

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Butler, President
Judy Jordan, Vice President
Larry J. Leitha, Jr.

Frank Thomason
Hugh Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

Edwin P. Stearns

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
Janice Erwin, Business Manager

GUESTS

Guy Bason Janet Syphrett Dan Patton
David Burk and Jeff McCombs, Trane Representatives

1. Call to order/declaration of quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 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 7:05 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)

None.

3. Recognition: Teacher of the Year. (2,5)

Janet Syphrett was recognized as Teacher of the Year. Dr. Ray and Mr. Turner each praised Mrs. Syphrett for her special ability to connect with students. Dr. Ray said that students have said that this year has been tough, they love her class and have learned so much. She said we are fortunate to have her on our team.

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.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Expenditure report. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS

Frank Thomason moved to approve the Expenditure report with the exception of Checks No. 036854, 036860, 036879, 036888, and 036916. Hugh Weaver seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS

Frank Thomason moved to approve Check No. 036854. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 4 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS
1 ABSTAINED – MIKE BUTLER**

Hugh Weaver moved to approve Check No. 036860. Frank Thomason gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT - ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS

Hugh Weaver moved to approve Check No. 036879. Frank Thomason gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 4 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS
1 ABSTAINED: JUDY JORDAN**

Judy Jordan moved to approve Check No. 036888. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 4 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS
1 ABSTAINED: LARRY LEITHA**

Judy Jordan moved to approve Check No. 036916. Frank Thomason gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 4 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ, ED STEARNS
1 ABSTAINED: HUGH WEAVER**

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

- a. Elementary: End-of-Year Wrap Up, Summer School.

Vester Joiner said that our awards assembly and kindergarten graduation went very well. We had our largest crowd ever. We have nine in summer school from first and second grades with Mrs. Craig as teacher and one special education student being taught by Mrs. Davenport.

Dr. Ray interjected that the Texas Education Agency had notified her that one of our campuses has been rated Exemplary. It looks like it will be the elementary because of their TAKS scores. This also means that we can apply for monetary rewards for those teachers involved.

- b. Secondary: End-of-Year Wrap Up, Summer School.

Scott Turner:

The high school graduation, eighth grade promotion, and the awards assembly were well attended. Dollar-wise, we had almost as much given in scholarships as last year. We had six distinguished seniors, most were recognized and one on the regular program.

There are nine middle school students in summer school for four hours per day. They are studying reading for two hours and math for two hours. They are using the Texas Math Diagnostic System which provides feedback.

At high school, we are offering remediation for those who did not pass the TAKS in math and science. We are using the Tele-Campus Program. Only two students need to pass the ELA test.

6. Approve Trane as Selected Vendor Based on RFQ for Energy Conservation Project. (3,4,5)

Dr. Ray reported that the only RFQ received for this project was Trane. She said that based on this fact, she is recommending that the Board approve Trane as the selected vendor to perform the detailed study for energy savings for CPIISD.

David Burk and Jeff McCombs, representatives from Trane, use a Power Point presentation to give an overview of the project.

Judy Jordan moved to approve Trane as selected vendor based on RFQ for Energy Conservation Project. Frank Thomason seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT – A. DOMINGUEZ, E. STEARNS

7. Approve Letter of Commitment for Trane. (3,4,5)

Jeff McCombs said that Trane had done a preliminary study of the district and gave a presentation to the Board in November 2004 to inform them on what their detail study involves. He used a Power Point presentation to show the results of their preliminary study, costs involved, and potential savings for the district. An annual savings report will be provided. He emphasized that Trane guarantees the savings. He pointed out that this is a partnership in which Trane engineers will be available for the district.

Dr. Ray stated that SECO also did a brief inspection of the district. They gave CPISD an energy efficiency rating. Trane will discuss this with them.

Dr. Ray asked the Board to approve the Letter of Commitment for Trane to conduct the detailed energy study. When they have completed this study, they will report the results to us. The Board may then decide if they want to implement this performance savings plan. If the plan is implemented, the cost of the study will roll into the project. If not, we will have to pay them the cost of conducting the study: \$39,000. This project can be financed through Texas Lone Star Fund at a 3% interest rate.

Dr. Ray said that Trane can include other district concerns in their study. She said that she has asked them to also look into our roofing needs. She asked the Board if there were any other concerns they would like to add to this study.

Following a lengthy discussion, Frank Thomason moved to approve the Letter of Commitment for Trane with the following changes: Change the last paragraph to read: "Trane shall provide a copy of the detailed study in its entirety to Center Point ISD two weeks prior to their presentation to the Center Point Board of Trustees." Hugh Weaver seconded the motion.

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8. Asbestos Management Plan Update. (1-6)

Dan Patton said that TASB Environmental Asbestos Plan is our asbestos plan administrator and he is the designated person. Our six –month inspection is up to date. TASB will be here in September/October for re-inspection and add our new building to our asbestos plan. All required training is up-to-date. We have had one release episode this year. It was in a restroom and it has been successfully remediated.

9. Budget Priorities for 2006-2006. (1-6)

Dr. Ray:

Our must-do items are technology, track repair, three new teachers and local step raises for teachers. We will have to see what our finances are before we can make any decisions on the strategic plan. We also need to consider purchasing a suburban or an Excursion or some type of small transportation vehicle.

