

**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 October 9, 2008, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p. m.

PRESENT Mary Lynn Tinkle, Dr. Dixon Golden, Sharon Nelson, Deborah Chadwick, Ortega Cartwright, Jim Sawyer, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finance and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee

ABSENT Dr. Florencio Singson

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Curriculum Facilitator Debra Holder, Director of Special Services Mickey Wulf, Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson, Center High School Principal Heath Hagler and Betty Bailey

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Golden gave the Invocation and Sharon Nelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REGOGNITION OF TEACHERS FROM MEXICO

Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson introduced two of the three teachers from Mexico: Celia Aguilar-Sandoval, PreK 4 Bilingual Teacher at F. L. Moffett Primary School and Roberto Diaz-Gonzalez, Spanish Teacher at Center High School. Each teacher expressed their appreciation to the board members and administrators of Center ISD for the opportunity to teach in Center, Texas. Mrs. Lawson told the board that due to the death of her mother in Mexico, Elba Cirenia Molina-Noriega was not able to come to the meeting. She will be introduced at a later time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Superintendent Hockenberry commented on a formal letter of apology sent from the Principal of Nacogdoches High School. School Board President Tinkle requested Mr. Hagler to read the letter to the student body of Center High School

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the consent agenda be approved containing minutes of September 11, 2008, September 19, 2008 and October 8, 2008; tax office report; the monthly financial statement and overnight student activity trip (Chaparrals – Texas Stadium – Irving, Texas - departing on October 11, 2008 and returning October 12, 2008 – 27 students, Pam Sanford, Sponsor). The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Ortega Cartwright to approve the first series of accounts payable for September. The motion carried 5-0.

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dr. Golden, to approve the remaining accounts payable for September. The motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTER ISD AND THE CITY OF CENTER, TEXAS APPROVED

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Center ISD and the City of Center, Texas as presented.

APPLICATION FOR MISSED INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

A motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, carried unanimously to approve the execution of the Application for Missed Instructional Days as presented by Superintendent Hockenberry.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF FURNISHINGS FOR NEW FACILITIES

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the administration be authorized to solicit proposals for the purchase of furnishings for new facilities. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the administration be authorized to solicit proposals for the purchase of computers and related equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

CAMBRIDGE GROUP FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING TRAINING TABLED

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to table retaining the Cambridge Group for Strategic Planning Training.

SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW BUSES

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to authorize administration to solicit proposals for acquisition of new buses. The motion carried unanimously.

OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to accept the Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease with Chesapeake Exploration L.L.C. pending approval of the attorney and allowing the attorney to make any changes he deems necessary to benefit the district. The motion carried unanimously.

GRADUATION POLICY

A motion was made by Ortega Cartwright, seconded by Jim Sawyer, and carried unanimously to table the graduation policy decision until the next regularly scheduled school board meeting.

DISCUSSION OF CENTER ISD SALARIES

A survey of teachers' salaries in other school districts in Shelby County showed Center ISD to be not the lowest but the next to the highest paying district in the County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on construction at the new elementary campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 8:00 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 9:55 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED

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

1. Perla Araiza
2. Sheri Aylor
3. Leslie Byndom
4. Billie Daniels
5. Monica Escalante
6. Darryl Harless
7. Tera Hoosier
8. Kindle, Talsa
9. Denise Pinkston
10. Erica Redler
11. Ashley Whittington

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A motion was made Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to approve the following Leaves of Absence:

1. Pamela R. Cleaver – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School – beginning October 24, 2008 and returning to work on December 8, 2008 – medical leave
2. Vivian Beene – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School – beginning October 2, 2008 and returning to work on October 16, 2008

The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

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

1. Jennifer Wolf – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective September 14, 2008
2. Jeff Crooms – Maintenance/Transportation Director – effective October 10, 2008

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to employ, subject to assignment, Joanna Santana, Bilingual Instructional Aide, F. L. Moffett Primary School, effective October 9, 2008.

EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to extend the contract of Superintendent James Hockenberry until June 30, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.