

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Butler, President
Judy Jordan, Vice President
Anna Dominguez, Secretary
Frank Thomason

Larry J. Leitha, Jr.
Hugh Weaver
Sue Holloway

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Donna Smith, Superintendent
Sam McLarty, Interim Elementary Principal

Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
Janice Erwin, Business Manager

GUESTS

Chrissy Lyon	Brenda Turner	Robbin Smith	Cody Smith
Alayna Stanley	Deanna Stanley	Ray Stanley	Guy Bason
Larry D. Page	J. Arturo Gonzalez	Javier Gonzalez	Yovani Gonzalez
Tamara Golden	Dean Kane	Madison Justice	Jewel Kane
M. Cody Bishop	Michael McDaniel		

(see attached Guest Sign-in Sheet for names that were illegible.)

A. Call to order/declaration of quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, in the CP Pirate Cove Conference Room, 201 China Street, Center Point, Texas. President Butler established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Sue Holloway led the prayer. Mr. Butler stated that a notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

B. Public Forum.

1. Audience Participation: None

2. Recognition of Guests:

3. Recognition of Student of the Six Weeks for Grading Cycle 1 of the 2007-2008 School Year:

Elementary

Javier Gonzales
Jewel Kane

Middle School

William Park
Alayna Stanley

High School

Matt Reusser
Lucero Zarraga

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Javier Gonzales as the Elementary student of the six weeks.

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Jewel Kane as the Elementary student of the six weeks.

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Principal, Mr. Scott Turner, for William Park as the Middle School student of the six weeks.

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Alayna Stanley as the Middle School student of the six weeks.

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Matt Reusser as the High School students of the six weeks.

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Principal, Mr. Scott Turner, for Lucero Zarraga as the High School students of the six weeks.

4. Recognition of Staff Member of the Month:

President Butler read the resolution recognizing Brenda Turner as Elementary Staff Member of the Month.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the resolution recognizing Brenda Turner as Elementary Staff Member of the Month. Judy Jordan gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

President Butler read the resolution recognizing Sharon Kirby as Secondary Staff Member of the Month.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the resolution recognizing Sharon Kirby as Secondary Staff Member of the Month. Anna Dominguez gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Brenda Turner and Sharon Kirby each received a "Staff Member of the Month" shirt from the Board and Administration.

5. Public Hearing of FIRST – District's Financial Rating.

Mr. Butler reported that our Financial Accountability Rating is Superior for 2005-2006. Dr. Smith reported that the only indicator CPISD received a "No" on was for the fund balance. There is an extended report for anyone who wants to review. No questions were asked by those in attendance.

C. Administrative Reports:

1. Principal's Reports:

a. Elementary: Mr. McLarty reported on the following:

Total enrollment is 271

Elementary Book Fair book sales were \$4,056.00 with a net profit of \$1,039.00.

The Elementary plans to purchase a TV & DVD player for the library.

October 23rd there will be a PAT meeting at the elementary.

October 30th the 4th grade class will go on a field trip to the Kerrville Ag Barn for "Law Enforcement Day".

November 1st will be Elementary Picture Re-takes.

November 20th is Early Release Day.

November 21st – 23rd is the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. McLarty advised that he had instituted a change at the end of the school day to require that parents check students out of the office if they pick them up before the school day ends and the bell rings. He was concerned for the safety of student when parents went onto the playground or classrooms to pick up their child(ren) without them being checked out of the office. So far parents have complied with the change.

Mr. McLarty gave handouts of the Elementary Fire Escape Plan and the Elementary UIL Schedule and the teacher assignments for each event. Those documents are attached.

b. Secondary: Mr. Turner reported on the following:

Total secondary enrollment is 304

Middle School: GR 6: 42, GR 7: 42, GR 8: 44, AEP: 0

High School: GR 9: 53, GR 10: 48, GR 11: 45, GR 12: 30, AEP: 0

Villa Del Sol: 8 & Starlite: 9

Mr. Turner reported that the use of the A+ Lab is going well. We have several students who have already earned credit. It is also working well for the students at Starlite and VDS which will hopefully encourage those students to stay in school and not be drop-outs.

TAKS retesting will be next week for the exit level. English Language Arts will be on Tuesday followed by Math on Wednesday, Science on Thursday and Social Studies on Friday. We only have a few students who need to retest, and we have some new students that were reclassified as Seniors after earning credits during summer school who will be testing for the first time.

Training for the Abstinence Health Program was Monday and Tuesday.

Teachers are being trained and preparing to incorporate this program into the 2nd semester.

PSAT test is tomorrow (Wednesday, October 17th) and there are approximately 40 students who will be testing.

The Blood Drive collected 25 pints of blood.

We were recognized by Region 20 for the increase in our Science TAKS scores.

Accuplacer Test will be November 6th. This is the test students have to pass before they can take internet college level dual credit classes.

Senior Pictures are next week.

Mrs. Turner will be collecting donations for the military members with connections to Center Point for the gift boxes that we mail each year.

2. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Smith gave a report to the board on the following.

a. TASB Convention – Dr. Smith reported that 3 board members and she attended the TASB Convention in Dallas. They all attended the small schools session, which had information about personnel and school safety. Dr. Smith also attended sessions on the Physical Education Exam that the district must give to all 3rd – 12th graders. She also attended the session about bond sales and construction projects. Mr. Thomason added that in speaking with other small school district board members there was an agreement that we need to address the issue of pay increases for teachers. He believes that we may have several teachers who will be retiring in the next few years and we may not be able to attract quality new teachers with other neighboring districts offering a larger starting salary. Mrs. Dominguez reported that she attended workshops about new teacher recruitment. She advised that some school districts assign a

“mentor” teacher to college level students to monitor and review them during their junior and senior years, to try to recruit on an “early” contract.

b. Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Update – Dr. Smith reported that the committee met on October 8, 2007 to tour the campus facilities and visited lots of places on campus that the board members don’t normally see. She has an appointment with an architect next week to work out some numbers and then she will meet with a financial planner to see if we can structure a plan that the district can afford. Once Dr. Smith gathers the necessary information she will meet with the committee again to plan the next steps.

D. Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of previous meetings.
- b. Expenditures.
- c. Tax report.
- d. Comparison of revenue and expenditures to budget.
- e. Activity accounts report.

Anna Dominguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda less expenditures and budget amendments. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Judy Jordan moved to approve the expenditures report with the exception of check # 040122; 040160; 040165. Anna Dominguez gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Hugh Weaver moved to approve check # 040122 to Anna Dominguez. Judy Jordan gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT-
1 ABSTAINED – ANNA DOMINGUEZ**

Hugh Weaver moved to approve check # 040160 to Frank Thomason. Larry Leitha gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT-
1 ABSTAINED – FRANK THOMASON**

Frank Thomason moved to approve check # 040165 to Hugh Weaver. Larry Leitha gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT-
1 ABSTAINED – HUGH WEAVER**

E. Action Items for Consideration.

1. Appoint Textbook Committee

Dr. Smith reported that this year’s textbook committee would consist of only Elementary teachers because the only adoption is for Elementary Math. The textbook cycle changes annually and we want our committee to reflect the teachers who would be using the textbooks. Mr. McLarty made a recommendation to have Brenda Albrecht, first

grade teacher; Traci Craig; third grade teacher, Dolly Coldwell, fifth grade teacher and Cathy Whitten and Mr. McLarty to serve on that committee.

Hugh Weaver moved to approve the textbook committee as presented, with Sue Holloway giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

2. Request Budget Amendment to Purchase Classroom Set of Textbooks for Middle School Campus.

Dr. Smith reminded the board that we have a “locker-less” campus at the Middle School, so students are required to carry home heavy textbooks. Dr. Smith is asking for a budget amendment to purchase a classroom set of textbooks for Math, Social Studies and Science. A classroom set is not needed for English Language Arts. The amount needed to purchase the books is \$13,444.38. Dr. Smith reported that it would be at least two more years before any of these books we would purchase would go out of adoption.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the budget amendment as presented to purchase the classroom set of textbooks, with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

3. Amend Stipend Schedule to Include Campus Allotments for UIL Sponsors.

Dr. Smith reported that when we approved the stipend schedule this year we only had stipends for UIL for HS teachers. Dr. Smith feels strongly that we need to compensate all of our educators who are working with the children for UIL. Each campus will get an allocation for UIL compensation and each campus can decide how to distribute the funds equitably between the teachers. The allotments will be \$4,000 for High School, \$2,000 for Middle School and \$1,800 for Elementary, which are the amounts the campuses recommended. There is also an additional \$100 for any teacher who has student(s) advance to additional levels up to the state level. If we exceed the amount of budgeted money for academics to cover the \$100 for advancement, she will bring the amendment to the board at that time.

Hugh Weaver moved to amend the stipend schedule as presented with Judy Jordan giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

4. Consider and Take Possible Action on Nominees for Kerr County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

No Action

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

5. Approve and Change Meeting Date for November Meeting to November 13th

Dr. Smith is requesting a change of the meeting date to accommodate the “early release” day on our normal meeting date of November 20th, to allow for staff members or board members who may be traveling. The proposed meeting date is November 13th.

Frank Thomason moved to change the date of the November Board of Trustees Meeting to November 13th, with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

6. Approve Adjustment of School Calendar to Allow for Additional Staff Development. Dr. Smith is requesting a change to the school calendar to make January 14th a teacher workday, and Thursday, January 17th would become a Staff Development Day. Many of our teachers already have staff development and can “comp out” that day. We are planning several after school staff development opportunities to comp out the 17th for staff to participate in the live stock show.

Anna Dominguez moved to change the school calendar as presented, with Frank Thomason giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

7. Discuss Assignment of District Personnel

President Butler called the Board into a closed session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss district personnel issues.

The meeting resumed in open session at 7:59 p.m., with no votes nor decisions being made while in closed session.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items.
None

F. Adjournment.

Frank Thomason moved to adjourn the meeting with Larry Leitha giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael D. Butler, President

Date

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

Date