

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

COMFORT ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

327 HIGH STREET - COMFORT, TEXAS

The meeting will be held in compliance with Gov. Code, §551.the meeting is also being conducted in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act [42 U.S.C. 12101 (1991)]. The facility where the meeting is to be held is wheelchair-accessible, and handicapped parking is available. Handicapped services are available upon request if received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. To make arrangements for handicapped services, please call 830-995-6400.

The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the Agenda should be held in closed meeting, the Board would convene in such closed meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code, § 551.071 - 551.084 to consult with the Board's attorney, discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, discuss negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations, discuss personnel or to hear complaints against personnel, consider the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of security, personnel or devices, and/or consider discipline of a public school child or complaint or charge against personnel. No action will be taken during a Closed Session. At any time, the Board may go into closed meeting to receive legal counsel or advice, which the school district's legal counsel determines should be confidential in accordance with counsel's duty to the district pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Eric Lantz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Ray Avery, Eric Lantz, Rusty Saur, Nora Lozano,

Brad Spenrath, Tillie Moldenhauer (absent) and Tommy Harvey.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comments

At this time, the Board will listen to comments from the public or staff members. In order to comment, please complete a public comment card and present it to the Board president prior to the beginning of the meeting. (All public comments will be limited to three minutes per issue or agenda item.)

- 1. Agenda items*
- 2. Non-agenda items*

Mr. Duncan – Welfare School Stewardship

III. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) District Information*

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items in the consent agenda should be approved as presented unless an item is removed. All items are as recommended by the Superintendent.

- 1. Minutes of the June 13, 2011 Regular Meeting.**

2. *Local Maintenance and Operations, Interest and Sinking, Workers' Compensation, Student Activity, and Tax Collection Reports,*
3. *Monthly Investment Report*

Mr. Avery made a motion that the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Saur seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

V. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- A. *2011-2012 Budget*
- B. *Second Administration Results for TAKS Tests 2011*
- C. *SHAC Health Service Annual Report*
- D. *Bilingual / ESL Annual Program Report*
- E. *Employee Handbook:*
Background: The Board has the opportunity to review the handbooks. The employee handbook was developed using the TASB Model Handbook.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

(According to Government Code §551.071-§551-082, the Board of Trustees may convene in a closed session §551.071, Private consultation with the Board's attorney; §551.072, Discussion purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; §551.073, Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; §551.074, Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel; §551.076, Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of security, personnel or devices; and §551.082, Considering discipline of a public school child or complaint or charge against personnel.) No action will be taken during a Closed Session.

- A. *Items Removed from the Consent Agenda*
- B. *Consider/Approve Second Reading of Policy Update 90*
Background: Update 90 focuses largely on two key topics, the new State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STARR) program and various technology issues. Other topics include issues related to intellectual property, disability discrimination and service animals, employee standards of conduct, access to district records, board training requirements, and district financial operations.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve Update 90 as presented.

Mr. Saur made a motion that the Board approve Update 90 as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

C. **Consider/ Approve a GASB 54 Resolution**

Background: *The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) released Statement 54 -"Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions" on March 11, 2009, which is effective for fiscal year 2011. Prior to June 30, 2011 or August 31, 2011, depending upon the school district's fiscal year end, a resolution is to be adopted by the board of trustees that "commits fund balance to specific purpose[s]..., but the amount[s], if any, which will be subject to the constraint, may be determined in the subsequent period." The committed amounts may be determined when the audited fund balance amounts are known after the fiscal year end. Board action is also needed to establish responsibility for making assignments of fund balance.*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the GASB 54 Resolution as presented.*

Mr. Spenrath made a motion that the Board approve the GASB 54 Resolution as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

D. **Consider / Approve a Special Warranty Deed for the Welfare Historic School**

Background: *In 2002, Comfort ISD awarded Luster Culver a Special Warranty Deed on the Welfare Historic School. The Deed is good for 50 years. Ms. Culver has stepped down as Executive Director of the Welfare Historic School. There are two groups of community members fighting over who is responsible for the school. See documentation enclosed.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board provide guidance to the superintendent.*

According to Government Code §551.071-§551-082, the Board of Trustees may convene in a closed session §551.071, Private consultation with the Board's attorney; §551.072, Discussion purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; §551.073, Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; §551.074, Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel; §551.076, Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of security, personnel or devices; and §551.082, Considering discipline of a public school child or complaint or charge against personnel.) No action will be taken during a Closed Session.

Trustees convened into closed session at 6:50 PM, according to Government Code §551.074 No action was be taken during the Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 7:03 PM.

Mr. Spenrath made a motion that the Board give Mr. Chapman the authority to consult with the attorneys to place the Welfare Historic School in the place of the current name, Luster Culver. Mr. Saur seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

E. Employment:

Steve Collinsworth (Assistant Principal / Coach)
Michelle Valderaz (Elementary Teacher)

Mr. Avery made a motion that the Board accept the recommendations for employment as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business this meeting is adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Eric Lantz, President

Noel Avery, Secretary