

**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 13, 2008, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:03 p. m.

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

ABSENT None

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Director of Special Services Mickey Wulf, Director of Special Programs Angela Lawson, Center High School Principal Heath Hagler, Center Middle School Principal Gayla Miller, Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell, Athletic Director Ron Callahan, Director of Support Services Dale Anderson, Thomas Young and F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AP PROGRAM TABLED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Golden, to table the AP Program. The motion carried unanimously.

CATE PROGRAM TALLED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Golden, to table the CATE Program. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mary Lynn Tinkle expressed appreciation to Dr. Florencio Singson for his service to the Board of Trustees and to the students and staff of Center ISD.

Superintendent James Hockenberry expressed appreciation to Mary Lynn Tinkle and Dr. Florencio Singson for their services to the students, staff and Board of Trustees of Center ISD. Each was presented with a plaque.

President Tinkle turned the meeting over to Vice President Dixon Golden and left the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

ELECTION RETURN CANVASSED

Vice President Golden appointed Ortega Cartwright and Deborah Chadwick to canvass the November 4, 2008 School Board Election returns. After canvassing the elections returns, Mr. Cartwright and Mrs. Chadwick certified the following results with 2852 votes being cast:

Stephen Shires	-	1477
Mary Lynn Tinkle	-	978
Dan Wilkins	-	1009
Cameron McElroy	-	1005
Ed Konderla	-	584
Delilah Koonce	-	875
Sharon Hooker Nelson	-	1261

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer to certify as correct the canvassing report and declare Stephen Shires, Sharon Hooker Nelson and Dan Wilkins duly elected for four-year terms.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTREDED

Notary Public Sarah Lee administered the Oath of Office to the elected school board members Stephen Shires, Sharon Hooker Nelson and Dan Wilkins. Mr. Shires, Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Wilkins were administered the Statement of Elected Officer prior to taking the Oath of Office and the same have been filed in the local election records.

BOARD REORGANIZED-OFFICERS ELECTED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, to nominate Dr. Dixon Golden as Board President. Dr. Dixon Golden was elected President.

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick to nominate Ortega Cartwright as Board Vice President. Deborah Chadwick made a motion for all nominations to cease. Ortega Cartwright was elected Vice President.

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson to nominate Deborah Chadwick as Board Secretary. Mrs. Nelson made a motion for all nominations to cease. Deborah Chadwick was elected Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the consent agenda be approved containing minutes of October 9, 2008, October 17, 2008, October 20, 2008 and October 29, 2008; tax office report; the monthly financial statement; amendment to the budget for the purchase of maintenance vehicles and overnight student activity trip (Center High School Band – Washington, D.C. – Concert at Lincoln Memorial – departing on March 12, 2009 and returning March 17, 2009 – 115 students – Jim Jones, Sponsor). The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Sharon Nelson to approve the accounts payable for October. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008 AND REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY CDA (LOCAL) APPROVED

A motion by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to approve the annual investment report for the year ending August 31, 2008 as presented. No changes were made in Policy CDA (LOCAL).

PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AWARDED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Stephen Shires, to award the proposal for the purchase of computers and related equipment to Dell in the amount of \$777.12. Planetary IT also submitted a bid. The motion to award the bid to Dell carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW BUSES AWARDED

A motion was made Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to award the bid for the purchase of one new bus to Longhorn Bus Sales for the amount of \$68,739. Thomas and Rush also submitted bids. The motion carried unanimously to award the bid to Longhorn Bus Sales.

SUPRPLUS SALES ACCEPTED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer to accept surplus sales in the amount of \$595 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

LEVEL III GRIEVANCE REGARDING STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, and carried unanimously to uphold the Level II decision made by Superintendent James Hockenberry.

DECEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CHANGED

A motion was made by Stephen Shires, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to change the date for the regularly scheduled school board meeting from Thursday, December 11th to Thursday December 4th. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON GARZA MONEY

Superintendent Hockenberry gave a report on the Garza Money.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update on construction at the new elementary campus. He also gave an update on the construction of the new additions to the Intermediate School and the new CATE wing at the High School.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were reviewed. These reports include information for curriculum, maintenance, and campus activities. Center Intermediate School Principal Linda Snell gave an update on the Coach 4 Success Program and F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount gave an update on the PreK Programs.

DISCUSSION FOR ESTABLISHING DATES FOR BOARD

Possible dates for board training were discussed.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Golden called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 7:16 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS APPROVED

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

1. Lindsey Christian
2. Beth Collins
3. Elissa Hathorn
4. Tiffanie King

5. Jessica Macias
6. Dana Parker
7. Judie Shields

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A motion was made Sharon nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to approve the following Leaves of Absence:

1. Elizabeth Rowett – PreK 3 Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – November 10, 2008 and returning to work on January 2, 2009
2. Hannah Ramsey – Kindergarten Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – December 22, 2008 and returning to work on February 1, 2009
3. Carrie Weeks – Office Aide – Administration – November 24, 2008 and returning to work on February 2, 2009

The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

A motion made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Judie Shields, Instructional Adie, F. L. Moffett Primary School, effective October 30, 2008.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to employ the following personnel, subject to assignment:

1. Kristi Green – Instructional Pre-Kindergarten Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
2. Deana Calhoun – Instructional Pre-Kindergarten Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.