

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, (absent), Barb Lindner, Rusty Saur (6:24pm), Nora Lozano (absent), Brad Spenrath, 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. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) TASB / TASA Convention September 23-26, 2010*
- 2) Construction Progress*

B. Principal's Report

- 1) *Elementary School Report*
- 2) *Middle School Report*
- 3) *High School Report*
- 4) *Food Service Report*

IV. 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 August 9, 2010 Regular Meeting and August 26, 2010 Special 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**

Mrs. Moldenhauer made a motion that the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Saur was absent at the time of the vote.

V. NON ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

VI. 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. Cancel the 2010 November Board Elections

Background: The deadline to file for the 2010 November Board elections was August 24, 2010. Only one candidate filed for each of the four open districts.

District 1: Nora Lozano

District 2: Eric Lantz

District 3: Tommy Harvey

District 7: Ray Avery

PROCEDURE FOR
CANCELING
ELECTION

The Board may declare each unopposed candidate elected to the office upon receipt of certification from the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared. The certification must state that if the election were held, only the votes cast for that candidate in the election for that office may be counted. If the Board makes such a declaration, the election is not held. *Election Code 2.052, 2.053(a), (b)*

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board cancel the 2010 Board elections.

Mr. Saur made a motion that the Board cancel the 2010 Board Elections.

Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

C. **Consider / Approve Budget Amendment for Softball Field Construction**

Background: *On August 31, 2010, the budget year ended. All remaining funds in the general operating account were sent to the fund balance. The district needs to reallocate the unspent funds for the softball field. Please approve the budget amendment to take funds from the Undesignated General Operating Fund Balance to cover the new construction of the softball complex.*

INCREASE Building & Improvements 199-81-66XX \$ 497,186.17

DECREASE General Operating Fund Balance 199-00-36XX \$ 497,186.17

Mr. Spenrath made a motion that the Board approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$497,186.17 to take funds from the Undesignated General Operating Fund Balance to cover the new construction of the softball complex. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

D. **Consider /Approve Electrical, Fencing and Playing Field Bids on the Softball Complex**

Background: *The district requested electrical and fencing bids for the new softball complex. The district received three electrical and three fencing bids. A list of the bids and the projected scope is attached.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board authorize the superintendent to negotiate a contract with De La Garza Fencing and ITZ Electric services.*

Mr. Spenrath made a motion that the Board accept the bids as presented and authorize the superintendent to negotiate a contract with De La Garza Fencing and ITZ Electric services. Mrs. Moldenhauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Consider / Approve Remaining 2006 Bond Interest Funds

Background: *The district has roughly \$37,203.00 remaining in the bond interest fund account. The district needs to hire a consultant to review / audit the funds.*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board use the remaining 2006 Bond Interest funds for the following: \$21,900.00 for the renovations on the baseball field, pay for a consultant to review the 2006 Bond funds and the remaining funds to assist in the debit service.*

Mr. Saur made a motion that the Board use the remaining 2006 Bond Interest funds for the following: \$21,900.00 for the renovations on the baseball field, pay for a consultant to review the 2006 Bond funds and the remaining funds to assist in the debit service. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Transfer Students

Background: *Each school year, the school board is required to review the student transfer requests for the following school year. The enclosed list contains the transfer students for the upcoming school year.*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the 2010-2011 student transfer list.*

Mrs. Moldenhauer made a motion that the Board approve the 2010-2011 student transfer list. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

G. Consider / Approve Changes to the Elementary Gifted and Talented Program

Background: *The elementary school would like to make two revisions to the gifted and talented program: 1) a revision of the Identification Matrix for the Alpha (GT) students and 2) installation of a Talent Pool at CES.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board changes to the Gifted and Talented Program as presented.*

Mrs. Moldenhauer made a motion that the Board approve the changes to the Gifted and Talented Program to include the changed matrix and to create a talent pool. Mrs. Lindner seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1-1. Mr. Saur abstained.

H. Consider / Approve Kerr Central Appraisal District 2009 Budget Surplus

Background: *The Kerr Central Appraisal District Board of Directors proposed a budget amendment to the 2009 budget that would add funds to a surplus reserve. In order to retain any surplus funds, the Board of Directors is asking that the KCAD be permitted to retain the unspent funds from the 2009 budget*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board*

Approve the KCAD Budget Amendment as presented.

Mr. Avery made a motion that the Board approve the KCAD Budget Amendments as presented. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business this meeting is adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Barb Lindner, President

Noel Avery, Secretary