

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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 6:02 PM

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

Mr. Avery, and Mr. Jennings. Arriving after the pledge of allegiance was recited were Dr. Alldredge (6:20 pm) and Eric Lantz (6:40pm)

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

Student Recognition: Cami Barmore, Nichelle Rieber, Cara Hamlyn, Crystal Boerner, Josh Macias all made ATSSB region band. Josh Macias also made all-state band.

Employee of the Month: Adalberto Campos

Professional of the Month: Connie Spenrath

Teacher(s) of the Month:

<i>CES</i>	<i>Amme Davis</i>
<i>CMS</i>	<i>Doris Reeh</i>
<i>CHS</i>	<i>Hal Harwell</i>

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) Personnel
- 2) February 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 January 14, 2008 Regular and January 21, 2008 Special 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

E. Consider/Approve Gifts, Donations, and Alternate Funding

Mr. Jennings made the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Dr. Alldredge and Mr. Lantz were not present for the vote.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

(No board action will be taken on these items; however, they may be placed on a future board agenda for action.)

A. Review Quarterly Delinquent Tax Collection Report

Mr. John Banks, tax attorney with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, will review the status of accounts paid, accounts currently subject to payment agreements, non-litigation accounts, tax sale properties, and corresponding charts for the district's delinquent tax accounts.

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

B. Administrative Contracts

Background: *Each February, the superintendent conducts an annual performance review of each of the campus administrators. Based on this review, recommendations are made concerning the contract status for each administrator for the upcoming school year.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the following contracts for administrative staff members: Jadie Matthew, Mollye Williams, Angeli Willson.*

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion to approve the contracts for administrative staff members: Jadie Matthew, Mollye Williams and Angeli Willson. Mr. Avery seconded the motion.

(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 6:24 PM

Trustees convened into open session at 6:55 PM.

The motion passed 6-1. Dr. Alldredge was opposed.

C. **Amend the 2007-2008 School Calendar**

Background: *The Texas Education Agency changed the March 4th testing date to March 5th. Currently, the district has an early release day for parent teacher conferences. The district would like to move the March 5th parent teacher conferences to March 12th.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board move the March 5th early release parent teacher conference to March 12th.*

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion to move the March 5th early out/parent teacher conference date to March 12th and to move the Middle School Graduation to June 4th instead of the June 5th date. Dr. Alldredge seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

D. **Hire of an Athletic Director / Head Football Coach**

Background: *The district received 124 complete Athletic Director / Head Football Coach applications. The interview committee interviewed six candidates and recommended three to the superintendent.*

Recommendation: *The superintendent will make a recommendation of one individual to the Board as the Comfort ISD Athletic Director / Head Football Coach. It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the final candidate as the Comfort ISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach as presented.*

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Trustees went into closed session at 7:05 PM

Trustees convened into open session at 7:40 PM.

Mr. Lantz made the motion to approve Brad Lind as the new AD/Head Football coach for Comfort ISD. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Water Contract with Gaddis Methodist Church

Background: *The district will review the water lease agreement with Gaddis United Methodist Church annually.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board not change the current water contract with Gaddis Methodist Church.*

Dr. Alldredge made the motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to keep the Gaddis Methodist Church contract as is. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Land Purchase

Background: *The Board gave the superintendent the authority to negotiate the purchase of 14.4 acres of land adjacent to the Gaddis Methodist Church.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the contract on the land agreed upon by Mr. Dixon and John Chapman.*

Dr. Alldredge made the motion that the board agree on the contract upon approval from our attorney, Ann Greenburg, and to lease the residence back to Mr. Dixon for \$1.00/day from the date of closing until October 31, 2008. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1. Mr. Lantz was opposed.

G. Consider/Approve Budget Amendments

Background:

We recently received the payment of \$55,200 from Sprint Nextel for the one-time upfront fee for the FCC license/tower. This amount was not budgeted in this year's budget since the details were still being worked out regarding the lease. Please amend the current year budget as follows to use the funds to purchase equipment as outlined in the technology plan:

<i>INCREASE Revenues</i>	<i>199-00-57XX</i>	<i>\$ 55,200</i>
<i>INCREASE Technology Expenditures</i>	<i>199-11-6XXX</i>	<i>\$ 53,670</i>
<i>INCREASE Technology Expenditures</i>	<i>199-31-6XXX</i>	<i>\$ 1,530</i>

The Bobcat Boosters have donated \$2,200 to the district to purchase baseball uniforms, \$600 to purchase a baseball batting cage net, and \$400 to purchase a pole for pole vaulting. Please amend the current year budget to accept the additional revenue and to allow for the purchase of the uniforms and equipment.

<i>INCREASE Revenues</i>	<i>181-00-57XX</i>	<i>\$ 3,200</i>
<i>INCREASE Expenditures (Baseball uniforms)</i>	<i>181-36-62XX</i>	<i>\$ 2,200</i>

INCREASE Expenditures (Baseball batting cage)	181-36-63XX	\$	600
INCREASE Expenditures (Pole vault pole)	181-39-63XX	\$	400

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

Mr. Avery made the motion to accept revenues from Sprint/Nextel and Bobcat Boosters and authorize expenditures for Baseball uniforms, Baseball batting cage, and Pole vault pole. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

H. Consider/Approve Energy Consumption Reduction Plan

Background: *In response to requirements within Senate Bill 12 and House Bill 3693, signed by the Governor in June 2007 and effective as of September 1, 2007, our district now establishes a goal to reduce annual electric consumption by five percent (5%) each state fiscal year for the next six (6) years.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Energy Consumption Reduction Plan.*

Dr. Alldredge made the motion for the board to adopt the Energy Consumption Reduction Plan as written. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

I. Local Policy BDD

Background: *The Board up dated their Board Operating Procedures in November 2007. During the session, the Board did not like the wording of BDD (LOCAL) policy. The policy is reworded as requested.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve BDD (LOCAL) policy as presented.*

Mr. Jennings made the motion to accept the revised local policy as stated, specifying "designee" be changed to board president in the fourth paragraph. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Dr. Alldredge was not in the room at the time of the vote.

J. Resignations:

Dr. Alldredge made the motion to accept the resignation of Megan Bogler. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

*Barb Lindner
Board President*

*Marshall Jennings
Board Secretary*