

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Butler, President
Judy Jordan, Vice President
Anna Dominguez, Secretary
Larry Leitha, Jr.

Edwin P. Stearns
Frank Thomason
Hugh Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Lee Ann Ray, Superintendent
Vester Joiner, Elementary Principal
Nell Halsell, Secretary

Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
Janice Erwin, Business Manager

GUESTS

Joey Lynch Dub Lynch
Veronica Duran Luis Duran

Nancy Erickson Guy Bason

1. Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 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. Frank Thomason 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.

2. Open Forum, Recognition of Guests. (1-6)

Joey Lynch requested to speak about Wheatcraft's request to Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to build a rock crusher within 3,000 ft. of Center Point ISD. She said that our students are working outside on State Highway 27 and at the Ag Barn on campus. She asked the Board to write another letter to TCEQ and ask for a contested case hearing.

3. Recognition: High School Graduate. (5,6)

Veronica Duran had not arrived at this time.

Dr. Ray read a letter expressing her deep appreciation to the Board of Trustees for so unselfishly giving of their time and energy to help make our students and staff the best they can be and making CPISD the Best Small School in the State of Texas. See attachment.

Dr. Ray said that she was pleased to present a diploma to Veronica Duran, but first she wanted Scott Turner to say a few words about Veronica.

Mr. Turner said that Veronica came to Center Point High School as a freshman. She could speak very little English. As a junior, she took all four TAKS test and had trouble with writing. Several of our teachers tutored her and she continued to work until she mastered that final TAKS test. We are very pleased to see her receive her diploma.

Dr. Ray read the diploma and presented it to Veronica. Everyone present extended their congratulations to her.

4. 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.

Hugh Weaver moved to accept the consent agenda as presented with Judy Jordan giving the second. Mr. Stearns said he would abstain as he was not present for that meeting.

**MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT
1 ABSTAINED – ED STEARNS**

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

- a. Elementary: Beginning-of-School Update.

Vester Joiner:

We are still registering students and expect 10 or more students to register soon.

Enrollment: 249

PK – 13

GR K – 36 (3 classes)

GR 1 – 41 (3 classes)

GR 2 – 34 (3 classes)

GR 3 – 43 (3 classes)

GR 4 – 46 (3 classes)

GR 5 – 36 (2 classes)

The Texas Education Agency has recognized our Elementary Campus as an Exemplary Campus. We are having a nice plaque made with all the teachers' names on it.

We have very good dedicated people working on our campus and we are very excited about the new personnel who are coming on staff this year.

b. Secondary: Beginning-of-School Update.

Scott Turner:

- At this time, we are still continuing to register new students and returning students are picking up their schedules.
- We are having a good turn out for the Sixth Grade Parents' Meeting tonight in the Media Center.
- We have had several seniors to sign up on the Noviance software. We will continue to sign up high school students for this during the first week of school. After this, we will be signing up the middle school students.
- Susie McCalla will be presenting this new program at a parents' meeting on August 30. Sandra Joiner will be registering parents.
- Board Members can now check this program from home.
- We are gearing up for the new year. Our teachers are trying to prepare Benchmark tests before school begins to be ready for TAKS.
- Jan Syphrett will be doing the yearbook and teaching journalism this year. She is partnering with Kerrville Daily Times and has applied for a \$3,500 grant to buy more software and get a couple of new computers. Rayanne Schmidt from the newspaper will be working with us.

6. Adopt Budget for 2006-2007. (1-6)

Dr. Ray said that they had found some additional revenue and put the sixth grade Texas Tech trip and the yearbook back in the budget. The Texas Education Agency shows that we should get more money than we did based on projected enrollment. She recommended approval of the proposed budget for 2006-2007 in the amount of \$4,693,418. See attachment.

Mike Butler moved to adopt the budget for 2006-2007 as presented. Anna Dominguez gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

7. Adopt Tax Rate for 2006-2007. (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that our current tax rate is \$1.54 with \$1.45 for M&O and \$0.09 for I&S. She said that the proper notice was made and published in the Kerrville Daily Times within the required time frame. She recommended approval of the proposed tax rate of \$1.405 with \$1.325 for M&O and \$0.080 for I&S. She said it must be adopted by ordinance.

After reading the ordinance, President Butler asked for a motion to approve it as read.

Judy Jordan moved to adopt the Ordinance to Set the Tax Rate for 2006-2007 as read. (See attachment.) Hugh Weaver seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

8. Approve Teacher Appraisal Calendar for 2006-2007. (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that this Teacher Appraisal Calendar was based on the rules and guidelines for the Teacher Appraisal Calendar. The Teacher Self Report, Section 1 is due to the campus principals by September 11, 2006. The Teacher Self Report Sections II and III are due to the campus principals by April 13, 2007. Summative Conferences must be conducted between April 30, 2007 and May 10, 2007. Observations may begin September 11, 2006 and go through April 27, 2007. Excluded days are:

November 21, 2006
December 15, 2006
January 17, 2007
March 9, 2007
April 5, 2007

Ed Stearns moved to approve the Teacher Appraisal Calendar as recommended. Hugh Weaver seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

9. Approve Teacher Appraisers. (1-6)

Dr. Ray recommended approval of Vester Joiner, Sam McLarty, and Scott Turner as teacher appraisers for 2006-2007. Dr. Ray will serve as alternate appraiser, if needed.

