

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edwin P. Stearns, President	Larry J. Leitha, Jr.
Michael D. Butler, Vice President	Frank Thomason
Jordan Jordan, Secretary	Hugh Weaver
Anna Dominguez	

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Lee Ann Ray, Superintendent	Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
Vester Joiner, Elementary Principal	Allen Kaiser, Athletic Director
Janice Erwin, Business Manager	Nell Halsell, Secretary

GUESTS

Lisa Avant	Ray Avant	Kyndal Sierra	Julie Smart
Sarah Wood	Kamie Ray	Ashley Lapham	Alyssa Bolin
Patrick Halsell	Kim Bolin	Shirley Wright	Teresa Parvanova
Riley Matthews	Caleb Bryant	Heather Bayliss	Shelly McElhannon
Sean Bayliss	Bryan Weaver	Ann Keeling	Tommy McElhannon
John Jordan	Greg Williams	Sue Wood	Tanner McElhannon
Rachel Jordan	Dolly Coldwell	Susie McCalla	Sandra Joiner

1. Call to order/declaration of quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, in the Pirate Cove Conference Room, 201 China Street, Center Point, Texas. President Stearns established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Larry Leitha led the prayer. Mr. Stearns stated that a notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

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

None.

3. Recognition: Middle and High School UIL Participants, High School Volleyball Team, Students of the Six Weeks, Staff Members of the Month. (2,5,6)

Superintendent Ray announced that the high school UIL participants would be recognized later as some of them are still participating. They will be going to regional competition in Brenham on Thursday and Friday. We will recognize them at our May meeting.

Middle School UIL

Greg Williams, coordinator for Middle School UIL, reported that he took 16 sixth graders to Medina in December where they won five first places, two second places, six third places, two fourth places, four fifth places, and two sixth places. In May, he took 33 seventh and eighth grade students to Hunt for district competition where they won first place overall. They had 20 first places, 10 second places, 14 third places, six fourth places, four fifth places, and six sixth places.

Mr. Williams introduced the students who were present: Cassie Coldwell, Amanda Weaver, Allysa Bolin, Riley Matthews, Tanner McElhannon, Rachel Jordan and Patrick Halsell.

Volleyball Team

President Stearns presented the trophy to the volleyball team which read: 2005 Lady Pirates (15-24 Record) 4 Bi-District Champions and Area Finalist.

Coaches Ray and Lisa Avant, volleyball coaches, introduced their team members. All of the team members made the Academic All-District Team as well as winning the following honors:

First Team All-District: Reata Cantwell, Kamie Ray
Second Team All District: Erica Wigington, Emily Albus, Leslie Langlinois
Honorable Mention: Skylar Marlow, Karla Arreola, Ashley Lapham, Christina Von Dohlen

Coach Ray Avant said that these girls played some tough 4A and 5A teams to prepare for the season and they proved to have the will and determination to stay with it.

Lisa said that she is very proud of the girls. They have fun and motivate each other in a positive way. We will miss our seniors, but we have a good group coming back.

Students of the Six Weeks:

Elementary

Taylor Cory
Kyndal Sierra

Middle School

Amanda Weaver
Caleb Bryant

High Schools

Sarah Wood
Bryan Weaver

President Stearns presented certificates to each of the students.

Staff Members of the Month

President Stearns read the resolution recognizing Steve Schreckenbach as Elementary Staff Member of the Month. Mike Butler moved to approve the resolution as read with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

President Stearns read the resolution recognizing Ann Keeling as Secondary Staff Member of the Month. Hugh Weaver moved to approve the resolution as read with Mike Butler giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

4. Italy Trip Presentation. (5,6)

Susie McCalla, high school counselor, assisted by the students who went on the trip used a Power Point presentation to describe their trip to Italy. John and Susie McCalla, sponsors, were accompanied by 15 students. The Travel Club plans to go to Germany next year.

5. Accept Certification of Unopposed Candidates. (1-6)

Nell Halsell presented the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the Board to accept. (See attachment.) President Stearns read the document and asked for a vote.

Mike Butler moved to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the Board as presented. Frank Thomason gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

6. Adopt Order of Cancellation of Election.

President Stearns read the Order of Cancellation of Election. (See attachment.)

