CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Butler, President
Judy Jordan, Vice President
Anna Dominguez, Secretary
Sue Holloway
Larry J. Leitha, Jr.
Hugh Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Thomason

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Lee Ann Ray, Superintendent
Sam McLarty, Assistant Secondary Principal
Janice Erwin, Business Manager
Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
Vester Joiner, Elementary Principal
Nell Halsell, Secretary

GUESTS

Deanna Stanley	Mike Evans	Cristian Cabral	Micah Middleton
Yoanna Ibarra	Ben Hicks	Allen Kaiser	Dan Patton
Ben L. Hicks, II	Deborah Hicks	Cindy Dyes	Sharon Kirby
Pam Williams	Marie Rhodes	Gavin Rhodes	Adriana Garcia
Guadalupe Lopez	Isidro Cabral	Maria Lopez	Cruz Lopez
Jorge Lopez	Analuz Lopez	Maria Garcia	Maria Ibarra
Salvador Ibarra	Bonnie Middleton	Micha Middleton	Jan Meadows
Robert Von Dohlen	Mike Meadows	Johnny Geeslin	Guy Bason

1. Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, in the 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. President Butler led the prayer, then stated that a notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. Public Hearing: Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. (4)

Dr. Ray gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report. The District received a Superior rating. Out of 21 indicators, CPISD had two Nos and 19 Yeses. One No was for the percent of operating expenditures not being more than 54 percent. Ours was 53 ½ percent. The second No was for having more in the general fund balance than recommended. We have a general fund balance of $1,102,544 and the recommended amount is $369,890. This is good. We will remedy this No for next year's report by designating more funds to go toward other projects.

Dr. Ray confirmed that CPISD is in sound financial shape. She then asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions asked.

3. Open forum, recognition of guests. (1-6)

None.

4. Recognition: Students of the Six Weeks, Staff Members of the Month. (5,6)

Students of the Six Weeks:

Elementary	**Middle School**	**High School**
Cristian Cabral	Yoanna Ibarra	Ana Arreola
Micah Middleton	Kevin Geeslin	Ben Hicks

President Butler presented certificates of recognition to all of the students except Ana Arreola who was not present due to her playing in a volleyball game. Scott Turner accepted her certificate for her.

Dr. Ray introduced all of the new teachers who were present.

Staff Members of the Month:

President Butler read the resolution recognizing Mike Evans as Secondary Staff Member of the Month. Judy Jordan moved to approve the resolution as read. Larry Leitha gave the second.

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President Butler read the resolution recognizing Deanna Stanley as Elementary Staff Member of the month. Hugh Weaver moved to approve the resolution as read with Judy Jordan giving the second.

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Mr. Evans and Mrs. Stanley each received a gift from the Board and Administration.

5. Consent Agenda: (4)

a. Minutes of previous meetings.
b. Expenditures.
c. Tax report.
d. Comparison of revenue and expenditures to budget.
e. Certificates of Deposit report.
f. Activity accounts report.
g. Budget amendments.

Hugh Weaver moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Judy Jordan seconded the motion.

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6. Principals reports. (1,5,6)

a. Elementary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Vester Joiner:

Enrollment: 258
PK – 15 , K – 44, GR 1 – 36, GR 2 – 34, GR 3 – 45, GR 4 – 47, GR 5 – 37

- We have one PK class. In Grades 1-4, we have 3 sections each and in Grade 5, we have two sections.
- September 26, 3:30-7:00 p.m. is Report Card Night.
- The Book Fair will be going on September 25-28 with the Parents' Night being held on Tuesday, September 26, 3:30-6:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to buy some books to help support the elementary library.

b. Secondary: Secondary Student Activities and Events.

Scott Turner:

Enrollment:

High School: 163

GR 9 – 57, GR 10 – 40, GR 11 – 32, GR 12 – 34, AEP – 0
Plus 9 students in Villa Del Sol, Starlite and Hill Country High School

- Middle School: 128
- GR 6 – 41, GR 7 – 41, GR 8 – 45, AEP – 1
- Students are finishing up on selecting class officers.
- Our NHS students helped with a telethon at the Kerrville television station. They were the only high school that helped with the telethon. We also received some very good compliments on them.
- The ASVAB test will be administered tomorrow.
- Counselor Nights are still going on.
- Greg Williams, middle school social studies teacher, said that he would see that Grades 6-7 go to Texas Heritage Day at Schreiner University this year.

7. Exotic Ram Presentation. (1)

Wayne Mahler, assisted by Adriana Garcia, used a Power Point program for the presentation. The other students (all girls) who are participating in this project were in San Antonio playing volleyball.

This is a study of the feasibility of raising exotic rams to trophy size on irrigated coastal pasture. Records are kept on their weight as well as the length of their horns. (The longer the horn is, the more value the animal has.)

These students were involved in constructing a budget, researching for the best type of rams, purchasing the rams, record keeping and daily care of the animals. As of this time, they have spent $569.04.

The girls will be competing for scholarships. Their report will be going on to the State Convention Committee. If they qualify, they will then go to Nashville for the nationals. They are also planning to take the project to San Antonio.

8. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve an Amended and Restated Electric Line Easement and Right-of-Way to LCRA on the District's 120.80 Acre Tract Located on Stoneleigh Road. (1-6)

Dr. Ray said that at the August meeting, this item was tabled to allow for a change in the wording of the easement document. It has been restated to say that the nursery cannot plant trees in the current easement to prevent any destruction of trees while LCRA is working in their easement. The Texas Education Agency has approved it.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the amended and restated Electric Easement and Right-of-Way to LCRA on the District's 120.80 acre tract located on Stoneleigh Road as presented. (See attachment.) Anna Dominguez gave the second.

