

**CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Larry J. Leitha, Jr.  
Frank Thomason

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Edwin P. Stearns

Hugh Weaver

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Dr. Lee Ann Ray, Superintendent  
Vester Joiner, Elementary Principal  
Sam McLarty, Assistant Secondary Principal  
Nell Halsell, Secretary

Scott Turner, Secondary Principal  
Janice Erwin, Business Manager  
Allen Kaiser, Athletic Director

**GUESTS**

Belinda Ugarte	Jesse Ugarte	Ana Arreola	Nicole Gonzales
Betty Arreola	Britny Rhodes	Kassie Metcalf	Ray Avant
Amanda Sutton	Kristin Coldwell	Bryan Weaver	Kendra Kaiser
Karla Arreola	Lance Whittle	Lisa Avant	Emily Sullivan
Tyler Harris	Lucas Jeter	Susan Walker	Karen Wigington
Jenna Melvin	Erica Wigington	Josh Jeter	Samantha Titmus
Jared Fetterolf	Jacob Fetterolf	Yvonne Langlinais	Leslie Langlinais
Traci Craig	Mary Castillo	Jay Smith	Pam Weaver

**1. Call to order/declaration of quorum.**

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, in the Pirate Cove Conference Room, 201 China Street, Center Point, Texas. Vice President Michael D. 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. Swear in Board Members. (1-6)**

▪ **Reorganize Board.**

Anna Dominguez and Judy Jordan were sworn into office by Nell Halsell, Notary Public.

Vice President Butler dissolved the Board and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Ray for the election of the president.

Superintendent Ray asked for nominations for president. Frank Thomason nominated Michael D. Butler with Judy Jordan seconding the motion.

Dr. Ray asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. She stated that nominations were closed and asked for a vote. Michael D. Butler was elected as president by a vote of 5 to 0.

Superintendent Ray turned the meeting over to President Butler. Mr. Butler nominated Judy Jordan for vice president. He asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. Judy Jordan was elected as vice president by a vote of 4 to 0 with Judy Jordan abstaining.

Mr. Butler called for nominations for secretary. Judy Jordan nominated Anna Dominguez for secretary. President Butler asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. Anna Dominguez was elected as secretary by a vote of 4 to 0 with Anna Dominguez abstaining.

**3. Reaffirmation of Board Ethics. (1-6)**

President Butler read the Board Ethics found in Policy BBF (Local). He stated that these are the ethics that the Board works by.

**4. Open forum, recognition of guests. (1-6)**

None.

**5. Recognition: Valedictorian, Salutatorian, High School UIL Participants, Regional Track Participants, Softball Team, Staff Members of the Month. (2,5,6)**

**Valedictorian**

Dr. Ray read the certificate officially recognizing Lucas Jeter as the valedictorian of the graduating class of 2006.

**Salutatorian**

Dr. Ray read the certificate officially recognizing Emily Sullivan as salutatorian of the senior class of 2006.

Dr. Ray, Mr. Turner, and the Board congratulated the two students on their scholastic achievements at CPHS. Mr. Turner mentioned that both of them will be attending the University of Texas

**High School UIL Participants**

Superintendent Ray introduced the UIL sponsor, Catherine Lipka, and turned the floor over to her. She introduced the students and announced their accomplishments as follows: Twenty-eight students competed in 48 events and won 19 medals at the district level. Nine students advanced to regionals. In the

regional competition, Emily Sullivan placed sixth in Literary Criticism; Zack Tysor placed third in Literary Criticism; Sean McRae and Steven McRae competed in Literary Criticism; Betty Arreola competed in News Writing and Feature Writing; Brian Weaver won fourth in Science (had the highest physics score at district); Jesse Ugarte placed fourth in News Writing and also competed in Social Studies.

Scott Turner stated that the UIL participation has greatly increased in the high school over the past few years due mainly to the hard work of Cathy Lipka and Jack Gatti.