Ed Stearns moved to approve the teacher appraisers as recommended. Larry Leitha seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

10. Approve Alternative Education Program Contract. (5)

Dr. Ray informed the Board that Ingram ISD is offering to continue with the same contract of eight seats for \$5,000 per seat for a total of \$40,000 annually. She recommended approval of the contract.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the Alternative Education Program Contract with Ingram ISD as presented. Anna Dominguez seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

11. Approve Tax Collection Agreement. (1-6)

Dr. Ray recommended approval of the agreement with Kerrville ISD to continue to collect taxes for CPISD at a cost of \$9,000 annually.

Frank Thomason moved to approve continuing the Tax Collection Agreement with Kerrville ISD as recommended. Ed Stearns seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

12. Approve Kerr Central Appraisal District Budget. (4)

Dr. Ray recommended that the Board take no action on the Kerr Central Appraisal District Budget.

The general consensus of the Board was to take no action on the Kerr Central Appraisal Budget as recommended.

13. Consider and take possible action to approve an Amended and Restated Electric Easement and Right-of-Way to LCRA on the District's 120.80 acre tract located on Stoneleigh Road. (1-6)

Dr. Ray informed the Board that LCRA (Lower Colorado River Authority) is requesting to move their easement to prevent the nursery from planting any trees within the easement and being in a situation like Atmos Energy was in this past year.

Following a short discussion, this item was tabled until the September meeting.

14. Superintendent Report. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

a. Building Trades Project.

The dry wall crew will be here next Tuesday. We will paint it all white. We still need to get the suspended ceiling, air conditioning and flooring installed. This will take two to three days. Dan Patton will get the hardware for the doors. It will take about two weeks to complete the project.

We will have one floating teacher, Alene Kirklen, until this project is finished.

b. Maintenance Projects/Summer Projects Update.

Dan Patton said that all summer projects are done except painting the ramp and deck for the building with the FLU classroom. It should be completed by Friday.

c. TASB Convention Update.

No changes.

d. Review Board Operating Manual.

This item was tabled until next month. The Board was asked to review their operating manual and make notes of any changes needed.

e. Project Seventh Grade – Elks Lodge.

The Elks Lodge is sponsoring a drug program for all middle schools in Kerr County. The meeting will be held in the Callioux Center to make parents aware of today's drug problems. Every family who attends will get a free home drug testing kit. It sounds like a great program. I will write a letter to send home to parents and have it put on our website.

f. Demographic Report.

A Power Point presentation was used to present this report that was based on a demographic study done in August 2006. (See attachment.)

Conclusions derived from this study:

- CPISD is restricted in growth possibilities due to its small amount of square miles.
- With a new community septic in place in approximately 5 years, we should see increases in enrollment.
- District-wide, 946 students can be accommodated with the current facilities. There was also a discussion concerning the possible condition of some of the facilities over a period of time.
- Possible 13% increase in students by 2010 = 632 students.
- Another possible 7% increase in students by 2020 = 676 students.
- Another possible 8% increase in students by 2030 = 730 students.
- Based on historical trends, it is hard to predict due to future changes.

15. Personnel. (1-6)

Personnel contracts/proposals for renewal/nonrenewal/resignations.

President Butler called the Board into closed session for the consideration of appointment of a new board member as authorized by Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.074, Subchapters D and E at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:39 p.m., with no votes or decisions having been made during closed session.

- Resignation of Member Edwin P. Stearns.

President Butler read the resignation letter of Edwin P. Stearns. See attachment. Following this, he presented Mr. Stearns with a plaque of appreciation for his excellence in leadership and service to the District from 1997-2006.

Mr. Stearns stated his belief that it is so critically important for all board members to be present at all board meetings to make things work for the best. He expressed his disappointment in not being able to match his schedule with the Board's schedule so that he could remain on the Board. He encouraged the "Team of Eight" which is composed of seven board members and one superintendent to always continue to raise the bar on expectations for the District and how the team conducts its business.

Dr. Ray, the Board Members and staff expressed their deep appreciation to Mr. Stearns for his unselfish service and dedication in serving on the Board.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the resignation of Edwin P. Stearns from the CPISD Board of Trustees. Frank Thomason gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

- Consideration of Appointment of New Board Member.

Judy Jordan moved to appoint Sue Holloway to the CPISD Board of Trustees. Anna Dominguez seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

16. Adjournment.

Mike Butler moved to adjourn the meeting with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael D. Butler, President

Date

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

Date