

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 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
Sam McLarty, Secondary Assistant Principal	Nell Halsell, Secretary

GUESTS

Lance Whittle	Robert Coldwell	Cindy Tinnin	Guy Bason
Dolly Coldwell	Sarah Bevill-Lopez	Anna Chapa	Kim Bolin
Paul Harris	Charlie Syphrett	Deanna Stanley	Brenda Turner
Debra Behrens	David Peacock	Lisa Avant	Ray Avant
Jay Smith	Marc Jacobs	Cathy Jacobs	Carl Val Verde

1. Call to order/declaration of quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 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. Frank Thomason 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)

President Stearns read the district policy rules for speaking in the open forum of a regular board meeting. He then recognized Robert Coldwell who had signed up to speak during the open forum on the subject of athletics.

Mr. Coldwell stated that there are problems with athletics that he feels are leading to a decline in our school and our community. He would like to see them resolved as soon as possible. He said that he had previously spoken with Superintendent Ray about these concerns. He brought a copy of the issues that he had discussed with her. He stated that the parents present and others are willing to serve on a committee, or do whatever is necessary to try to help correct these problems. He asked the Board to read over the issues and consider putting it on the next agenda.

3. Recognition: Staff Members of the Month. (2,5)

President Stearns read the resolution recognizing Sara Bevill-Lopez as Elementary Staff Member of the Month. Frank Thomason moved to approve the resolution as read with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Mr. Stearns read the resolution recognizing Jay Smith as Secondary Staff Member of the Month. Anna Dominguez moved to approve the resolution as read with Judy Jordan giving the second.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

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. (None)

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

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Judy Jordan moved to approve the Expenditure Report with the exception of Check 004212. Frank Thomason seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

Frank Thomason moved to approve Check 004212 with Mike Butler giving the second.

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

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

- a. Elementary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Vester Joiner:

Enrollment: 262

PK – 14, K – 41, GR 1 – 35, GR 2 – 48, GR 3 – 46, Gr 4 – 37, GR 5 – 41

- TAKS Reading Scores:
Grade 3 – 98% passed with 27 of 46 achieving Commended Performance and six having perfect scores.
Grade 5 – 95% passed with 20 of 41 achieving Commended Performance and three with perfect scores.
- April 4 - Grade 5 will take the TAKS math test.
- April 7 – Grade 4 will go to the Alamo and IMAX.
- April 13 - Grade 3 will go to Witte Museum.
- April 18 – Grades 3 and 4 will take the TAKS math test.

There has been a big change in the cafeteria. Holli Trejo, cafeteria manager, now is able to offer pizzas, spicy chicken, hamburgers and chef salads along with a vegetable from a special line as a reimbursable meal. The students love it. The first day of this, we had 400 students, PK-GR12, to eat in the cafeteria. Mrs. Trejo is doing a very good job.

b. Secondary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Scott Turner:

Enrollment

High school enrollment information was not available at meeting time.

Middle School - 129

GR 6 – 38. GR 7 – 49. GR 9 – 41, AEP – 1

Mr. Turner gave the Board letters of appreciation from the sixth graders who attended the Texas Tech Science Camp. He said that the students also appreciate those who went as sponsors. Pictures from this trip are available on our web site.

Everything that they did at this camp ties back to the TEKS and helps prepare the students for the TAKS tests.

- We are continuing to do TAKS tutorials.
- The One Act Play will be going to Stevens High School in San Antonio tomorrow.
- High School UIL will be going to Medina this coming Saturday for the district meet.
- We are beginning to pre-register high school students for next year. In a couple of weeks we will begin pre-registering the middle school.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold a fundraiser lunch on April 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafetorium.
- We will be having our health fair, abstinence program, and blood drive in April. Our students and community always turn out well for the blood drive.

6. District Facilities/Maintenance Report. (3)

Dr. Ray stated that Mr. Patton will give his annual report, showing the progress that has been made on the benchmarks.

Benchmark 1 – Be of service to the educational process.

Benchmark 2 – Ensure a safe and secure campus.

Benchmark 3 – Maintain district buildings and equipment.

