

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Butler, President
Anna Dominguez, Secretary
Frank Thomason

Judy Jordan, Vice President
Sue Holloway
Hugh Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry J. Leitha, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Scott Turner, Acting Superintendent
James McAlister, Athletic Director

Janda Castillo, Secondary Principal
Deborah Hicks, Superintendent's Secretary

GUESTS

Sabyn Park Brenda Turner Nancy Erickson

1. Call to order/declaration of quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, November 12, 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 6:01 p.m. Michael Butler 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. Canvass of November 4, 2008 Trustee Election

The election was held on November 4, 2008, jointly with Kerr County. There were four 4-year positions up for election. They were the terms of Michael Butler, Frank Thomason, Larry Leitha and Hugh Weaver. There was also one unexpired 2-year term up for election. This was the appointed un-expired term held by Sue Holloway. Incubates Michael Butler, and Sue Holloway were both re-elected to 4-year terms and Allen Kaiser and Sabyn Park were elected to 4-year terms. The 2-year unexpired term will be filled by Frank Thomason who was unopposed for that position. There were a total of 874 ballots cast, with 464 being early voting ballots.

The election returns were provided by Nadene Alford, with Kerr County. President Butler read the returns as follows:

Full Term (4-year):

Hugh Weaver - 236
Alberto Garcia - 198
John Finster - 112
Larry Leitha - 207
Sabyn Park - 377

Sue Holloway - 373
Mitchell Moorhead - 179
Allen Kaiser - 429
Michael Butler - 285

Unexpired Term (2-year):

Frank Thomason, Jr. - 486

Judy Jordan moved to accept the canvass of election as presented. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED
2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ & LARRY LEITHA**

3. Consider and Possibly Approve Class Size Waiver for Fall 2008

Mr. Turner advised the board that on October 15th the district enrolled its 23rd student in one of the sections of 3rd grade at the elementary. Since we have exceeded the maximum class size of 22 students per 1 teacher, we must apply for a class size waiver from the state.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the class size waiver as presented with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED
2 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ & LARRY LEITHA**

Board Secretary, Anna Dominguez arrived at the meeting at 6:07p.m.

4. Consider and Possibly Approve Amendment to Board Operating Procedures

Mr. Butler stated that the board is considering changes to their Operating Procedures. President Butler stated the he and Vice President, Judy Jordan have been in recent contact with the Texas Association of School Boards and the District's attorney regarding this matter. President Butler distributed handouts to the board members for review regarding the public comment time at the board meetings. Board members also reviewed current district policies relating to the "Public Forum" procedures. President Butler gave his apology to fellow board members for his misunderstanding of current board policy and allowing members of the community and a former employee an opportunity to express negative comments regarding current employees during the public forum comment time at the October 21st regular meeting. Employees, parents/students and community members have the opportunity to express negative comments and concerns to the board through the grievance process as outlined in current district policy. President Butler reminded all board members of their right to call a point of order at any time during a meeting when necessary.

After continued discussion and review, board members requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting to allow board members to further review current district policy and items that were distributed at the meeting.

This item will be further considered at the board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

5. Consider and Possibly Approve Naming of Interim Superintendent

President Butler called the Board into a closed session at 6:31 p.m. as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.074.

The meeting resumed in open session at 7:01 p.m., with no votes nor decisions being made while in closed session.

Frank Thomason moved to name Mr. Scott Turner as Interim Superintendent with Judy Jordan giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT – LARRY LEITHA

6. **Consider and Possibly Approve Contracting with Superintendent Search Firm**
Hugh Weaver made a motion to contract with Arrow Educational Services, to conduct the search for a new Superintendent with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT – LARRY LEITHA

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

MOTION APPROVED 6 FOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT – LARRY LEITHA

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael D. Butler, President

Date

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

Date