

**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 15, 2007, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p. m.

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

ABSENT None

VISITORS Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Curriculum Facilitator Debra Holder, 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, Director of Maintenance/Transportation Jeff Crooms, Athletic Director Ron Callahan, Center Middle School Principal Heath Hagler, Center High School Principal Rickey Baker, Brenda Hill, Larry Lasiter, Ken Jones, Burton Brown

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Golden gave the Invocation and Dr. Singson 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 Deborah Chadwick, that the consent agenda containing minutes of October 11, 2007 and October 23, 2007, tax office report, monthly financial statement and amendments to the budget for the phone system for Center High School be approved. The overnight student activity trips were removed from the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OVERNIGHT STUDENT ACTIVITY TRIPS:

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to approve the following overnight student activity trips:

1. DECA – DECA Southern Regional Leadership Conference – San Antonio Texas – November 15, 2007 returning November 18, 2007 – 11 students – Barbara Prince, Sponsor
2. Center High School Chaparrals – Texas Stadium – Dallas, Texas – performing at half-time for the Dallas Cowboys/Philadelphia Eagles Football Game – December 14, 2007 returning December 17, 2007 – 22 students – Pam Sanford, Sponsor

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer to approve the first series of accounts payable for October. The motion carried unanimously.

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

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

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF SHELBY, TEXAS

A motion was made by Dr. Singson, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, that the Joint Election Agreement Between the Center Independent School District and The County of Shelby, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

PERMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PURCHASE OF BUSES

A motion was made by Jim Sawyer, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the administration be authorized to solicit proposals for the purchase of buses. The motion carried unanimously.

TIME CLOCK PLUS - TABLED

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Dr. Singson, that the Time Clock Plus program as presented by Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Director of Maintenance and Transportation Jeff Crooms be tabled. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICY FNA (LOCAL)

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that Policy FNA (LOCAL) be approved as presented by Superintendent Rodgers. The motion carried unanimously.

MINERAL LEASE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the Mineral Lease Agreement with Blue River Oil and Gas, LLC, 6850 N. Shiloh Rd. #K, Box 146, Garland, Texas 75044, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

PAP-AP REPORT

Brenda Hill gave a PAP-AP Report detailing the concerns the district has with the AP/Pre-AP Program and the recommendations to make improvements to the program.

PRESENTATION ON 2007 BUILDING PLAN

Larry Lasiter and Ken Jones of Goodwin-Lasiter, Inc. shared the 2007 building plan with the Board.

REPORT ON HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Special Programs Director Angela Lawson gave a report detailing the areas in which the district is not in 100% compliance for highly qualified teaching assignments.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were reviewed. These reports include information for curriculum, maintenance, and campus activities. Athletic Director Ron Callahan gave a report on the athletic department, its accomplishments and goals.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT ON CERTIFICATION COURSES

This item was moved to closed session for discussion.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tinkle called for a closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551 at 7:50 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 9:35 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

Ortega Cartwright left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS EMPLOYED:

A motion by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, carried unanimously to employ the following substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. Brenda Agnew
2. Deborah Amos
3. Kristi Green
4. Jamie Johnson
5. Osha Pierce
6. Nakeshia Swindle
7. Robin Thompson
8. Evelyn Valladares
9. Brandy Whittington
10. Shannon Wright

RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT KELLY RODGERS

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the resignation of Kelly Rodgers, Superintendent, Center ISD, effective November 30, 2007, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that the resignation of Elizabeth Arcibar, Instructional Aide, F. L. Moffett Primary School, effective November 2, 2007, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

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

1. Jennifer Wolf – Instructional Aide – F. L. Moffett Primary School
2. Amanda Gann – Clerical/Instructional Aide - AEP

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Jim Sawyer, that a leave of absence be approved for Carrie Weeks, Office Assistant, Center Administration, Center ISD, beginning December 19, 2007 and returning February 4, 2008, maternity leave. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF PERFORMANCE PAY PLAN

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Jim Sawyer, to adopt the performance pay plan that rewards campuses for Recognized and Exemplary rating only as presented by Superintendent Rodgers. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF RESULTS ON INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF EMPLOYEE

Superintendent Rodgers reported on the investigation but no action was taken.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT ON CERTIFICATION COURSES

Center High School Principal Rickey Baker presented a report on high school certification courses. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.