Benchmark 4 – Keep district aware of state and federal guidelines and operate within these guidelines.

Benchmark 5 – Operate within the allotted budget while looking for cost-cutting measures.

Benchmark 6 – Promote a safety-first attitude.

Benchmark 7- Complete all work orders within a timely manner.

Dan Patton:

We are of service to the educational process in many ways. We ensure a safe and secure campus with a safety-first attitude. Maintain buildings and equipment under the allotted budget by keeping the district aware of state rules and regulations and working within those guidelines. We maintain a safe and secure campus by correcting hazardous conditions in a timely manner as they occur as well as notifying administration and department managers.

Maintain district buildings and equipment. We have replaced the following items this year:

- Several pieces of equipment.
- An out-of-date boiler.
- A roof-top unit.
- Several water closets.
- Installed waterless urinals at the elementary campus. They have proven to be a great success. They solved our odor problem, saved on water and maintenance. I am presently looking at cost effectiveness of replacing all of our urinals with waterless urinals. This would also save on our water volume in our wastewater plant as we are coming close to the maximum on it.
- Remodeled a classroom for an assisted living class.
- Considering a utility management reporting tool to audit, track and analyze the consumption and cost to the district, as well as identifying savings opportunities. This will include all utilities: electrical, water, phones and any other utility we think might be necessary.

Our work order system has proven very effective to help us maintain the campuses. We try to complete all work orders within a 24-hour period. We have four different levels of priorities for work orders:

Emergencies – within two hours.

High Priority – same day.

Medium Priority – 24 hours or the next business day.

Low Priority – within the week we received it.

Schedule Work Order – anything that cannot be done without interrupting the education process. It will be done at the next available down time or if necessary we will come in at night or weekend.

We have been very busy on our PM program since January and will continue it through the summer.

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

Dr. Ray:

Governor Perry has called a special 30-day session of the legislature. He is trying to assure us that we will get an equitable funding program. If nothing comes out of this, our funding will be cut off on June 1.

We are still looking at the strategic plan. Budget decisions will be based on this plan. The campus site-base committees are beginning to identify the future needs of their campuses.

This item will be kept on the agenda until the budget is set.

8. Vote for Directors of Education Service Center, Region 20. (1-6)

Dr. Ray gave the board members their ballots for voting for the directors of Education Service Center, Region 20. After they marked the ballots, they returned them to the Superintendent to be mailed.

9. Approve 2006-2007 School Calendar. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

The staff at all three campuses voted for their choice of two calendars which have a common start date of August 21. The majority voted for the calendar that has May 31 as the last day. Current law states that we cannot start school before the week of August 21.

There is a possibility that the legislature may decide to require schools to begin after Labor Day and end no later than June 7. If this happens, we may have to make a change.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the 2006-2007 School Calendar as presented. Mike Butler seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

10. Discuss Lighting Baseball/Softball Fields. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray said that she and Jack Seefeldt, architect, had discussed rearranging the fields in their current location to avoid the easement. In doing this, the present KPUB power line will have to be relocated at a cost of \$3,353. She used a Power Point presentation and drawings to present the plans and estimated prices provided by Mr. Seefeldt.

This option involves moving the fields closer to the parking area. Although lights cannot be put in the easement, cars can be parked there. The cost could run be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. LCRA has some matching grants for lights that can be applied for.

Prior to this meeting, Larry Leitha discussed the idea of phasing in the project over a period of three years by moving the softball field one year, then the baseball field during the second year and finally installing lights during the third year.

Frank Thomason said he thought this should be pursued.

President Stearns said that he also liked the phase-in approach. However, he said that we need to know more about our budget. We should have the information on what funds we will have later on in the summer. He said that Mr. Seefeldt could go ahead with the plans.

Dr. Ray said that she had spoken with Cathy about LCRA funds. If we go with them, the fields will have to be open at all times to be available for community use. We do want our facilities to be available, but we have to look at the cost to the district of making it available at all times to the community.

