

**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 September 13, 2007, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:03 p. m.

PRESENT Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Dr. Dixon Golden, Dr. Florencio Singson, Jim Sawyer, Ortega Cartwright, Superintendent Kelly Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee
Sharon Nelson entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ABSENT None

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Curriculum Facilitator Debra Holder, Center Intermediate School Principal Dale Anderson; Community Services Co-coordinator Billie Sue Payne, Special Programs Director Angela Lawson, Director of Maintenance/Transportation Jeff Crooms and other school employees

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ortega Cartwright gave the Invocation and Jim Sawyer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, that the consent agenda containing minutes of August 16, 2007 and August 31, 2007, tax office report, monthly financial statement, monthly accounts payable, waiver for compliance with class size requirements, fall 2007 Texas Education Code (TEC), and the overnight student activity trip for the Center High School Chaparrals to attend the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders Dance Competition at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas on October 27 and 28, 2007 be approved. The motion carried.

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the administration be authorized to solicit vendors for the purchase of supplies and equipment for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

GOVERNOR'S EXCELLENCE AWARD PLAN – CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

The high school campus has been listed eligible for the Governor's Excellence Award Plan. Last year Moffett Primary and Center Middle School were eligible. The staff through their campus committee will need to develop a plan based on the plan's criteria.

HIGH SCHOOL PHONE SYSTEM

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Golden, that the administration be authorized to solicit quotes for a phone system to be installed at Center High School. The motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 6:22 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS EMPLOYED:

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. Leslie Clifton
2. Sherry Cougler
3. Krystal Davila
4. Nicole Ellington
5. Anita Gipson
6. Clara Graves
7. Sarah Hribal
8. Tammy Jones

9. Vera Knight
10. Maggie Linstead
11. Meghan McDonald
12. Rodney Patton
13. Shelby Pope
14. Milton Paul Ragan
15. Holli Sanchez
16. Dr. Jack Smith
17. Lyndy Walker
18. Michelle Wingo

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

A motion made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the resignation of April Carrington – LVN/Instructional Aide, Special Services, Center Middle School, effective September 18, 2007 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that Jennifer Adams be employed as an English Teacher at Center High School, subject to assignment, was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the following leaves of absence:

1. Ashley Suttles – PreK-3 Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – beginning October 22, 2007 through December 21, 2007 (returning to work January 4, 2008 for teacher staff development) – maternity leave
2. Billie Bailey – Special Services Teacher – Center Intermediate School – August 28, 2007 through October 24, 2007 – medical leave
3. Laura Blount – Interpreter – Special Programs – beginning September 13, 2007 – 4 weeks – medical leave

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CONTRACT

A motion made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, that the contract of Center High School Assistant Principal Delilah Koonce be extended from an 11-month contract to a 12-month contract was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Region VII Education Service Center thanking Center ISD for hosting one of their “Staff Development Cluster” meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.