

CENTER POINT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Butler, President
Judy Jordan, Vice President
Sue Holloway

Larry J. Leitha, Jr
Frank Thomason
Hugh Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Lee Ann Ray, Superintendent
Sam McLarty, Assistant Secondary Principal
Janice Erwin, Business Manager

Scott Turner, Secondary Principal
Vester Joiner, Elementary Principal
Nell Halsell, Secretary

GUESTS

Lourdes Ibarra	Lupe Valadez	Madison Justice	Paulito Valadez
Maryssa Haught	Casey Custer	Mary Castillo	Charlene Dierlam
Riley Matthews	Martha Dunks	Gene Dunks	Martha Dunks
Joe G. Valadez	Maura Valadez	Paulo Valadez	Burt Custer
June Custer	Jewel Kane	Tara Justice	Christopher Justice
Jordan Justice	Blanca Valadez		

Lee Gordon, Delinquent Tax Attorney, of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C.

1. Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum.

The Center Point ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 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 7:00 p.m. Frank Thomason led the prayer. President 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: Students of the Six Weeks, Staff Members of the Month. (5,6)

Students of the Six Weeks:

Elementary

Lupe Valadez
Madison Justice

Middle School

Maryssa Haught
Casey Custer

High School

Lourdes Ibarra
Billy Shine

President Butler presented certificates of recognition to all of the students except Lourdes Ibarra and Billy Shine who were not present. Mr. Turner accepted their certificates for them.

Staff Members of the Month:

President Butler read the resolution recognizing Mary Castillo as Elementary Staff Member of the Month. Frank Thomason moved to approve the resolution as read. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

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President Butler read the resolution recognizing Charlene Dierlam as Secondary Staff Member of the month. Larry Leitha moved to approve the resolution as read with Judy Jordan giving the second.

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Mrs. Castillo and Mrs. Dierlam each received a gift from the Board and Administration.

Dr. Ray announced that Center Point Elementary made the Texas Business and Education Coalition's (TBEC) Honor Roll for 2006. This award is the most prestigious award for sustained academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes schools that have three years of sustained high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar populations.

Mr. Joiner, his wife and Dr. Ray will be going to Austin on December 4 where they will be honored at a dinner. Later a team from TBEC will be coming to visit Mr. Joiner and his staff to learn their methods of success. Dr. Ray said that this is a great honor. She said that she wanted to applaud the elementary school and recognize Mr. Joiner and his staff for their accomplishments.

Dr. Ray proudly reported that our high school building trades class was recognized in the *Texas Education Today*, a monthly publication by the Texas Education Agency. The September 2006 issue featured an article titled "Twenty-first century 'teachorage': Center Point ISD students build home in high school building trades class for teacher." She congratulated the students and staff of the building trades class.

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.
- f. Activity accounts report.

g. Budget amendments.

Hugh Weaver moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the Expenditures report. Frank Thomason seconded the motion.

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Judy Jordan moved to approve the Expenditures report with the exceptions of Checks 038448, 0038459, 038480, and 038485. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

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Frank Thomason moved to approve Check 038448 and Check 038459 with Judy Jordan giving the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ
1 ABSTAINED – SUE HOLLOWAY**

Hugh Weaver moved to approve Check 038480 with Judy Jordan giving the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ
1 ABSTAINED – FRANK THOMASON**

Frank Thomason moved to approve Check 038485 with Larry Leitha giving the second.

**MOTION APPROVED 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT – ANNA DOMINGUEZ
1 ABSTAINED – HUGH WEAVER**

5. Delinquent Tax Report. (4)

Dr. Ray announced that Lee Gordon of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. was present to give the annual report on delinquent tax collections.

Mr. Gordon:

A very high percentage of delinquent taxes come from 2005. There are now approximately 150 delinquent taxpayers. In July 2005, there was \$85,000 due in delinquent taxes. That amount is now down to \$21,000. Almost 99% of the 2003 and 2004 delinquent taxes have been collected.

Dr. Ray complimented Mr. Gordon and his firm for getting more aggressive with very good results.

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

a. Elementary: Enrollment, Student Activities and Events.

Vester Joiner:

Enrollment: 253

PK – 13, K – 43, GR 1 – 34, GR 2 – 34, GR 3 – 45, GR 4 – 47, GR 5 – 37

We have three sections each of Grades K – 4. We are very pleased that we can have the smaller classes which produce greater results.

- Our teachers are doing TPRI testing at this time. This lets us know where we are on reading.

Dr. Ray interjected that we are very fortunate to be able to keep the teacher/student ratio at such low numbers for these grade levels. This will be very helpful to them when they reach the TAKS grade levels.

