

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008 – 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

Mrs. Lindner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Trustees Present: Mrs. Lindner, Mr. Avalos, Mrs. Neuenschwander, and Mr. Avery.

Mr. Jennings arrived at the meeting at 6:06 PM and Dr. Alldredge arrived at the meeting at 6:24 PM.

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*

Students, Logan Rust and Chris Boerner, presented the board with prom invitations.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Student Recognition:

All Region Band Members, All State Band Member & State and Solo Ensemble Participants

Employee(s) of the Month:

Matt Henn & Kenny Webb for March and April

Professional(s) of the Month:

Margie Hall

Teacher(s) of the Month:

CES Michele Rose

CMS Susan McCollum

CHS Ron Sprott

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) Personnel
- 2) April District Calendar

B. Principal's Report

- 1) Elementary School Report
- 2) Middle School Report
- 3) High School 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.

A. Minutes of the March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting.

B. Local Maintenance and Operations, Interest and Sinking, Workers' Compensation, Student Activity, and Tax Collection Reports,

C. Monthly Investment Report

D. Building Project Financial Update

Mr. Avery made the motion to approve items A, B, & C of the consent agenda and to pull item D from the consent agenda as requested by Mrs. Lindner. Mrs. Neuenschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Athletic/Extracurricular Handbook

B. Student Handbook

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, 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**

Item D was pulled from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lindner wanted to discuss Page 50 budget monthly project financial update. Mrs. Hall clarified the titles of the budget codes. Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion to accept item D as presented. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

B. **Second Reading of Update 82**

Background: Update 82 is drawn almost exclusively from the actions of the 80th Legislature, which passed approximately 200 bills with school-related provisions. While not all of the new laws are cited in legal policies or generate changes to local policies, the number of bills that impact the manual make this a lengthy update. Modifications to district practices appear in all seven sections of the manual and the most significant policy changes are summarized here.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve Update 82 as presented.

Mr. Avery made the motion to accept Update 82 as presented. Mrs. Neuenschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

C. **Consider/Approve of a Curriculum and Instruction Position for the 2008-2009 school year**

Background: The district is growing large enough to have a full time curriculum and instruction director to assist the district's needs. The position will take away the extra duties currently held by the assistant principals and high school counselor. A job description for the position is provided.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve a curriculum and instruction position for the 2008-2009 school year.

Dr. Alldredge made the motion to approve a curriculum and instruction position for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

D. **Proposal Request 30**

Background: The removal and reinstallation of the stone veneer at the existing middle school building.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve Proposal Request 30 as presented.

Mr. Jennings made the motion to approve Proposal Request 30 as presented. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

E. **Resolution Proposing that the Kendall Appraisal District Change its Fiscal Year to the calendar Year**

Background: The current fiscal year of the Kendall Appraisal District extends from October 1 to September 30 of each year. It is in the best interest of Comfort

Independent School District to change the fiscal year to the calendar year for reasons of cost, efficiency and convenience.

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board officially propose that the Kendall Appraisal District fiscal year be changed to the calendar year, beginning January 1, 2009.*

Mr. Avery made the motion to officially propose that the Kendall Appraisal District fiscal year be changed to the calendar year, beginning January 1, 2009. Mrs. Neuenschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Jennings was absent during the vote.

F. 2008-2009 Food Service Agreement with Aramark Services

Background: *We have completed our third year of our food service agreement with Aramark Services. Our current agreement requires that the school board review the agreement and consider renewing the agreement for services.*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the food service agreement with Aramark Services for the 2008-2009 school year.*

Mr. Avery made the motion to approve the food service agreement with Aramark Services for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1. Mr. Jennings was opposed.

G. Vision Statement

Background: *The 80th legislative session passed AE (LEGAL) requiring the board will adopt a vision statement and comprehensive goals for the district and the superintendent.*

Recommendation: *The superintendent requests direction on how the Board would like to proceed with adopting a new Vision Statement for the district.*

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion that the board adopt the new vision statement "Cultivating Hearts and Minds". Dr. Alldredge seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1. Mr. Jennings was opposed.

H. Resignations:

(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.

The trustees went into closed session at 7:30 PM.

Trustees convened into open session at 8:07 PM.

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion to accept the resignations of Pam Boyer, David Bunch and Frank Mueller. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

I. Employment:

Mr. Avery made the motion that the board approve the employment of Rebecca Matthew, Kane Harris, Tisha Miller, and Tiffany Harris for the 2008-2009 school year. Dr. Alldredge seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

*Barb Lindner
Board President*

*Marshall Jennings
Board Secretary*