

**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 11, 2007, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:07 p. m.

**PRESENT** Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Dr. Dixon Golden, Dr. Florencio Singson, Ortega Cartwright, Sharon Nelson, Superintendent Kelly Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee

**ABSENT** Jim Sawyer

**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, Special Services Director Mickey Wulf, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, F. L. Moffett Primary School Assistant Principal Linda Snell, Buster Bounds and other school employees

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Singson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ortega Cartwright gave the Invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING – CENTER ISD TO TAX TANGIBLE PERSON PROPERTY  
IN TRANSIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO  
TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 11.253**

The Texas Legislature during the 80<sup>th</sup> Regular Session passed House Bill 621, which added Section 11.253 of the Texas Property Tax Code that grants exemption from property taxation for certain goods-in-transits.

House Bill 621 defines “goods in transit” as tangible personal property stored in a location whose owner did not have direct or indirect ownership of the property. The property may be held at that location for no more than 175 days before being forwarded to another location in Texas or outside the state. The bill excluded the following from the definition of goods in transit: oil; natural gas; petroleum

products; aircraft; dealers' inventory or motor vehicles, vessels and outboard motors; heavy equipment and retail manufactured housing.

Center ISD has determined that goods in transit will be taxed.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CENTER ISD TO TAX TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 11.253**

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the Resolution of the Center ISD to Tax Tangible Personal Property in Transit Which Would Otherwise Be Exempt Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the consent agenda containing minutes of September 13, 2007 and September 20, 2007, tax office report, monthly financial statement and monthly accounts payable, be approved. The motion carried.

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

**ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007**

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the annual investment report for the year ending August 31, 2007 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**INSURANCE PROPOSAL AWARDED**

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Dr. Golden, that the insurance proposal for property and casualty insurance for Center ISD be awarded to TASB for insurance for Center ISD at an annual cost of \$90,738.00. The motion carried unanimously. TASB was awarded the insurance proposal approved by the Shelby County Alternative Co-Op Board at an annual cost of \$6,419.00.

**ADOPTION OF TASB POLICY UPDATE 81**

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the Board add, revise or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 81 with the exclusion policy FEC (Local). The motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION OF CENTER ISD REGARDING JOINT ELECTIONS WITH SHELBY COUNTY - TABLED**

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dr. Golden, that the Resolution of Center ISD Regarding Joint Elections with Shelby County be tabled. The motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION OF CENTER ISD APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SHELBY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the Resolution of Center ISD Appointing Representative(s) to Shelby County Appraisal District Board of Directors be approved. Appointed to the Shelby County Appraisal District Board of Directors are Bob Reeves and Jim Sawyer. The motion carried unanimously.

## **DISTRICT GOALS**

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the District Goals be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

## **TPRI REPORT**

Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer and F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount presented the results of the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) Report.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Superintendent Rodgers shared the School Improvement Plan (SIP) with the Board. This plan continues to be the monitoring tool for the second year after removal from the AU list.

## **OIL AND GAS LEASE PROPOSALS**

A proposal to lease the mineral rights for the site at the CHS and Moffett campuses was reviewed. Superintendent Rodgers does not recommend the approval of the agreement at this time.

## **CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 7:40 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 9:15 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. Emily Bounds
2. Melody Caudle
3. Alyssa Miller
4. Kelli Orsak
5. Robbie Packwood
6. Betty Ratcliff

## **RESIGNATION ACCEPTED**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Singson, that the resignation of Taneisa Walker, Instructional Aide, F. L. Moffett Primary School, effective October 2, 2007, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL**

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, carried unanimously to employ the following personnel, subject to assignment:

1. Savannah Cassell – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective September 25, 2007
2. Rosario Gonzalez – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective September 25, 2007
3. Jena Risinger – Registrar – Center High School – effective October 8, 2007

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that a leave of absence be approved for Allison Sanford, Teacher, Center Middle School, from November 12, 2007 to January 4, 2008, maternity leave. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.