### **Regional Track Participants**

Coach Lance Whittle and Coach Jay Smith introduced their athletes who participated in regional track competition: Enrique Castillo – 1600 meter run; Amanda Sutton – shot put; Luke Jeter – long jump, triple jump, and placed fourth in the 400-meter run; Leslie Langlinais - third in triple jump, third in long jump and seventh in the 200 meter dash; Christina Von Dohlen – fourth in pole vault; Kendra Kaiser – seventh in shot put.

Coach Kaiser said that the athletes put a lot of effort into their events and they are looking forward to an even greater season next year.

### **Tennis**

Coach Lisa Avant said that we had three young men to advance to the regional tennis tournament for the first time since 1992. Tyler Harris and Jared Fetterolf advanced in doubles; Jacob Fetterolf advanced in singles.

Betty Arreola and Lauren Rhodes barely missed going to regionals in doubles. Next year we will be working to advance as high as we can.

### **Softball Team**

Coach Ray Avant and his assistant coach, Karen Wigington, introduced their team members. Coach Avant said that he was very proud of their efforts, even when the going got tough, they had the winning spirit. The team won second place in district. Anna Arreola received the Spirit Award.

Dr. Ray complimented the team on a great season and said that she was sure that they would be in the playoffs next year.

### **Staff Members of the Month.**

President Butler read the resolution recognizing Traci Craig as Elementary Staff Member of the Month. Frank Thomason moved to approve the resolution as read with Judy Jordan giving the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT: E. STEARNS, H. WEAVER**

President Butler read the resolution recognizing Lance Whittle as Secondary Staff Member of the Month. Judy Jordan moved to approve the resolution as read. Anna Dominguez gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT: E. STEARNS, H. WEAVER**

Mrs. Craig and Mr. Whittle each received a gift from the Administration and the Board.

President Butler commented that a lot of great things are happening in our district.

**6. 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.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Frank Thomason gave the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT: E. STEARNS, H. WEAVER**

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

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

Vester Joiner:

Enrollment: 266

PK - 12, K – 40, GR 1 - 35, GR 2 - 51, GR 3 - 49, GR 4 - 39, GR 5 - 40

- May 17 – We will take seventeen of our accelerated readers who earned 100 points this year to Mr. Gatti's in Fredericksburg for pizza and games.
- May 18-19 are Field Days for Grades K-5. We have found that giving them t-shirts is better than ribbons. (He presented Field Day t-shirts to the board members.)
- May 24, 8:30 a.m. – Awards Ceremony in the gym.
- Students will be released at 12:35 p.m. on May 25 and May 26.
- Our TAKS scores are in and it looks like the elementary will be rated Exemplary next year as all students scored above 90 in every area.
- We have an excellent fifth grade class. Every student passed the math and science TAKS and only one did not pass the reading TAKS.

b. Secondary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Scott Turner:

Enrollment:

High School - 155

GR 9 – 43, GR 10 - 37, GR 11 - 35, GR 12 - 39, AEP-1

Plus 14 in Villa Del Sol and Starlite.

Middle School - 132

GR 6 - 39, GR 7 - 47, GR 8 - 42, AEP - 4

- The middle school UIL participants had their picnic yesterday.
- Physics and calculus students went to Fiesta Texas last week.
- May 23 - Middle School Awards Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. and High School Awards Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in the gym.
- FFA Banquet will be this Thursday at 6:00 p.m., in the cafetorium.
- Today, the World History class had a Renaissance Fair for all campuses to learn from and to enjoy.
- May 25, 7:00 p.m. - Eighth Grade Promotion in the gym.
- May 26, 7:00 p.m. – High School Graduation in the gym.
- May 25-26 – Final exams.

