

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010 –IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD DINNER

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

Eric Lantz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Trustees present: Ray Avery, Eric Lantz, Rusty Saur, Nora Lozano, Brad Spenrath, Tillie Moldenhauer and Tommy. Harvey.

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

A. Student Recognition

B. Teacher Excellence Award Winners

Elementary: Penny Duncan (Art Teacher)

Middle School: Chris Mulliniks (Band Teacher)

High School: Hal Harwell (Technology / Math Teacher)

C. Professional of the Month: Mark Davis

D. Employee of the Month: Terry Adams

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1) *Personnel*
- 2) *Building Issues / District News*
- 3) *December District Calendar*

B. Principal's Report

- 1) *Elementary School Report*
- 2) *Middle School Report*
- 3) *High School Report*
- 4) *Food Service 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 November 8, 2010 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. Avery made a motion that the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Lozano seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

A. Presentation/Hearing District Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) and Average Yearly Progress (AYP) Report 2009-2010

Background: *The AEIS is a comprehensive reporting system defined in state statute. Since 1990-1991, campus and district AEIS reports have been generated and published annually for all campuses and districts in the state. Local districts share responsibility for disseminating the AEIS reports, including holding hearings for public discussion of the AEIS report content. All indicators used for accountability are reported in the AEIS, with additional desegregations depicting how each grade level and different populations performed. Indicators that will potentially be used in future accountability ratings are also published in the AEIS when possible. The reports also show participation rates on the state-administered tests. Additionally, the AEIS shows demographic information about students and staff, program information, and financial information, all of which provide context for interpreting accountability results.*

AYP is a federal accountability program mandated under the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) act.

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. Review Board Continuing Education Hours

Background: *The Board President is required at this time to announce (by Tier) the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the requirement, and who is deficient in the required continuing education (19 TAC 61.1).*

Mrs. Moldenhauer made a motion that the Board accept the Continuing Education Hours as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Consider/Approve the 2011-2012 Official School Calendar

Background: *The District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWC) met this fall to develop the 2011-2012 official school calendar. The DWC requested information from each of their respective campuses before developing the calendar.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented.*

Mr. Harvey made a motion that the Board send the 2011-2012 School Calendar back to the DWC with the changes the board would like to see. After the DWC has had an opportunity to discuss and make changes to the 2011-2012 Official School Calendar, the board will then readdress the changes at a later date. Mr. Saur seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Consider / Approve an Audit Committee to Review the 2009-2010 Audit Report with Neffendorf, Knopp, Doss & Company, P.C.

Background: *The Board elects two Board members to review the district's audit report prior to the next regular scheduled Board meeting. Neffendorf, Knopp, Doss and Company will provide a detailed review of the audit report to the committee.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board elect a committee of Board members to review the 2009-2010 audit report prior to the January 10, 2011 Board meeting.*

Mr. Harvey made a motion that the Board accept Mrs. Moldenhauer and Mr. Lantz as the Board Representatives to review the 2009-2010 Audit Report on January 10, 2011 at 5:30pm. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- E. Consider / Approve an Additional \$65,000.00 for the Softball Field Complex**
Background: *The architect, survey, geo tech report, civil engineer, testing, and code review is costing the district \$64,093.29 to date. The district still needs to award a bid to install metal roofs on the buildings (bids running \$42,000 to \$49,000) and install sinks, toilets, counters, fans, etc... in the restrooms and concession stand (bids \$25,000). Therefore, the district will need an additional 65,000.00 to complete the final project. The actual building project will cost the district \$550,000.00 as originally stated. The building project, architect, and other fees combined will cost the district \$650,000.00 total.*

Recommendation: *It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the additional costs to complete the softball field project.*

Mr. Harvey made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation for an additional \$65,000.00 for the softball field complex as presented. Mr. Spenrath seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business this meeting is adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Eric Lantz, President

Noel Avery, Secretary