Hugh Weaver moved to adopt the Order of Cancellation of Election as read. Mike Butler gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

7. 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. (None)
- f. Activity accounts report.
- g. Budget amendments.

Mike Butler moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the Expenditure Report. Anna Dominguez gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Mike Butler moved to approve the Expenditure Report with the exception of Check 001342. Hugh Weaver seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Anna Dominguez moved to approve Check 001342 with Mike Butler giving the second.

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

8. Principals Reports. (1,5,6)

a. Elementary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Vester Joiner:

Enrollment: 264

PK – 13, K – 40, GR 1 – 34, GR 2 – 50, GR 3 – 47, Gr 4 – 39, GR 5 – 41

- One hundred percent of our fifth graders passed the TAKS Math test.
- Fourth grade will take the TAKS Math test tomorrow.
- Shawn Messer, band director, will have Grades K-2 performing at the May PAT meeting.
- April 24-27, Grades 1-2 will be taking the Stanford Tests.
- April 20 – Grade 2 will go to the LBJ Park and Sauerr-Beckman Living History Farm.
- April 21 – Grade 1 will go to the Johnson City Resort Exotic Zoo.
- April 24 – Pre-registration will begin for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.
- April 24-27 – Grades 1-2 will take the Stanford test.
- April 28 – Kindergarten will be going to the San Antonio Zoo.
- May 4 – Grade 5 will go to the Institute of Texas Cultures.
- May 5 – Student Holiday, Staff Development, and Staff Breakfast.
- May 17 - The Top AR Readers will be going to Mr. Gatti's in Fredericksburg.

b. Secondary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Scott Turner:

Enrollment:

High School - 157

GR 9 - 45, GR 10 - 37, GR 11 - 34. GR 12 - 39, AEP - 2

Plus 13 in Villa Del Sol and Starlite.

Middle School - 130

GR 6 – 37, GR 7 – 49, GR 8 – 42, AEP – 2

- Our students will be taking TAKS tests all week.
- Nine students will be going to the Regional UIL Academic meet in Brenham on Friday.
- May 11 - NHS (National Honor Society) Induction Ceremony.
- NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) induction ceremony will be coming soon.
- High school pre-registration is about completed. Next week we will be having pre-registration for middle school.
- April 28 – Health Fair and Blood Drive.
- Sixth grade gifted/talented students did a good job on their newsletter. The seventh and eighth grade gifted/talented students are coming out with one also.
- Next week, we will be giving a drug and alcohol survey as a part of our Safe and Drug Free program. This is being done through Texas A&M.
- April 29 - NHS Second Annual Softball Tournament fundraiser.
- April 23 – FCA Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.
- April 22 – Cheerleader Lip Sync Contest in the gym.
- May 7 – CPPSF Dinner, Silent Auction, Entertainment fundraiser.
- May 6 – JR/SR Prom.

9. Vocational Project Update. (3)

Allen Kaiser used a Power Point presentation to give his report on the construction of the elementary classrooms. The wall panels are up. He said that he is in the process of getting some framers to straighten the walls up, install the trusses and roof.

Dr. Ray said that we appreciate Mike Butler and his crew moving 35 loads of dirt from where the house was built up to the 120 acres.

10. Update on School Pride Initiatives. (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that Scott Turner and Allen Kaiser would give an update on some of the initiatives that have been put in motion to increase school pride in all areas of the secondary.

Scott Turner stated that participation generates pride and we are looking at avenues to get students involved. We are planning to place more emphasis on UIL academics, band, theatre arts and one act play by encouraging students to participate, attending their activities and letting them know what kind of job they are doing. He mentioned some clubs and activities that students can be involved

in such as Key Club, Health Club, Travel Club, FCA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Corsairs, and cheerleading.

Mr. Turner said that Helping Students Succeed is a program that involves our administration and staff in mentoring students. We have been surveying our secondary students through this program to see what they are involved in and encouraging them to be involved. He said that we want to increase school pride and fill the gym.

Allen Kaiser reported that the newly formed subcommittee has identified the following ways to increase school pride:

- Involve staff more.
- Encourage parents, staff, and students who are not participating.
- Have special nights such as having a Second Grade Night at volleyball games that allows those students and parents free admittance to the game, etc.
- Improve communications between teachers, coaches, administration and parents.