**8. Discuss Lighting for Baseball and Softball Fields.**

Dr. Ray said that Jack Seefeldt has reviewed the survey that was done and found that we have enough land outside the easement to place the light poles. (See attached drawing.) The larger black dots represent pole placement. LCRA has agreed that this is satisfactory. For legal purposes and lighting purposes, this will work without having to move the baseball or the softball fields. There is the easement on the other side that will cost about \$3,000 for KPUB plus some electrical work that Dan Patton can get done. Also attached is one quote on the cost of installing the lights on both fields. The baseball field would cost approximately \$68,000 and the softball field at a cost of approximately \$54,500.

Dr. Ray said that she did not recommend taking action on this item now as we have some academic things and some other things in the district that are bigger priorities than this. She said that later in the year, this should be looked at again when we have a better picture of our finances.

President Butler said he has noticed that LCRA is doing a lot of improvements along Highway 27. He suggested that LCRA could decide to come through and bulldoze down our dugout and fence to make improvements. Dr. Ray agreed that it could be a problem. She said that she was just encouraged that putting the lights there would relieve the cost of moving the two fields.

The question was raised about doing one field at a time. Superintendent Ray replied that it would be best to do both fields at the same time due to the requirements of Title IX.

**9. Summer Athletic Camps Report. (6)**

Allen Kaiser said that there will be softball, baseball, volleyball and football camps conducted over the summer months. Flyers with the camp dates have been placed at each campus and were handed out at Meet-the-Coaches Night. He reported that the interest is picking up as there were some new people who attended the meeting.

The Pirate Pride Committee will have a bake sale this Saturday at Mini-Mart and a Fish Fry on June 11, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**10. Budget Priorities for 2006-2007. (4)**

Dr. Ray stated that the priorities that have been identified at this time are:

- Strategic Plan.
- Energy Conservation Plan. (We received one bid and that was from Trane.)
- Items not completed on Summer Maintenance.
- Track Repair.
- Upgrading Technology: We are planning to update with Odyssey Ware which will be good for all students. The high school is wireless and our plans are to have the entire district made wireless. Our teacher computer lease is up in September. We plan to move the teacher computers to the labs, move lab computers into classrooms and lease laptops from Dell for teachers.

Dr. Ray said that she sat in on the Legislative session on education finance in both the House and the Senate. She also met one-on-one with Representative Harvey Hilderbran. She gave a short review of the new plan:

- Increase in tobacco tax.
- No lie on used vehicles.
- Business franchise tax restructured.
- A 17% reduction in next year's property tax which will bring ours down to \$1.28.
- We should get \$176,000 in additional revenue for next year.
- Janice Erwin and Dr. Ray will be going to Region 20 to learn to use the new template.
- Included in the \$176,000 is \$48,000 for the high school to use to improve seniors going to college.
- The following were funded: Teacher pay raise of \$2,000 plus \$500 for their insurance and \$250 for paraprofessionals insurance.
- Students will be required to have four years of math and science (unfunded).

- Mandated school start date of the fourth Monday in August beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

Dr. Ray said that the good news is that our funding will not be cut off on June 1. We should know more by the next board meeting.

Dr. Ray informed the Board that we need to add a teacher for a Discipline Special Education Unit due to an increase in the number of special education students with behavioral problems.

**11. Discuss Strategic Plan. (1-6)**

Superintendent Ray said that there is nothing new on the strategic plan at this time.

**12. Approve Education Service Center Commitment Forms. (1-6)**

Dr. Ray stated that the services provided by ESC Region 20 are very important to a small school like ours. This year's commitment forms total \$35,953.20 which is about \$583 more than last year. Some changes from last year:

- RSCCC will be moved from our server to a web base at Region 20 at a cost of \$2,400.
- Board training will be done on a request basis and be charged per each training.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the Education Service Center Commitment Forms as presented. Larry Leitha seconded the motion.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT: E. STEARNS, H. WEAVER**

**13. Approve Summer Maintenance Projects. (1-6)**

There was a discussion of the summer projects that were presented at the last board meeting. It was determined that they would be paid for out of Fund Balance.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the following projects:

Abatement of Restroom Ceilings	\$ 6,500.00
Repair Foundation of ISS and Head Start Buildings	7,985.00
Elementary Parking Lot w/cement	64,500.00
Paint Old Elementary	<u>2,572.00</u>
Total	<u>\$81,557.00</u>

Anna Dominguez seconded the motion.