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9. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve a Site Agreement with Nextel of Texas for a Communication Tower. (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that the attorneys did not get this document to us in time for this meeting. It will be back on the agenda next month.

10. Discuss/Approve Projects and Expenditures for Building Trades Program for 2006-2007. (1)

Allen Kaiser and Robert Von Dohlen, student, presented the plans for this year's building trades class using a PowerPoint program. They asked for approval of the following:

Fall Semester

- **Build new ticket booth at football field.** Our plans are to build a rock and metal fence enclosure for the ticket booth. It will be very esthetic. The estimated cost is $2,834.87. The students will be gaining skills in masonry columns, welding, gate construction, cement installation, framing and finishing.

- **Build new concession stand at the baseball and softball fields.** The building will be portable and large enough to have some storage room for baseball and softball. The estimated cost is $4315.15. Students will be learning framing and welding.

- **Pour a sidewalk for the new elementary classroom wing.** The estimated cost of this project is $680. Students will be gaining skills in layout, grading, excavation, calculating cubic yards of concrete, installing reinforcing materials, placing and finishing concrete. Mr. Kaiser said this project will be our first priority.

  The approximate cost for all three projects is $7,830.02.

Spring Semester

- Build a house.
- Dr. Ray said that we may consider building a smaller house than the last one. It may be that we want to consider building some duplexes as some of our teachers are single and do not need that much room. We plan to coordinate the project so that or it can be completed in a timely manner.
- Students will be involved in drawing plans for the house, working with the architect and engineer, securing permits, preparing material lists, the bid process and any other work needed so the project can get started by the beginning of Fall 2007.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the projects and expenditures for the Building Trades Program for 2006-2007 as presented. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

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11. Discuss/Approve Life Insurance Policy for all Employees. (2)

Dr. Ray informed the Board that we can provide $10,000 life insurance policies for all employees for a total cost of $1,360 annually.

Janice Erwin said it is a TASB policy through Lincoln National. Individuals may add to the policy and can take it with them when they leave the district.

Hugh Weaver moved to approve purchasing $10,000 life insurance policies for all employees for a total cost of $1,360. Anna Dominguez seconded the motion.

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12. Consider and Take Possible Action on Water Supply Situation. (1-6)

(The well that supplies water to our main campus is no longer useable.)

Dr. Ray:

The TCEQ has given their permission for us to go to an engineer to begin the process for drilling. She said that she has learned that all new wells have an adverse affect on existing wells and is not good for our environment. The approximate cost to drill down to the Trinity level is $25,000.

An alternative to drilling another well is to contract with Aqua Texas for water. The tie-in fee is $950. The administration office and the campus on the north side of China Street are presently using Aqua Texas water. We are presently feeding our storage tank for the main campus from the water line at the administration office.

Dr. Ray and Dan Patton agreed that keeping the present storage tank, maintaining it, and having a booster station in place will be beneficial in the event of some problem with water availability at any given time. The storage tank holds a two-day supply. A tie-in float system and another 2” line to the elementary will need to be installed. It is also needful to keep our booster system for insurance purposes.

Dr. Ray asked the Board to make a decision on whether to drill another well or to contract with Aqua Texas for water.

After further discussing the options available for providing water for the main district, Hugh Weaver moved to approve tying into the Aqua Texas system as presented. Judy Jordan seconded the motion.

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13. Policy Update 78, Affecting (LOCAL) Policies (see attached list). (1-6)

Dr. Ray recommended approval of the local policies included in Update 78. She informed the Board that this update addresses changes in the legal context that have arisen since the conclusion of the 79th regular legislative session. It also includes policy changes included in HB1 from the special legislative session on school finance. Our local transfer policy at FDA(Local) is too vague. TASB changed the wording of this policy. It is the only thing that was specific to CPISD.

The local policy changes have been reviewed by the administration and Janice Erwin to make sure they match our current district practices

Judy Jordan moved to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 78. Larry Leitha seconded the motion.

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14. Personnel: Contracts/proposals for renewal/nonrenewal/resignations. (16)

None.

15. Superintendent Report. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

a. TASB Convention Update.

Reservations for board members were confirmed. They were reminded to be ready to share any information on hot topics from the convention at the next board meeting.

b. Update on Wheatcraft Permit Request.

Joey Lynch spoke at our last board meeting asking the Board to write another letter to the TCEQ in regards to the Wheatcraft permit request to build another rock crusher close to the school. TCEQ has confirmed that they have the letter we previously sent to them. It will not be necessary to submit another letter.

c. Review Board Operating Manual.

No changes were determined to be made.

d. Governor's Excellence Award at Center Point High School.

This year our high school was awarded the Governor's Excellence Award making it eligible for a $40,000 award. The award is based on comparable improvement in the 2004-2005 Math TAKS scores. Our school was ranked along with 40 other districts that have the same or similar demographics.

To qualify for the money, the campus site based committee is required to submit a plan to the State according to specific requirements. It has to be a rather rigid plan with high expectations that includes at least two measurable data of student achievement and staff development. The higher the level, the more money they get.

The plan constructed by the campus site based committee contains three different levels and is quite rigid. The higher the level, the more money they will get. Their plan will go to the district site base committee tomorrow. When the plan is completed, it will be sent to the state. The deadline is October 5.

If they meet their goals, the high school will be awarded $40,000 next Fall. It is to be paid out in stipends to the teachers who are here and those that were here that were involved in reaching these goals.

The plan will go to the Board at the October board meeting. This is a great honor and nice incentive for the teachers.

16. Requests for future agenda items, (1-6)

- Nextel agreement.
- Governor's Excellence Award.

17. Adjournment.

Judy Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Approved by:

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Michael D. Butler, President Date

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Anna Dominguez, Secretary Date