

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

MONDAY, MAY 11, 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 6:05 p.m.

Trustees present: Ray Avery, Eric Lantz, Barb Lindner, Brad Spenrath (6:15), Tillie Moldenhauer and Marshall Jennings. Mr. Saur was absent.

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

- Geraldine Reeh – Boys and Girls Club*
- Jenny Smith – Summer Program for Boys and Girls Club*

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Employee(s) of the Month:

Adalberto Campos

Professional(s) of the Month:

Donna Strube

Teacher(s) of the Month:

CES Christina Havron

CMS Amanda Rusch

CHS Laura Mullen

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) *Personnel*
- 2) *May 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.

1. **Minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Meeting.**
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**

Mr. Lantz made the motion that the Board accept consent agenda items 1., 2., &3. Mr. Lantz requested that the Board pull consent agenda item 4. for more discussion during the discussion and/or action portion of the meeting. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

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

Mr. Lantz made the motion that the Board approve consent agenda item 4. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

B. Consider / Approve an Organization to Operate a Summer School Food and Care Program at the Comfort Elementary School for Students 5 to 10 Years of Age

Background: *The district developed a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a summer school food and care program at the Comfort Elementary School. An ad was placed in the newspaper for two consecutive weeks notifying interested organization to apply.*

Recommendations: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board review the bid(s) and approve an organization to operate a summer school food and care program for Comfort elementary students.*

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board give Mr. Chapman the authority to contact the district's attorneys to finalize the details of the agreement and allow him to implement the program. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2. Mr. Jennings and Mrs. Moldenhauer were opposed.

C. Consider/Approve Projects Using 2006 Bond Excess Interest Fund

Background: *The administrative team and the District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC) have reviewed, prioritized and approved the list of projects presented. The district would like to complete the projects by priority until funds are depleted.*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve by priority the list of projects using 2006 Excess Bond Interest Funds as presented.*

Mr. Jennings made a motion that the Board accept the project priorities first section and table the second section. The Board will discuss the second section at a later date as funds are available. Mrs. Moldenhauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

D. Consider / Approve A Resolution Affirming Comfort ISDs Support of and Partnership with the 2010 Census

Background: *The U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for Comfort ISD to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the resolution as presented.*

Mr. Spenrath made a motion that the Board approve the resolution affirming Comfort ISD's Support of and Partnership with the 2010 Census. Mrs. Moldenhauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

E. Consider/Approve to Increase Employee Contributions for the 2009-2010 school year

Background: The state insurance will increase from \$266.00 to \$278.000 (employee only) for the 2009-2010 school year. Currently, Comfort ISD pays \$266.00 per employee contribution (monthly). If the district increases its contributions to \$278.00 per employee (monthly), this will increase the 2009-2010 expenditures by \$21,000.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve to pay the \$278.00 employee contribution for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board increase the employee insurance contribution from \$266.00 to \$278.00. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

F. Consider/Approve the Purchase of Two School Vehicles for Student and Staff Use

Background: In August 2008, the district budgeted fuel costs at \$6.50 a gallon or \$90,000. The district is in need of two new vehicles for staff travel and for student travel. The superintendent recommends the purchase of one vehicle (car) for staff travel only, and one vehicle for student / staff travel (suburban).

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board allow the superintendent to purchase two school vehicles using excess money designated for fuel costs.

DECREASE	Fuel	199-34-63XX	\$ 60,000.00
INCREASE	Vehicle	199-34-66XX	\$ 60,000.00

The remaining funds will be used to cost increased utility costs this year.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the Board allow the superintendent to purchase two school vehicles using the excess money designated for fuel costs. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

G. Consider/Approve Policy FD(Local), FDA(Local) and Student Transfer Guidelines

Background: Each year the Board reviews the current student transfer policies, procedures and tuition.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve Policy FD (Local), FDA (Local), and Student Transfer Guidelines as presented.

Mr. Lantz made a motion that the policies stand as read. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

H. Resignations:

Laura Mullen (retiring)

Tiffany Harris: To be released from her contract at Comfort ISD on May 11, 2009.

Paula D'Orsogna

Mrs. Moldenhauer made a motion that the Board accept the three resignations as presented. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

I. Employment:

Billy Klemstein – HS English to replace Amber Muehlstein

Brian Rich – Teacher/Coach to replace Tisha Miller (not volleyball coach)

Michael Harbuck – Teacher/Coach to replace Laura Mullen

Aubrey (Bill) Brown – World History to replace Doug Wheeler

Matthew Whyte – Elementary ESL to replace Kathy Marquart

Mr. Avery made a motion that the Board approve Billy Klemstein, Brian Rich, Michael Harbuck and Aubrey Brown for the 2009-2010 school year. Matthew Whyte is approved pending his certification. He must be highly qualified. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Barb Lindner, President

Marshall Jennings, Secretary