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**14. Consider/Approve Transfer Students. (1,4)**

Dr. Ray informed the Board that we have two transfer students who are not children of employees. One transfer will be revoked due to excessive absences. That student is Kathleen Gage. She recommended the following transfer students:

**Employees' Children**

Bradley Behrens	Tyler Behrens	Jacob Fetterolf	Jared Fetterolf
John Gerken	Ben Hicks	Matthew Hooten	Kamie Ray

**Tuition Payer**

Deanna Blevins

Anna Dominguez moved to approve the above recommended transfer students as presented. Frank Thomason gave the second.

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**15. Approve Transfer Tuition. (2,4)**

Superintendent Ray reported that the estimated maximum tuition amount calculated by the Texas Education Agency for the 2006-2007 school year is \$2,238. That is up from \$968 for this school year. She recommended that Deanna Blevins be grandfathered in at the present rate of \$968 for the rest of her time in school at CPISD and decrease the amount of her tuition in the event the Texas Education Agency decreases the amount in the future.

Frank Thomason moved to approve setting the tuition rate at the maximum rate as set by the Texas Education Agency with the exception of Deanna Blevins who will be kept at the current rate. Anna Dominguez gave the second.

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**16. Designate TASB Delegate and Alternate Delegate. (1-6)**

The Board appointed Frank Thomason as the TASB Delegate and Anna Dominguez as the TASB Alternate Delegate by general consensus.

**17. Schedule Team Building Workshop. (1-6)**

Dr. Ray recommended the *Good to Great* team building workshop authored by Jim Collins. Dr. Terry Smith and Dr. Rick Alvarado of Education Service Center, Region 20 will be the presenters.

The general consensus of the Board was to use the recommended team training on July 11, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**18. Superintendent report. (1-6)**

- a. Center Point Public School Foundation Update.
- b. The Second Annual CPPSF fundraiser brought in \$1,652.39. This money will be used to go toward scholarships. We appreciate everyone's support.
- c. 2006 Summer Leadership Institute.

Dr. Ray advised everyone to give any changes to Nell Halsell so adjustments can be made.

- d. Heart of Texas Regional School Board Association Update.

No report as this event was canceled.

- e. TASB Convention.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual TASB/TASA Convention will be held October 6-8 in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Housing and registration opens on June 15. We need to know who plans to go so we can get the hotel reservations made.

- f. RFQ's for Energy Conservation Plan Update.

We received one bid and that was from Trane. Information on how to proceed on this will be given to the Board at the June meeting.

**19. Personnel: Contracts/Proposals for Renewal/Nonrenewal/Resignations. (1-6)**

Superintendent Ray announced the resignations of Katie Pesek, Kim Morgan, and Paul Harris.

Dr. Ray recommended a one-year, eleven month, dual-duty probationary contract for Greg Mahler for the secondary math/coach position.

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

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT: E. STEARNS, H. WEAVER**

Dr. Ray recommended a 10-month, one year probationary contract for each of the following: Pam Williams for elementary special education teacher/special education director, Tiffany Moorhead as a second grade teacher and Carrie Arrington as a fourth grade teacher.

Judy Jordan moved to approve the above recommended contracts as presented with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

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**20. Requests for Future Agenda Items. 91-6)**

- Update on Electronic Portfolios in June.
- Discuss Strategic Plan.
- Summer Institute Reports.
- Summer Camp Reports in August.

**21. Adjournment.**

Frank Thomason moved to adjourn the meeting with Anna Dominguez giving the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSENT: E. STEARNS, H. WEAVER**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved by:

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Michael D. Butler, President

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Date

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Anna Dominguez, Secretary

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Date