

**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 December 12, 2007, in the Administration Building. School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p. m.

PRESENT Mary Lynn Tinkle, Deborah Chadwick, Dr. Dixon Golden, Ortega Cartwright, Sharon Nelson, Interim Superintendent Vernis Rogers, Assistant Superintendent Rayford Copelin, Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel and Administrative Secretary Sarah Lee
Jim Sawyer entered the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ABSENT Dr. Florencio Singson

VISITORS Center Intermediate School Principal Dale Anderson, Center Elementary School Principal Kurt Radnitzer, Special Programs Director Angela Lawson, Special Services Director Mickey Wulf, F. L. Moffett Primary School Principal Margie Blount, Director of Maintenance/ Transportation Jeff Crooms, Center Middle School Principal Heath Hagler, Center High School Principal Rickey Baker

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ortega Cartwright gave the Invocation and Sharon Nelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, that the financial audit report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, as presented by Elizabeth Fawcett of the accounting firm of Wilf & Henderson of Texarkana be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

CIT REPORT

Interim Superintendent Vernis Rogers presented the CIT report.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the consent agenda containing minutes of November 15, 2007, November 20, 2007, November 26, 2007, November 27, 2007, December 5, 2007 and December 6, 2007, tax office report, monthly financial statement, quarterly investment report, amendment to the budget for bus repairs and refurbishing of a special ed bus in the amount of \$10,000, and student activity trips be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Sharon Nelson, seconded by Deborah Chadwick to approve the first series of accounts payable for November. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Abstaining: Mary Lynn Tinkle

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, to approve the remaining accounts payable for November. The motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the proposal from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast (Freightliner) for the purchase of two 71-passenger buses at a cost of \$143,478 (71,739 each) be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

TIME CLOCK PLUS

A motion was made by Dr. Golden, seconded by Ortega Cartwright, that the purchase of the Pilot Time Clock Plus system using current budgeted funds be approved as presented by Director of Finances and Business Operations Betty McDaniel. The motion carried unanimously.

2007 BUILDING PLAN FOR CENTER ISD

A motion was made by Ortega Cartwright, seconded by Deborah Chadwick, that the current building design is accepted allowing the architect to develop detailed drawings based on the design as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

School Board President Mary Lynn Tinkle read a report reflecting the number of hours of continuing education each board member has completed for the year 2007. All board members have exceeded the required number of hours for continuing education.

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 7:45 p.m. for discussion of subjects allowed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 8:53 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS EMPLOYED:

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

1. Betty Collins
2. Letizia Day
3. Kara Fleming
4. Winford Hawkins, Jr.
5. Jacqueline Johnson
6. Thea Perkins
7. Sarena Scruggs

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Sharon Nelson, that the following resignations be accepted:

1. Gail Rodgers – 1st Grade Teacher – F. L. Moffett Primary School – effective December 21, 2007
2. Jennifer Hornbuckle – Math Teacher – Center High School – effective January 4, 2008

The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ortega Cartwright, seconded by Sharon Nelson, to employ Evelyn Valladares as a First Grade Teacher at F. L. Moffett Primary School, subject to assignment. The motion carried unanimously.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

A motion was made by Deborah Chadwick, seconded by Dr. Golden, that the following leaves of absence be approved:

1. Gabriela Flores – Instructional Aide – Center Middle School – January 4, 2008 to February 18, 2008 – maternity leave
2. Maria Harkness – Teacher – Center Middle School – January 7, 2008 returning February 18, 2008 – medical leave

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.