11. Approve Resolution for Superintendent of the Year Nomination. (1-6)

President Stearns stated that the Board had nominated Dr. Ray for this last year. It is very competitive. He read the resolution and asked for a motion to approve it.

Anna Dominguez moved to approve the Resolution for Superintendent of the Year Nomination as read. (See attachment.) Hugh Weaver seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7 FOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSENT

12. Discuss/Approve Strategic Plan. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray said that when the Board met as a committee last June and identified the four strands that the plan is developed around, the Board voted to emphasis math, science and technology. These are the strands that the Board felt had top priority.

President Stearns said that when we first began building our strategic plan, we did not determine the amount of funds we would actually spend on the strategic plan due to the fact that we were uncertain about school funding. We have had some very good ideas coming out of the Action Committee. However where the funds actually fell in the recommended strands was not within what the Board felt are the highest priorities.

Dr. Ray said that in meeting with Dr. Smith and Dr. Klein, they agreed that it is within the strategic planning guidelines for the Board to designate certain dollar amounts to each strand. The Action Committee can then prioritize the activities and have the money to use on what they think is important to them.

Dr. Ray said that she can come back to the Board with a recommendation of how much we can spend on the plan and the Board can advise on how much of that can go to each strand. She can then take that information back to the Action Committee.

Superintendent Ray said that rather than delaying adoption of the plan in the event we are stalling on one particular strand, we are allowed to move ahead and adopt a portion of it.

President Stearns said that June would be good for approval of the strategic plan as we still do not know what the State is going to do. Our budget workshop is scheduled for July and we will still have time to get the budget ready for 2006-2007.

Superintendent Ray asked the board members to contact her if they had any feedback that they would like her to take to back to the committee.

13. Superintendent Report. (1-6)

- 2006 Summer Leadership Institute.

Dr. Ray told the Board that they have been registered to stay in the Marriott for June 8-10. She asked them to notify Nell Halsell if they cannot attend the training so their reservation can be cancelled. She advised them to continue to check the TASB web site so they can register as early as possible for their classes. They need to contact the office for a purchase order number to use for registration.

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

- a. Vocational Ag Teacher.
- b. Band Director.
- c. Ten-month Employees.
- d. Discussion of Coaching Practices at Middle School and High School.

President Stearns called the Board into a closed session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts and coaching practices at middle school and high school as

authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.074, Subchapters D and E.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:49 p.m., with no votes nor decisions being made while in closed session.

Superintendent Ray recommended an eleven-month, one year probationary contract for Shawn Messer.

Hugh Weaver moved to approve the above contract for Shawn Messer as recommended. Mike Butler seconded the motion.

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Dr. Ray recommended an eleven-month, one year non-probationary contract for Wayne Mahler.

Anna Dominguez moved to approve the above contract for Wayne Mahler as recommended. Mike Butler gave the second.

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Superintendent Ray recommended the following contracts:

Ten-month, one year probationary contracts for Karen Blackledge, Michael Evans, Marci Jones, Katie Pesek and Linnette Shine.

Ten-month, one year non-probationary contracts for the following:

Charlene Dierlam	Sharon Sullivan	Debra Griffin
Nancy Erickson	Gregory Williams	Stephanie Jeter
John Gatti	Connie Engel	Alene Kirklen
Catherine Lipka	Genelle Parra (Part-time)	Sarah Lopez
Susan Montague	Jeannie Zirkel (Part-time)	John McCalla
Janet Syphrett	Brenda Albrecht	Kimberly Morgan
Paul Bloom	Debra Behrens	Linda Perrin
Kimberly Bolin	Anna Chapa	Sunny Rivers
Sharon Sullivan	Lenola Coldwell	Cheryl Smith
Gregory Williams	Traci Craig	Deanna Stanley
Donald Diltz	Lisa Davenport	Brenda Turner
Paul Goodnight (1/2 time)	Steve Schreckenbach	Joni Wiseman
Janel Randow		

Frank Thomason moved to approve the above contracts as recommended with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

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

- Discuss Strategic plan.
- Middle School UIL Recognition.

15. Adjournment.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Approved by:

Edwin P. Stearns, President

Judy Jordan, Secretary