

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2008

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Donna Smith, Superintendent
Janice Erwin, Business Manager

Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
James McAlister, Athletic Director

GUESTS

John Halsell	Laura Halsell	Shirley Wright	Norma Richter
Bernie Richter	Mary Castillo	Diana L. Holmes	Jolena West
Cody	Mike West	Cathy Jacobs	Marc Jacobs
Josh Jacobs	Jackie Keller	Patsy Beasley	Rowdy Keller
Robert Coldwell	Dolly Coldwell	Bob Barrett	Tommir Barrett
Maria Cabral	Isidro Cabral	Cody Bishop	Susan Walker
Albert Garcia	Chris Lammers, O'Connell Robertson		
Gilbert Salinas, O'Connell Robertson			

A. Call to order/declaration of quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 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. 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.

B. Public Forum.

1. Audience Participation: Michael West presented petitions to the board signed by community member, parents and students, requesting that the board reconsider their decision to non-renew the teaching contract of Ms. Cheryl Smith. Mr. West added that his son Marc, who is now a 7th grader at Center Point Middle school, had Mrs. Smith (formerly Gerken) as his second grade teacher. He and his family feel that Ms. Smith was an excellent teacher and greatly contributed to his successes thus far. Mr. West expressed concern regarding financial cutbacks and suggested that other positions other than teachers should/could be cut before educators, or teachers who have not served the district as long as Mrs. Smith should have been considered for non-renewal. In closing Mr. West requested that the board reconsider it's decision to non-renew Mrs. Smith, and spending in other areas, such as the new weight room and equipment.

2. Recognition of Guests:

3. Recognition: Student of the Six Weeks; Athletics Awards/Achievements – Baseball, Softball, Track and Tennis; High School UIL Results.

Elementary

Keagan Roberts
Sarah Martin

Middle School

Sergio Garcia
Mayra Cabral

High School

Brandon Cunningham
Jessica Garcia

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

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

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

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

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Keagan Roberts as the Elementary student of the six weeks.

President Butler presented a certificate of recognition to Sarah Martin as the Elementary student of the six weeks.

President Butler presented certificates to the following students for participation and special recognition in:

Tennis:

Garrett Perez – 1st place in boys singles at District and 4th place in boys singles at Regionals.

The CPHS Tennis Coach is Lisa Avant.

Softball:

Anna Arreola – 1st Team All-District

Cassy Coldwell – 1st Team All-District

Christina Von Dohlen – 1st Team All-District

Brittany Butler – 1st Team All-District

Lourdes Ibarra – 2nd Team All-District & Academic All State

Sarah Wood – 2nd Team All-District & Academic All State

Courtney Keller – 2nd Team All-District

The CPHS Softball Coach is Ray Avant.

Baseball:

Josh Jacobs – 1st Team All-District Pitcher

Troy Kemp – 1st Team All-District Infielder

John Wigington – 1st Team All-District Infielder & 2nd Team All District Pitcher

Cody Simon – 2nd Team All-District Infielder

Justin Bishop – 2nd Team All-District Outfielder
Nathan Boone – Honorable Mention
The CPHS Baseball Coach is Scott Mitchell.

Track & Field:

Chris Frazier – 3rd place District Triple Jump, 3rd place Area Triple Jump & Regional Qualifier
Ben Hicks – 1st place District High Jump, 1st place Area High Jump & Regional Qualifier
Enrique Castillo – 2nd place District 1600m, 2nd place District 3200m, 2nd place Area 1600m & 3rd place Area 3200m & Regional Qualifier
David Garcia – 3rd place District 300 Hurdles & Area Qualifier
Justin Bishop – 3rd place District High Jump & Area Qualifier
John Barrera – 3rd place District 400m & Area Qualifier
Christina Von Dohlen – 3rd place District Pole Vault, 3rd place Area Pole Vault & Regional Qualifier
The CPHS Track Coaches are Jay Smith & Lance Whittle

Academic UIL & ILPC:

