

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 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. Lantz, Mr. Avalos, Mrs. Neuenschwander, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Jennings.

Dr. Alldredge arrived at the meeting at 6:17 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*

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

<i>Employee(s) of the Month:</i>		<i>Matt Henn & Kenny Webb for March and April</i>
<i>Professional(s) of the Month:</i>		<i>Shelly Pankratz</i>
<i>Teacher(s) of the Month:</i>	<i>CES</i>	<i>Sue Eggers</i>
	<i>CMS</i>	<i>Tammy Clemmons</i>
	<i>CHS</i>	<i>Charlotte Kneupper</i>

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) *Personnel*
- 2) *March 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 February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting, February 21, 2008 Special Meeting and the February 25, 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

Mr. Avery made the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Neuenschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Dr. Alldredge was not present for the vote.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. First 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.*

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. **Employment Contracts for Teachers, Librarians, Counselors, and Nurses for the 2008-2009 School Year**

Background: Annually the administrators review the performance of the teachers, counselors, and nurses and make recommendations for contracts for the upcoming school year.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the term, probationary, dual assignment term, dual assignment probationary, and non-certified contract recommendations and certification addendums for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

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The trustees went into closed session at 6:32 PM.

Trustees convened into open session at 7:18 PM.

Mr. Avalos made the motion to approve the term, probationary, dual assignment term, dual assignment probationary, and non-certified contract and certification addendums for the 2008-2009 school year as presented less Kristopher Todd. Mrs. Neuenschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

C. **Consider/Approve the 2008-2009 School Calendar**

Background: The District-Wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC) met to discuss the Boards ideas for the 2008-2009 school year calendar. The DWC took into consideration the ideas presented and decided to resubmit the original calendar for approval.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the 2008-2009 school calendar be approved as presented.

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion that the board approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented. Mr. Lantz seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Textbooks

Background: The members of the district textbook committee reviewed the textbook selections that were available for adoption from the Texas Education Agency. The committee members and their recommendations are as follows:

Textbook Committee Members: Nicky Gilliland, Cathy Behrens, Cathy Tucker, Kristin Day, John Miller, Angie Barker, Melinda Bell, Christine Havron, Angeli Willson, and John Chapman.

<i>Titles</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>ISBN</i>
<i>EnVision, Kindergarten</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328272730 TE 9780328333431</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 1</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328272747 TE 9780328333448</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 2</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>978032827275 TE 978032833455</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 3</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328272761TE 9780328333642</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 4</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328272778 TE 9780328333479</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 5</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328272785 TE 9780328333486</i>
<i>EnVision, Kindergarten Spanish</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328291007 TE 978032833370</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 1, Spanish</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328291014 TE 9780328333387</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade2, Spanish</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328291021 TE 978032833394</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 3, Spanish</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328291038 TE 9780328333400</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 4, Spanish</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman arson Education</i>	<i>9780328291045 TE 9780328333417</i>
<i>EnVision, Grade 5, Spanish</i>	<i>Pearson Education, Inc., publishing as Scott Foresman</i>	<i>9780328291052 TE 978328333424</i>

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the textbooks as presented.*

Dr. Alldredge made the motion to approve the textbooks as presented. Mr. Lantz seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Consider/Approve Resolution Supporting Membership in the Adult Basic Education Consortium

Background: *The Adult Basic Education (ABE) Cooperative program offers English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED Preparation classes. Seguin ISD Belongs to an area cooperative comprised of school districts in Comal, Guadalupe, and Kendall counties. Seguin ISD is the fiscal agent for the Tri-County Cooperative.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve a state resolution and a federal resolution supporting the District's participation in the Adult Basic Education Cooperative for the 2008-2009 academic year, from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.*

Dr. Alldredge made the motion that the Board approve a state resolution and a federal resolution supporting the District's participation in the Adult Basic Education Cooperative for the 2008-2009 academic year, from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Mr. Lantz seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Proposal Request 16

Background: *Proposal Request 16 is for the addition of a new Fire Hydrant (including a room in the weight room), new fire riser, and the relocation of a 3" water line at the Middle School. The cost of this project is \$43,679.00.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve proposal request 16.*

Mr. Lantz made the motion that the Board approve proposal request 16 for \$41,786.00. This amount will include a new fire hydrant, new fire riser, and the relocation of a 3" water line at the middle school. Dr. Alldredge seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

G. Resignations:

Mr. Lantz made the motion to accept the resignations of Tara Lovelady, James Duprie, Kristopher Todd and Nicolina Farmer. Dr. Alldredge seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

H. Employment:

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion that the Board accept the employment of Tara Lovelady and Amber Schnorrenberg. Mr. Avalos seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

*Barb Lindner
Board President*

*Marshall Jennings
Board Secretary*