He said that parents are a key to this process and this committee will work to get results.

Coach Kaiser said that the following athletic goals and strategies had been determined:

Goals:

- Involve as many students as possible.
- Teach fundamentals thoroughly.
- Design and implement a program of physical conditioning in which all student athletes are involved.
- Teach life skills.
- Maintain a high level of discipline in all activities.

Strategies:

- Direct communication.
- Add cross country and golf.
- Involve coaches in all of these activities.
- Parents and coaches need to work together.
- Need to involve students and staff.
- Involve fourth period non-athletes.

11. District Technology Report. (1,4)

Sandra Joiner:

- Our Technology Plan is approved through July 2007.

- We plan to complete the process of changing our e-mail and website addresses this summer.

Examples: sjoiner@cpisd.net www.cpisd.net

Goals:

1. Expand curricular offerings to students, staff and the community.
2. Develop structured staff development, focusing on training, support and integration of technology into the district instructional program.
3. Maintain and expand the current infrastructure to facilitate, enhance and encourage teaching and learning.
4. Continue to seek partnerships and grant opportunities to expand the district's resources.

We are encouraging staff members to complete all four levels of the State Board of Education Technology Competencies. At this time we have 40 staff members who have completed level one, six who have completed level two, and three who have completed level three. Rewards are given to staff members at each level of accomplishment.

Subscription databases and training on local applications are provided for staff.

We have 1:1 teacher to computers ratio, 3:1 students to computers, 24-station computer lab at middle school, 20-station lab at high school and three yearbook workstations. In our elementary library, we have a 20-station lab. There is a 23-station DANA portable lab at elementary. At the high school library, we have an 18-station computer lab, 16 wireless laptops, 16 network ready laptops and one or two student computers per classroom.

Our high school lab, middle school lab and classroom computers are old and need updating. Software in the computer labs also need updating. Our teacher computer lease will expire in October. Laptops are needed for teachers to do lesson plans and to access Grade Speed.

12. Budget Priorities for 2006-2007. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

Budge preparation is still uncertain because of the special upcoming legislative session. I was among the superintendents who attended a meeting at the State Capitol today. We were able to speak with Representative Harvey Hilderbran about our concerns in regards to state funding.

Some items we discussed were the need for funding for software and hardware for students to take TAKS tests on-line, transportation allotment, small and mid-size school formulas, and the instructional facilities allotment. There are several bills being considered. If they do not come up with something the courts can

agree on, funding for schools will be cut off on June 1. The school calendar will probably not be addressed. I will keep you informed.

13. Discuss Strategic Plan. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

The strategic plan is still on hold until the budget issues are resolved.

14. Discuss Lighting for Baseball and Softball Fields. (1-6)

Dr. Ray said that Jack Seefeldt has been working on strategically placing the light poles at different places outside the easement. Doing this and putting the home bases of the two fields parallel should eliminate having to move the baseball field. The softball field would have to be moved. A Power Point presentation was used for illustration.

She said that Coach Ray Avant is concerned about fly balls from the baseball field possibly getting over into the softball field.

Dr. Ray said that she will have more information next month.

15. Approve Summer School Plans. (1-6)

Dr. Ray said that by early May, we should know how many students need to attend summer school. Last year we used three teachers. Cost per teacher is \$1,660. State grant money will fund one teacher. Local funds will be needed for the other two teachers. Summer school will begin June 5. She recommended approval of this plan.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the summer school plans as presented with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

16. Approve Contract with Interquest Detection Canines. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray said that we have been very pleased Interquest Detection Canines. We have used them for three years and would like to continue with their services. They are very professional. She recommended approval of this contract which will be paid for with Safe and Drug Free Schools funds.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the contract with Interquest Detection Canines as presented. Mike Butler gave the second.

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17. Discuss/Approve Summer Maintenance Projects. (1-6)

Dr. Ray said that she prioritized these projects which were identified by the principals and Dan Patton. The Board has the option to select any or all items. They may also want to take more time to consider them and have it back on the May agenda.