- This was our most successful Book Fair. Our percentage from the book sales was approximately \$1,000.
- We had about 95% attendance for Report Card Night. Several teachers had 100% attendance.
- October 24-30 is Red Ribbon Week. Ms. Randow has purchased sports water bottles with a drug-free slogan printed on it for each student.
- November 15 - The Morris Brothers will be here to present a "drug free" program. They have been here previously and are very good.
- October 31 - We have some parents who are sponsoring our first graders' trip to the Pumpkin Patch at Medina.
- November 10, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. - The PAT will sponsor a "Hoe Down" in the cafeteria. It will have a western theme with dancing and games.
- November 14, 7:00 p.m. – PAT meeting in the cafeteria.
- We anticipate that the new classrooms will be ready to move into by November 1.

b. Secondary: Secondary Student Activities and Events.

Scott Turner:

Enrollment:

Middle School: 127

GR 6 – 41, GR 7 – 40, GR 8 – 46, AEP – 0

High School: 164

GR 9 – 57, GR 10 – 43, GR 11 – 31, GR 12 – 33, AEP – 0

Plus 11 students in Villa Del Sol and Starlite with three more in Hill Country High School.

- We are administering the TAKS Exit Level retesting this week in ELA, math, science and social studies. We are also giving the PSAT tomorrow.
- Our counselors are preparing for Career Day which is scheduled for November 15.
- Our blood drive is set for October 18. Nurse Connie Engel always coordinates this. The Key Club is busy signing up donors.
- Sam McLarty and Shirley Wright are organizing the NHS tutoring program which will be conducted during tutorials.
- We had great pride during homecoming and are excited about our upcoming activities.

7. Secondary Mentor Program. (1,5,6)

Scott Turner used a Power Point Presentation to give an update on the Help a Student Succeed Program. The goal is to provide a learning environment that allows each student the opportunity to succeed. He said that the program is an ongoing process that will change and evolve based on student needs.

Each staff member is a mentor to from five to ten students. A record is kept on the number of contact times.

Sue Holloway asked if this was not too many students for one person. Mr. Turner replied that it was the only way that every student could have a mentor. Ms. Holloway said that she felt like this was a lot for staff and suggested that community members get pulled in to help.

Dr. Ray replied that they plan to hand out flyers at the TCEQ/Wheatcraft meeting next month to encourage community members to volunteer as mentors.

8. Discuss/Consider Date Change for November and December Meetings. (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that the November board meeting falls on the 21st which is an early release day for the Thanksgiving holidays. The December board meeting falls on the 19th which is during the Christmas holidays. She asked the Board to consider moving the November meeting to November 14 and the December meeting to December 12.

Judy Jordan moved to approve changing the November board meeting from November 21 to November 14 with Hugh Weaver giving the second.

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Hugh Weaver moved to approve changing the December board meeting date from December 19 to December 12. Larry Leitha seconded the motion.

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9. Appoint Textbook Committee. (5)

Dr. Ray informed the Board that Vester Joiner organized the textbook committee for this year: Sharon Sullivan, Greg Mahler, Michael Evans, and Vester Joiner. Secondary math books will be adopted. She recommended approval of this committee as presented.

The question was raised whether the textbooks would be funded this year. Mr. Joiner replied that he still did not know.

Frank Thomason moved to appoint the Textbook Committee as recommended with Judy Jordan seconding the motion.

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10. Adopt Revised (LOCAL) Policies (see attached lists). (1-6)

Dr. Ray stated that TASB's legal department changed the language of the following (LOCAL) policies:

FNAA (LOCAL)	Student Distribution of Nonschool Literature
FNAB (LOCAL)	Student Use of School Facilities for Nonschool Purposes
GKD (LOCAL)	Nonschool Use of School Facilities
GKDA (LOCAL)	Distribution of Nonschool Literature

Dr. Ray affirmed that these policies are in keeping with our present practices and recommended that the Board approve them as presented.

Judy Jordan moved to adopt the following Revised (LOCAL) Policies: GKD (LOCAL), GKDA (LOCAL), FNAA (LOCAL) AND FNAB(LOCAL) as presented. Frank Thomason gave the second.

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11. Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve a Site Agreement with Nextel of Texas for a Communication Tower. (1-6)

Dr. Ray informed the Board that CPISD will receive \$1,000 annually for five years with a 3% annual increase. These funds will go to the general fund. The lease is renewable for 3 terms of five years each. The tower will be placed on the back corner of the visitor's parking lot at the football field. She recommended approval of this agreement.

Judy Jordan moved that the Board approve the Site Agreement between the District and Nextel of Texas and authorize the Superintendent to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

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12. Approve District Improvement Plan. (1-6)

Dr. Ray gave an overview of the District Improvement Plan for 2006-2007 and recommended approval of it.

Frank Thomason moved to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2006-2007 as recommended. Hugh Weaver gave the second.

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13. Superintendent Report. (1-6)

Superintendent Ray:

a. TASB Convention Update.

