

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010 – 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

Barb Lindner, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Trustees present: Ray Avery, Eric Lantz, Barb Lindner, Rusty Saur (6:30pm),

Nora Lozano, Brad Spenrath (6:04pm), and Tillie Moldenhauer.

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*

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

CISD Excellence Award:

Elementary School: Barbara Pankratz

Middle School: Susan McCollum

High School: Ralph Real

Professional: Jerry Mannering

Employee: Luiz Lozano

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

- A. **Superintendent's Report**
 - 1) *Academics, Athletics, Facilities, Events*
 - 2) *October & November District Calendar*
- B. **Principals' Report**
 - 1) *Elementary School Report*
 - 2) *Middle School Report*
 - 3) *High School Report*
 - 4) *Food Service Report*

V. 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 September 13, 2010 Regular Minutes**
- 2. **Local Maintenance and Operations, Interest and Sinking, Workers' Compensation, Student Activity, and Tax Collection Reports,**
- 3. **Monthly Investment Report**
- 4. **Building Project Financial Update**

Mrs. Moldenhauer made a motion that the Board accepts the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Lozano seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Mr. Saur was absent at the time of the vote.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- A. **Highly Qualified Report:**

No Child Left Behind requires specific district teachers to be highly qualified according to federal standards. The report will be reported to the Board of Trustees.
- B. **Update 88 First Reading:**

Update 88 only has three local policies to consider. All other changes are made within the legal policies.
- C. **Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Public Hearing:**

The purpose of the financial accountability rating system is to ensure that school districts will be held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices, and to achieve improved performance in the management of their financial resources. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources in order to provide the maximum

allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The system will also disclose the quality of local management and decision-making processes that impact the allocation of financial resources in Texas public schools.

VII. 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, Discussing 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 Masonry Bids for the Softball Complex

Background: The district requested bids for Masonry work in June and July. One company submitted a bid but was unable to provide a payment bond. The district requested masonry bids for a third time. Meza Masonry has the lowest bid and is able to provide a payment bond.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board give the superintendent authority to negotiate a contract with Meza Masonry for the softball complex project.

Mr. Avery made a motion that the Board give the superintendent authority to negotiate a contract with Meza Masonry for the softball complex project. Mrs. Lindner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Mr. Saur was absent at the time of the vote.

C. Consider/Approve the Increase Cost from Texas Multi-Chem

Background: The Board reviewed Texas Multi-Chem's original bid of \$70,000.00 for the softball playing field. Texas Multi-Chem will include the backstop netting and retaining wall \$40,000.00, \$3,500 for a mow strip in the outfield fence and a \$7,000.00 increase for the additional footage of the field size. The bid is attached for your review.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the increased cost of Texas Multi-Chem's bid for the softball complex.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board approve the increased cost of Texas Multi-Chem's bid for the softball complex. Mrs. Lozano seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Mr. Saur was absent at the time of the vote.

D. Tax Levy Roll

Background: The Kendall Appraisal District has applied our new tax rates to the current properties and has prepared tax statements. The tax levy amount for 2010-2011 is \$7,859,132. (The 2009-2010 tax levy amount was \$7,353,567.)

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the tax levy for the 2010-2011 tax year as prepared by the Kendall Appraisal District.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board approve the tax levy for the 2010-2011 tax year as prepared by the Kendall Appraisal District. Mrs. Lozano seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Consider / Approve Copier Vendor and Lease Agreement

Background: The current lease for copiers within the district is going to expire. CISD asked for proposals for new lease options.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board accept one of the copier bids.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board accept the copier vendor and lease agreement with Dahill for 3 years. Mrs. Moldenhauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Textbook Committee

Background: The 2010-2011 Textbook Committee represents each department in the adoption process. Members of the committee are: **CHS:** Katherine Kuenstler, Tracy White, Mary McAnally, Billy Klemstein, Jodi Werner, **CMS:** Chris Yeschke, Melissa Preuss, Melissa Dunbar, Jane Brown, **CES:** Angeli Willson, Anna Bennett, Amme Davis, Alma Garcia, Vicki Warlow, Letitia Vaughan, Debbie Bosworth, Trudi Oliphant, John Chapman and Mollye Williams.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the textbook committee as presented.

Mr. Avery made a motion that the Board approve the textbook committee as presented. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business this meeting is adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Eric Lantz, Vice President

Noel Avery, Secretary