

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009 – 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 6:07 p.m.

Trustees present: Marshall Jennings, Ray Avery, Eric Lantz, Barb Lindner, Tillie Moldenhauer, Brad Spenrath, and Rusty Saur.

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. 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. Consider/Approve 2008-2009 Final Budget Amendments

Background: Most Board Approved budget amendments have been made as they occurred this year. There are several minor additional changes to consider to make sure the function areas are not over budget. These budget amendments will not require additional funding, but will be funded by other functions that are under budget. (Excess funds in some function areas may be moved to other function areas.)

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the 2008-2009 Final Budget Amendments.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board approve the 2008-2009 Final Budget Amendments and to restore the reserve fund balance back to \$2,000,000.00. Mrs. Moldenhauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Consider / Approve Amending the Offer to Purchase a Sixty Foot Strip of Land from Gaddis Methodist Church

Background: The superintendent made an offer, provided by the CISD Board of Trustees, to Gaddis Methodist Church. The Gaddis Property Task Force Response to the CISD offer is provided.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board consider accepting the counter offer from Gaddis Property Task Force.

Mr. Jennings made a motion that the Board consider keeping their offer but amending it to include vehicular barriers of fences that will be erected during the 2009-2010 school year and changing the development title from CISD Athletic Softball Field to the development of CISD's 14.4 acres. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1. Mr. Avery was opposed.

C. Consider / Approve a \$950.00 Supplemental Pay Stipend for the 2009-2010 for Teachers, Full-Time Registered Nurses, Librarians, and Counselors

Background: Approved during the last legislative session, HB 3646 requires all districts to provide a pay increase for all teachers, full-time librarians, registered nurses and counselors. Comfort ISD will provide the supplement out of federal stimulus funds. The supplement will be paid in two payments of \$475.00 in December 2009 and May 2010.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve a \$950.00 supplemental pay stipend for the 2009-2010 school year for teachers, librarians, registered nurses and counselors.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board pay a supplemental pay from stimulus money that will be paid in two payments of \$475.00 in December 2009 and May 2010. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Consider / Approve Changing the Personal Leave Accumulation under Board Policy DEC (Local)

Background: During the last legislative session Senate Bill 522 was passed requiring all districts to allow employees to take state or personal leave in the order the employee chooses. Currently, Comfort ISD provides five personal days

to all employees. The personal days may be accumulated up to 15 days but the employee must use all state days before requesting a personal leave day.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board evaluate the 15 day accumulation wording under Board Policy DEC (Local).

Mr. Jennings made a motion that the Board approve 5 state personal days and 5 local personal days each year with no accumulation of local personal days but the district will buy back any unused local personal days at the end of the school year for \$50.00 per day. Mr. Saur seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Accept the Resignation of District 1 Board Seat

Background: Mr. Jennings has submitted his resignation effective August 28, 2009. The Board will need to accept the resignation and post the vacancy. The Board can appoint a person to the position at the September Board meeting.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the resignation of District 1 seat.

Mr. Spenrath made a motion that the Board accept the resignation of Marshall Jennings from District seat 1. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Mr. Jennings abstained from the vote.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business this meeting is adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Barb Lindner, President

Marshall Jennings, Secretary