PROPOSED SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR 2006

PROJECT	RATIONALE	COST
Abatement of Restroom Ceilings	Safety and legal issue	\$ 5,500.00
Fence area for Functional Living Unit	Safety for special ed student	1,265.00
Waterless Urinals	Reduce maintenance costs, reduce impact on septic system	5,850.00
Pump Septic Systems	Eight systems not tied into big plant	8,000.00
Repair Foundation of ISS Building and Head Start Building	Fix it soon or have bigger problems later	7985.00
Elementary Parking Lot	Cement, drainage, curbs, and planters	64,500.00
	Asphalt, curbs, planters, drainage	38,000.00
	Chip Seal only	11,000.00
Repair Handicap Ramp at ISS Building	Metal	4,687.00
	Wood	3,024.00
Paint Administration Building	Preserve Building/Aesthetics	752.52
Paint Old Elementary	Preserve Building/Aesthetics	2,572.00
Paint and Stripe Parking Lots	Purchasing the machine for future upkeep	4,463.00
	Renting the machine for one time use	1,006.00
Paint Porches on Boardwalk	Materials and Labor	3,836.00

Dr. Ray said that the must do items are:

1. The abatement of restroom ceiling must be done as the ceiling that fell in had asbestos.
2. Fence area for Functional Living Unit is needed for safety of special ed student.

She stated that the Pump Septic Systems item is needed as there are eight systems which are not tied into the big plant.

Dr. Ray said that the following items will be done - the money is already in the budget:

PROJECT	COST
Carpet High School Office	\$1,687.00
Carpet Administration Office	1,196.00
Bookshelves for Home Economics	600.00
Refinish Gym Floors	2,275.00
Seal AC Lines	50.00

It was decided to have this item back on the agenda in May in hopes that more budget information will be available.

18. Approve Resolution for Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan. (1-6)

Dr. Ray asked the Board to approve the Resolution for Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan. See attachment.

President Stearns read the resolution and asked for a motion to approve it. Hugh Weaver moved to approve the Resolution for Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations as read. Judy Jordan gave the second.

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19. Discuss Superintendent of the Year Packet. (1-6)

President Stearns said that Judy Jordan has a copy of the packet. He said that he would like another board member to review it before it is submitted. Anna Dominguez volunteered. He said that once it is completed, Dr. Ray will send the other members a copy.

20. Superintendent Report. (1-6)

- a. 2006 Summer Leadership Institute.

The agenda is for June 8-10. President Stearns said he would not be able to attend as he would be away for 20 days of training.

- b. Heart of Texas Association Spring Training Session.

We are members of this association. The training will be held at Comal ISD on May 6, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Attendees will receive two hours of Tier 2 training. An update on school finance will be given by a very good speaker.

Judy Jordan commented that this is a great organization and that she will be going to the training.

21. Personnel: Contracts/proposals for renewal/nonrenewal/resignations. (1-6)

President Stearns called the Board into a closed session at 9:28 p.m. to discuss personnel, return of a dual assignment term contract employee to probationary contract, and for the Superintendent Formative Evaluation as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.074, Subchapters D and E.

The meeting resumed in open session at 10:15 p.m., with no votes nor decisions being made while in closed session.

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding return of a dual-assignment term contract employee to probationary contract status, including

proposed approval of a dual-assignment probationary contract for the 2006-2007 school year.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the dual-assignment probationary contract of Coach J. Scott Ashby for the 2006-2007 school year, to replace and supersede the dual-assignment term contract signed by Coach Ashby on or about February 28, 2006. Anna Dominguez seconded the motion.

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Dr. Ray announced the resignation of John McCalla as Elementary Special Education Teacher/District Special Education Director. Ed Stearns asked Dr. Ray to express the board's appreciation to John McCalla for his years of hard work and service to the district.

b. Superintendent Formative Evaluation.

The Board conducted the Superintendent Formative Evaluation.

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

- Summer Athletic Camps
- Maintenance Projects
- Recognize High School Academic UIL
- Heart of Texas School Board Association Update
- Discuss Strategic plan.
- In June: Update on Electronic Portfolios

15. Adjournment.

Frank Thomason moved to adjourn the meeting with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Approved by:

Edwin P. Stearns, President Date

Judy Jordan, Secretary Date