assist our district in retaining and recruiting highly qualified staff to our area.

CLOSED SESSION-TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 (PERSONNEL)

The Board went into closed session at 7:16 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 9:05 p.m.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS
EMPLOYED**

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

1. Jennifer Adams
2. Amber Alford
3. Barton, Sarah
4. Deana Calhoun
5. Savannah Cassell
6. Judy Doyle
7. Victoria Massey
8. Tasha (Evans) Reed
9. Jesus Garcia-Castillo
10. John Royes, Jr.
11. Frances Spann
12. Jennifer Wolf
13. Sabrina Yoder
14. Alvin Davis

**RESIGNATIONS
ACCEPTED**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, carried unanimously to accept the following resignations:

1. M. Colleen Hetherington – ESL Teacher – Center Middle School
2. Katie Jones – Secretary to Counselor – Center High School

**EMPLOYMENT
OF PERSONNEL
APPROVED**

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

1. Kit Carter – Spanish Teacher – Center High School
3. Marsha Jones – Instructional Aide – Center Elementary School
3. Renee Verdine – ESL Teacher – Center Middle School

**LEAVES OF
ABSENCE
APPROVED**

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to approve a leave of absence for Bobbie Tutt, Instructional Aide, F. L. Moffett Primary School, beginning August 20, 2007 through October 8, 2007 – medical leave.

**STIPENDS
FOR VI AND
LS APPROVED**

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the stipends for VI (Vision Impaired) and LS (Life Skills) teachers as presented by Superintendent Rodgers.

**COMPENSATION
PLAN
APPROVED**

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the compensation plan as presented by Superintendent Rodgers.

**PERFORMANCE
INCENTIVES
TABLED**

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the performance incentive plans as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.