Garrett Perez – 3rd place District Social Studies, 4th place District Science & 2nd place District Biology
Christina Von Dohlen – 6th place District Informative Speaking
Sola Vargas – 5th place District Poetry
Maryssa Haught – News Writing 1st place District, 1st place District Journalism Team & 6th place at Regionals
Betty Arreola – Feature Writing 3rd place District, 1st place District Journalism Team & 5 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
Rachel Jordan – Editorial Writing 4th place District & 1st place District Journalism Team
Sloan Frierson – Editorial Writing 5th place District & 1st place District Journalism Team
Patrick Halsell – Headline Writing 1st place District & 1st place District Journalism Team
Cassy Coldwell – Headline Writing 6th place District, 1st place District Journalism Team & 3 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
Mary Valadez – 2 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
Enrique Castillo – 1 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Award
Ashlyn Spowls – 4 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
Lourdes Ibarra – 4 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
John Geeslin – 1 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Award
Elizabeth Landers – 1 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Award
Britny Rhodes – 1 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Award
Lauren Rhodes – 2 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
Vivien Barrientos – 2 ILPC Newspaper Individual Achievement Awards
Araceli Duran – 2 ILPC Yearbook Individual Achievement Awards
Ana Arreola – 2 ILPC Yearbook Individual Achievement Awards
Kendra Kaiser – 4 ILPC Yearbook Individual Achievement Awards
Megan Stapp – 3 ILPC Yearbook Individual Achievement Awards

Lucero Zarraga – 1 ILPC Yearbook Individual Achievement Award
Alyssa Bolin – Feature Writing 2nd place District, 1st place District Journalism Team, 2nd place Regionals, 2nd place State
The Academic UIL Coordinator is Cathy Lipka & Journalism Teacher is Jan Syphrett.

C. Administrative Reports:

1 Report on Facilities Study by O'Connell Robertson

Chris Lammers & Gilbert Salinas from O'Connell Robertson in San Antonio presented information from their facilities study to the Board of Trustees. Team of architects and engineers did a facility study of the school district focusing on TEA standards, educational environment, and ADA accessibility requirements. A copy of their summarized report is attached.

2. Principal's Reports:

a. Elementary: No report - Mr. Joiner was absent.

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

Middle School Enrollment: 40 – 6th; 42 – 7th; 45 – 8th with 1 at AEP – Total 127

High School Enrollment: 49 – 9th; 43 – 10th; 42 – 11th & 36 – 12th with 1 at AEP – Total 170

Broad Horizons High School Enrollment – Enrollment at this campus fluctuates daily between Starlite & Villa Del Sol.

Mr. Turner reported that we've been busy with end of the year activities such as, 8th Grade Picnic, NHS Induction, NJHS Induction & Band Banquet.

Athletic Banquet will be May 21st at 6pm in the Gym.

Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, May 25th at Trinity Church of Christ.

Middle School Awards Assembly is May 27th at 8:30a.m.

High School Awards Assembly is May 27th at 11:00a.m.

Senior Award Banquet will be May 28th at 6p.m.

8th Grade Promotion is May 29th at 7p.m.

High School Graduation is May 30th at 7p.m.

TAKS results are in and are basically very good. All students this year were required to take the TAKS based on grade level and there was no SDAA (State Alternative Assessment) given. A copy of the TAKS results for all tests and grade levels are attached.

3. Athletic Director's Report

a. Tour of Weight Equipment Area

The Board Members, administrators and guests left the meeting room at 7:59 p.m. to take a tour of the "little gym" to look at the new weight equipment that was purchased for athletics. Board members returned to the meeting room at 8:22 p.m.

b. Review of Program Needs

Coach McAlister gave a report to the Board regarding program and equipment needs. A copy of his report is attached.

4. Business Services Report

- a. Report on Current Revenue and Expenditure Status for 2008.

Janice Erwin gave a report to the Board regarding the Current Revenue and Expenditure Status for 2008.

- b. Report on Available Revenue for Summer Projects and Program Needs for Fall 2008

Janice Erwin gave a report to the Board regarding the Available Revenue for Summer Projects and Program Needs for Fall 2008.

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

- a. Finalize Summer Conference Plans

Dr. Smith asked Board Members to let Deb Hicks know asap of any cancellations needed for Summer Leadership Institute, and also travel plans if any board members are planning to car pool so that we can get checks issued for mileage and meals.

- b. Schedule Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Review

Dr. Smith reminded the Board that we needed to schedule a meeting to do her evaluation and contract review. The board decided to do this at the regular board meeting in June.

- c. Team Building Scheduled

Dr. Smith reminded the Board that we needed to set a date for the three hour Mandatory Board Team Building training session. Dr. Smith asked each board member to e-mail her the dates they had conflicts over the summer, and she would try to schedule a date when all board members and she could be present.