Sue Holloway:

- The Job Corp Program in San Marcos was very impressive. It may be a good program for some of the students we have as they have added a high school for ages 16-24. If the students get their high school diploma from there, they would not be considered as a dropout from our school. The U.S. Department of Labor funds this program. Health and dental care are provided for the students.
- A class on employee absenteeism pointed out that money incentives do not always work.

Frank Thomason:

- One superintendent has incorporated industry into science fields and advanced skills to try to motivate students. If a fifth grader scores in the top 25% of the PSAT, they are automatically put in advanced courses. They emphasized the fact that there are so many engineering positions that are going to be filled by people from other countries if they can find them. There is really a shortage of those types of skills. Professionals are coming to school to try to motivate their students.
- A superintendent of a 2A school spoke about pulling together during an emergency. He reported that their school and the community worked together during Hurricane Rita to put up 350 people at their school building. His emphasis was that it is important to do what is right for the students and not worry about the political issues that are always coming up.

Hugh Weaver:

E –Tech TIP is a four-year technology immersion project. They have taken 44 middle schools across Texas and ran the technology immersion in 22 of the schools. At the end of the first year, there was an increase in TAKS scores in the immersion schools but not significant in the non-immersed schools. The major difference in the two sets of schools is that the students in the immersed schools response on the surveys indicated that they were more excited about school. The question was, “Is technology worthwhile or should we go back to the blackboard?” He said he would like to keep up with this program until it is completed.

Dr. Ray:

Most of the sessions I attended were on School Safety and Safety Plans. Some schools are teaching students and teachers to fight back when a shooter comes in. The question of administration being armed with guns was discussed. Information was given on identifying strangers on campuses and building strategies to make campuses safer.

Vester Joiner is taking on the project of reviewing our emergency/hazard plan and fine-tuning it even more.

b. Center Point Residential Treatment Centers.

Starlite and Villa del Sol residential treatment centers are within our district. There are approximately 80 to 100 students who go through these facilities each year. Students from all over the country are allowed to come to Starlite. We are allowed to serve them for one hour per day. We contract with Kerrville ISD to serve the students in Villa del Sol. Most of these students are on probation from Bexar County Detention Center.

When these students leave these facilities, they may transfer to half-way houses, obtain a GED or just drop out. Very rarely do they go back and enroll in their district. This makes Center Point ISD their last recorded district. When they become a dropout they are automatically charged against the school where they were last enrolled.

In the past we have been protected by the coding system at the Texas Education Agency (TEA). However, this year these dropouts will be charged against CPISD. As Center Point High School is so small, five of these dropouts can result in CPHS becoming an unacceptable high school based on completion rate.

To avoid CPHS from being classified as an unacceptable school, these residential centers have been reclassified with TEA as a separate

campus. They are now named the Center Point Residential Treatment Centers and have their own campus code with TEA. This was done as it may be much more palatable for a campus called Center Point Treatment Centers to be rated unacceptable than for Center Point High School to be rated unacceptable.

Once the CP Residential Treatment Centers campus is classified unacceptable (and it will), we will appeal it and hope it gets overturned. This is something we will have to do every year until something changes in the legislature. We plan to get Harvey Hilderbran to help us work on this.

c. Governor's Excellence Award at Center Point High School.

The high school qualified for the Governor's Excellence Award based on the comparable improvement in our 2004-2005 math TAKS scores. This made us eligible for \$40,000 in staff incentive pay. To meet the qualifications to receive these funds, the high school site base committee has put the required plan together. It was submitted to TEA on September 28, 2006. If we meet all of the criteria, the payout is scheduled for October 15, 2007.

d. Automatic External Defibrillator.

Royce Faulkner, a friend of Allen Kaiser, is donating two AED's to the district. One is to be located in the gym and one at the football field. We will have CPR and AED training next Thursday. Mr. Faulkner has also contributed AED's to five other Hill Country schools. Later, we plan to purchase one for the Nurse's Office for campus emergencies.

e. Update on Trane Report.

The final proposal from Trane will be completed Friday and will be given to you next week. This item will be on the agenda for our November meeting.

f. Update on Strategic Plan.

Our Teacher Retention/Recruitment Committee has removed some of their high-dollar ticket items. They will be meeting again on the subject of perfect attendance.

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

- Trane Report.

President Butler called for a short break at 8:40 p.m. The meeting resumed in open session at 8:48 p.m.

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

- Superintendent Formative Evaluation.

President Butler called the Board into closed session for the Superintendent Formative Evaluation as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code 551.074, Subchapters D and E at 8:49 p.m. The meeting resumed in open session at 9:37 p.m., with no votes nor decisions being made while in closed session.

Dr. Ray read Jackie Sevey's resignation letter. Mrs. Sevey was a cafeteria worker. She said that they are looking to fill that position.

16. Adjournment.

Hugh Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting with Larry Leitha giving the second.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael D. Butler, President

Date

Anna Dominguez, Secretary

Date