

**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 November 12, 2009, in the Administration Building. School Board President Dixon Golden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

PRESENT Dixon Golden, Deborah Chadwick, Stephen Shires, Dan Wilkins, Sharon Nelson, Ortega Cartwright, Superintendent James Hockenberry, Director of Finance and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee
Jim Sawyer entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

ABSENT Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin

VISITORS Jeff Ackerman and Justin Mills, Southwest Food Services

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan Wilkins gave the Invocation and Sharon Nelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the consent agenda be approved. The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Minutes of October 15, 2009 and October 26, 2009 (board training)
2. Tax Office Report
3. Monthly Financial Statement
4. Amendment to the Budget – We have been approved for a mini grant in the amount of \$3,335 through Deep East Texas College of Tech Prep Partnership that is administered through Angela College. Funds from the grant will supplement career education. Alease Copelin will serve as the coordinator and contact for the grant.
5. Overnight student Activity Trips
 - FFA – San Antonio Livestock Show for Ag Mechanics – departing February 18, 2010 and returning February 21, 2010 – 15 students – Shana Brittain and Marshall Miles, Sponsors

- FFA – Ag Mechanics Show – Houston, TX – departing March 18, 2010 and returning March 21, 2010 – 15 students, Shana Brittain and Marshall Miles, Sponsors
- CHS – Lady Rider softball – Denton, TX - Varsity Softball Tournament – departing February 24, 2010 and returning February 27, 2010 – 14 students, Christie Benton, Sponsor

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to approve the first series of accounts payable for October. The motion carried 5-0.

Abstaining: Deborah Chadwick

A motion was made by Stephen Shires, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to approve the second series of accounts payable for October. The motion carried 5-0.

Abstaining: Dixon Golden

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to approve the remaining accounts payable for October. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2009 AND REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY CDA (LOCAL) APPROVED

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, carried unanimously to approve the annual investment report for the year ending August 31, 2009 as presented. No changes were made in Policy CDA (LOCAL).

BOARD MEMBERS RULES OF CONDUCT ADOPTED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to adopt the Board Members Rules of Conduct as presented by Board President Golden. The motion carried unanimously.

PERMISSION TO CREATE ACCOUNT CLERK POSITION GRANTED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Stephen Shires to grant permission to create an Accounting Clerk Position. The motion carried unanimously.

SYSTEMIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on systemic planning. The book *Good to Great* was distributed to board members.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A construction update from Assistant Superintendent Copelin on construction projects in the district was presented and reviewed.

DISTRIBUTION OF TASB POLICY UPDATE 86

TASB Policy Update 86 was distributed.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school years:

1. Benjamin Blount
2. Whitney Mahan
3. Betty Ratcliff
4. Elizabeth Wilkinson
5. Stephanie Williams

The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

A motion was made by Stephen Shires, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to accept the resignation/retirement of Sharon Bradshaw, Secretary, Center Intermediate School, effective December 18, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to employ the following personnel, subject to assignment:

- Esmeralda Mendoza – Instructional Aide – Center Elementary School
- Michael Parker – Computer Technician – Technology Department

The motion carried unanimously.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE APPROVED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dan Wilkins, to approve the following leaves of absence:

- Suzanne Whitney – Homebound Teacher – October 22, 2009 through November 30, 2009 – medical leave

- Jeanette Ashley – Teacher – Center Elementary School – October 20, 2009 to January 4, 2010 – medical leave

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dan Wilkins, seconded by Stephen Shires, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.