

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

COMFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2006 – 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) 995-3664.

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. Linder called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

*Trustees Present: Mr. Jennings, Mr. Avery, Mr. Avalos, Mr. Lantz,
Mrs. Neuenschwander, and Mrs. Lindner
Dr. Alldredge 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 five minutes per issue or agenda item.)

- 1. Agenda items*
- 2. Non-agenda items*

III. 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. Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed Budget and the Proposed Tax Rate

Background: *The purpose of this public hearing is to allow discussion of the proposed budget for the 2007 – 2008 school year as well as the proposed tax rate. The proposed total tax rate has decreased from the 2006 – 2007 tax rate.*

The proposed rate is as follows:

- *Maintenance & Operation - \$ 0.9450*
- *Interest & Sinking - \$ 0.2250*
- *Total - \$ 1.1700*

The public hearing closed at 6:25 PM.

B. Budget for 2007-2008 – General Fund, Debt Service, Food Service

Background: *The administrative staff members have been working since February to prepare a preliminary budget for 2007-2008. This proposed budget reflects projections of revenue and expenditures based on the values received from the tax appraisal district and the state funding templates provided by TEA.*

This proposed budget includes the mandated teacher step salary increases plus a flat \$400 increase for all staff to cover increased health insurance costs.

This proposed budget also includes:

- *Increased bond debt service expenses due to the 2007 bond election.*
- *Decreased property tax revenues*
- *Enhanced technology equipment for classroom use*
- *Additional funds for building improvements.*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the budget be approved as presented for the 2007-2008 school year.*

Eric Lantz made the motion to accept the budget as presented for the 2007-2008 school year. Jane Neuenschwander seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

C. Adopt the 2007-2008 Tax Rate

Background: *The proposed tax rate is as follows:*

- *Maintenance & Operation - \$ 0.9450*
- *Interest & Sinking - \$ 0.2250*
- *Total - \$ 1.1700*

The average taxable value of a residence in our school district is \$128,004 and will pay \$23.74 less in property taxes compared to last year. The proposed \$1.1700 rate is under our Rollback Rate of \$1.2277.

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Tax Rate be adopted as presented for the 2007-2008 school year. A vote to adopt the tax rate must be by a record vote. The motion should be in the following form, "I move that Comfort ISD adopts a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.9450 and an interest and sinking rate of \$0.2250 for a total tax rate of \$1.1700."*

Mr. Avalos made the motion that Comfort ISD adopts a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.9450 and an interest and sinking rate of \$0.2250 for a total tax rate of \$1.1700. Jane Neuenschwander seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Lindner voted yes, Mr. Lantz voted yes, Mr. Jennings voted yes, Mr. Avalos voted yes, Mr. Avery voted yes and Mrs. Neuenschwander voted yes.

D. 2006-2007 Final Budget Amendments

Background: *Most Board Approved budget amendments have been made as they occurred this year. There are several minor additional changes to consider to make sure the function areas are not over budget. These budget amendments will not require additional funding, but will be funded by other functions that are under budget. (Excess funds in some function areas may be moved to other function areas.)*

Recommendation: *It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the 2006-2007 Final Budget Amendments.*

Mr. Lantz made the motion to accept the 2006-2007 Final Budget Amendments and the operating transfer for food service as presented. Mr. Avery seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

E. Vendors for 2007-2008

Background: Each year the Board is required to approve a list of vendors who will provide supplies and services to the district.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the vendor list as presented.

Mr. Avery made the motion to accept the Comfort ISD vendor list as presented. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Avalos abstained from the vote.

F. PDAS Schedules

Background: The District shall establish a calendar for each teacher appraisals. The appraisal period for each teacher must include all of the days of the teacher's contract. Observations during the appraisal period must be conducted during the required days of instruction for students during one school year.

Recommendation: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the 2007-2008 PDAS appraisal calendar.

Mrs. Neuenschwander made the motion that the board adopt the 2007-2008 PDAS appraisal calendar. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

*Barb Lindner
Board President*

*Marshall Jennings
Board Secretary*