Ms. Erwin and I ran the numbers on template #6. We will be getting a revised template soon. It looks like we must drop our M&O tax rate down to \$1.29 and use our \$.04 enrichment for this coming year. That will be changing our M&O tax rate from \$1.45 to \$1.33. Then the next year, we can propose a \$.02 tax increase which will have to be voted on.

We may not have funds from Alamo Heights next year. We have to consider if we will continue our partnership with them as we may be penalized for it. Ms. Erwin and I will continue to work on this.

10. Discuss Strategic Plan. (1-6)

This was covered under Item No. 9.

11. Review Student and Employee Handbooks. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray gave an overview of the changes in both the student and employee handbooks. She pointed out that the only changes made this year are recommendations from TASB: grammar, legal, verbiage, and some changes from HB1 which included medications and special education for students. Changes for employees: alcohol use, conflict of interest, student records, administering medications to students, and psychotropic drugs. There are no changes to the Student Code of Conduct since this was not a regular legislative session year.

12. Nominate Candidate for Kerr Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that one of the KCAD board members, David Dozier, passed away in April. They are asking for nominations to fill this vacancy. After some discussion, the Board's general consensus was to not make a nomination.

13. Approve Bid for Parking Lot at Cafeteria. (3)

Dr. Ray: We received two bids:

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| Clint Reeves | \$64,482.00 |
| The Brand Company | \$55,184.88 |

After a lengthy discussion concerning the lack of specific specs for the project and the timeline for completing it, Frank Thomason moved to table this item for now. Larry Leitha seconded the motion.

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14. Schedule Budget Workshop. (4)

The general consensus of the Board was to have the budget workshop on July 25, at 6:00 p.m.

15. Superintendent report. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

- a. Summer Maintenance Projects Update.
 - Asbestos abatement completed.

- Ten of the 12 waterless urinals have been installed.
- Will begin leveling the foundation of the elementary building June 21.
- Ramp at ISS building will begin July 4.
- Carpet the administration building on July 1.
- Carpet the high school office on July 5.
- Gym floors have been refinished.
- The custodians are doing a great job and are ahead on their summer schedule.

b. Update on Building Trades Project.

Allen Kaiser, Scott Turner, Vester Joiner, and Sam McLarty are putting the siding on the new classrooms building. They will work next Monday on it. They will hire boys to do the insulation. Manuel Lopez will be doing the rock work. All the wiring for technology has been installed. It will be open for the new school year.

We may have our boys work on smaller things such as concession stand, etc., rather than build houses. It just depends on their skill level.

c. 2006 Summer Leadership Institute Reports.

Judy Jordan, Mike Butler, Larry Leitha and Dr. Ray went to the SLI.

President Butler said that he went to the President Academy and learned about Bandera ISD's extracurricular activities study. This study pointed out the amounts being spent on academic and athletic extracurricular activities.

Dr. Ray sat in on the session on HB1 concerning the P-16 Initiative being mandated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). This mandate involves the push between high schools and colleges to have high school students ready for college when they graduate. She noted that colleges do not want all of our graduates.

President Butler said that indicates that we also need to prepare our students for vocational jobs.

Judy Jordan also went to the session on the extracurricular study. She attended the Focus on Relationships which included everyone from board members, superintendents, teachers, parents and community. It was emphasized that students no longer audio learners, but are visual learners. She said she also attended the sessions for presidents.

Dr. Ray also emphasized the importance of visual learning. She said that is why we need to increase our technology capabilities to make it happen. She used Mrs. Syphrett as an example of the success which is obtained by having teachers that connect with students in a positive way.

President Butler said that some districts are even providing counseling for parents from the aspect of helping the parents, helps the children. Some districts are even assisting parents with obtaining food stamps and Medicare and helping non-bilingual parents in understanding.

d. TASB Convention Update.

Hugh Weaver, Frank Thomason and Dr. Ray are planning to attend the convention. We will check with Anna Dominguez and Ed Stearns to find out if they will be attending.

e. Board Training CD's.

Hugh Weaver will return the board training CD's to Dr. Ray so they may be given to the next Board Member.

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

President Butler called the Board into a closed session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.074, Subchapters D and E.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:58 p.m., with no votes nor decisions being made while in closed session.

Dr. Ray announced the resignations of Debra Griffin and Marcie Jones.

Dr. Ray recommended the following for ten-month one-year probationary contracts: Cynthia Dyes for the high school science position, Stacey Fontenot as a secondary teacher for Spanish I and ESL, and Kathy Marquart as a fourth grade teacher.

Hugh Weaver moved to accept Stacey Fontenot for a ten month probationary contract for the 2006-2007 school year. Frank Thomason seconded the motion.

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Judy Jordan moved to accept Stacey Fontenot for a ten month probationary contract for the 2006-2007 school year. Mike Butler gave the second.

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Larry Leitha moved to accept Kathy Marquart for a ten month probationary contract for the 2006-2007 school year. Frank Thomason seconded the motion.

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▪ **District Personnel Report.**

Janice Erwin:

Salaries are contingent on HB1. Teachers on ten-month contracts will get a \$2,500 raise. Teachers, counselors, and librarians on eleven-month contracts will get \$2,750 raise. The \$500 supplement from TRS toward health insurance has been dissolved.

An overview of auxiliary salaries was given. Paraprofessionals, maintenance and food service will get the \$500 in salary, not supplement. Part-time employees will get \$250.

A teacher with zero experience will get \$29,070.

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

Update on Electronic Portfolios in July.

18. Adjournment.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael D. Butler, President

Date

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

Date