- d. Budget Workshop Scheduled

Dr. Smith advised the Board that she would be ready at the June meeting for Board members to view the 2008-2009 budget. It can be decided at the June meeting if an additional meeting is necessary to review the budget.

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.
- f. Investment Report

Hugh Weaver moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Judy Jordan gave the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

E. Action Items for Consideration.

1. Consider and Approve Summer School Plans

Dr. Smith advised the Board members that current plans for summer school will be to provide A+ credit recovery to High School students. There will be special education ESY for students in June. There are currently no plans to hold summer school for Middle School and Elementary students. The contracted summer school program for the students in residence at Starlite was previously approved by the Board.

Anna Dominguez moved approve summer school plans for the district as presented, with Larry Leitha giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

2. Consider and Approve Policy EHBC(LOCAL) Special Programs Pre-Kindergarten

Dr. Smith presented a proposal to amend EHBC(LOCAL) to allow employee's pre-K age students as long as space is available in the classroom. Students are not eligible for funding for the district, but it is a benefit for those employees to have their children be able to attend.

Frank Thomason moved approve summer school plans for the district as presented, with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

3. Consider and Approve Amendments to 2008 Budget.

Dr. Smith requested that the Board allow Amendments to the Budget for summer projects that are needed.

Judy Jordan moved to approve Amendments to the 2008 Budget as presented with Larry Leitha giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

4. Consider and Approve Summer Maintenance Projects

Dr. Smith referred the Board to a list of summer projects and items that are needed. A copy of the list is attached. An adjusted total is \$222,039 with amended quotes.

Judy Jordan moved to approve Summer Maintenance Projects as presented with, Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

5. Consider and Approve Proposal for Weigh Room Building.

Dr. Smith presented information to the Board regarding the purchase/building of a metal building to house the weight equipment.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the proposal for a Weight Room Metal Building as presented, with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

6. Consider and Approve Proposal for Van for Special Education

Dr. Smith advised the Board that we are currently running a route for special education functional living students and a separate route to transport students to DAEP as needed. There has also been a need this past year for an additional van to transport students to various events/activities. Dr. Smith advised that we have funding available in special education federal funding. She is recommending the purchase of a seven passenger van which will be used primarily for special education, but can also be used for other needs when special education is not using the vehicle.

Hugh Weaver moved to approve the bid for the purchase of a van for Special Education as presented, with Larry Leitha giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

7. Consider and Approve Additional Equipment and Supplies for Fall 2008

Dr. Smith referred the Board to the list for summer projects and equipment and outlined equipment and supplies that are needed for the Fall 2008.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the purchase of Additional Equipment and Supplies for the Fall of 2008 as presented, with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

The board took a short break at 9:17p.m. and reconvened at 9:20p.m.

8. Consider and Approve Waiver to Modify Class Schedule on TAKS Testing Days

Dr. Smith advised that there were approximately 20 different testing dates this past school year. A problem that was encountered was having enough staff members to properly supervise students who were not testing. She is requesting that the Board approve a waiver through TEA to modify the class schedule as needed on TAKS testing days.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the waiver to modify the class schedule on TAKS testing days as presented, with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

9. Consider and Approve New Personnel Positions.

Dr. Smith reminded the board that we have made a commitment to create a Gifted and Talented specialized program. She is proposing that we combine the middle school social studies teaching position that is now vacant from Mr. Williams announcing his retirement, with a Gifted and Talented position. She is also proposing that we create a new position for an Elementary PE teacher with the ability to teach middle school social studies or health and to also coach. Additionally, Dr. Smith is requesting the Board approve a reclassification of the Library Aide position to a Library Director position for Shirley Wright, who has completed her bachelor's degree at Schreiner University. Shirley would move to the teacher's salary pay scale. Dr. Smith is also requesting the

addition of positions for a Skilled Maintenance Worker and a Maintenance Tech position to meet the needs of the maintenance department and to also take over grounds keeping which is currently provided under a contract.

Judy Jordan moved to approve a new personnel position for an additional instructional staff member as presented, with Frank Thomason giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Judy Jordan moved to reclassify the position of library aide to library director as presented, with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Judy Jordan moved to approve new personnel positions for 1 skilled maintenance worker and 1 maintenance tech as presented, with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

10. Request for Future Agenda Items.
Schedule Date for Team Building Meeting.

F. Adjournment.

Judy Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting with Frank Thomason giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael D. Butler, President Date

Anna Dominguez, Secretary Date