

The Santa Fe Independent School District

REGULAR MEETING, April 21, 2005 Minutes

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of April 2005; the Board of Trustees of the Santa Fe ISD held a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe ISD Board Room located at 13304 Highway 6, Santa Fe, TX 77510.

I. Call to Order

II. Members Present/Absent

In attendance were Vince Megale, Tim Wollam, Denise Cowart, Trey Cabe, Buckshot Wostal, Bruce Blankenship and John Rothermel. Dr. Jon Whittemore was in attendance as well.

III. Executive Session, Chapter 551

President Vince Megale called to order an executive session at 6:43 p.m. in the Administration workroom to discuss personnel. The board adjourned executive session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 7:42 p.m.

IV. Reconvene: Invocation and Pledge

Mr. Wollam gave the invocation and Mr. Megale led the pledge.

Mr. Megale invoked his Executive Privilege to read a personal statement regarding school concerns that have been conveyed to him through several phone calls. The statement is attached to the minutes.

V. School Officials Present

School Officials present were Jim Abney, Ryan Boone, Joan Bowman, Donna Carlson, Gary Causey, Phyliss Coleman, Barbara Derrick, Kim Eixman, John Gerami, Anne Gunning, Susan Hall, Debie King, Donna Loftin, Judy Meriwether, Cherie' Morgan, Ronny Mull, Christie Norman, Steve Shields, and Mike Van Essen. Others present were Monica McCollum, Gerri Dorsett, Sherri Wostal, Beth Davis, Sandi Sauers, Lee and Connie Medley, Lori Nelson, George Creighton, Brad Creighton, Shelly Foster, Debbie Abney, and Jennifer McDowell.

VI. Action from Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mr. Rothermel to employ Kathy Hulsey and Stephen Schoenenburg and Amanda Price as teachers for the 2005-2006 school year and to employee Amanda Price as a teacher for 58 days for the 2004-2005 school year. All voted in favor of the motion.

VII. Recognition of Personnel, Students, and Others

The board recognized the Speech Pathologists and Speech Assistants that serve the needs of our students throughout the district. They are Jennifer McDowell who was in attendance, Denise Saylor, Carrie Ragsdale, La Sonja Henderson and Angela Buchanan.

One of the district's ESL teachers, Monica McCollum was recognized for her efforts in coordinating a trip to the Career and Education Day at the Houston Hispanic Forum for several of our Hispanic families. Mrs. McCollum organized the entire trip and traveled with the students and their families

Santa Fe ISD's Occupational Therapist, Debbie Abney was recognized for the work she does with students on all six campuses as well as providing in-home therapy for some students.

VIII. Public Forum

Shelly Foster addressed the board concerning the gifted and talented program.

IX. Information Items

The board reviewed monthly reports for Personnel, Cafeteria, Tax Collection, Transportation, and Financial including Grants, Funds and Donations.

Mrs. Coleman presented the proposed school calendar for 2005-2006 to the board.

Mr. Doug Whitt with Southwest Securities discussed the benefits of refinancing the district's current bonds.

X. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Cowart and seconded by Mr. Wostal to approve the following Consent Agenda items as listed. All voted in favor of the motion.

A. Minutes for March 17, 2005.

B. Accounts payable in the amount of \$859,546.80

C. Overnight trip requests for the Band, Varsity Track, Special Olympics students, High School Student

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- D. A resolution giving the school district permission to submit a grant application for a grant administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas governor's office.
- E. A contract for professional legal liability insurance through National Union Fire.
- F. Approved an Interlocal Contract with the City of Santa Fe to provide the City with buildings for emergency shelters and school parking lots for equipment storage during a hurricane evacuation or storm.
- G. Approve staff development for 2005-2006
- H. Approve additional textbook selections for Health, Fine Arts, Physical Education and Languages other than English

XI. Regular Agenda Items

- A. Mr. Blankenship made motion to award the competitive sealed bid for HVAC units to Lennox Industries for \$41, 629.00. Mr. Cabe seconded the motion, all voted in favor.
- B. Mr. Cabe made a motion to proclaim May 2-6, 2005 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Rothermel seconded the motion, all voted in favor.
- C. Mrs. Coleman presented the proposed dress code for 05-06. After some discussion the policy was approved with changes. Mrs. Cowart made a motion to approve the dress code with changes, Mr. Cabe seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.
- D. The Board was presented with a sales contract for the property directly across the street from the administration building at the intersection of Highway 6 and Ave. T. It was noted throughout the contract the property address is listed as the corner of Warpath and Hwy 6. Mr. Cabe made a motion to approve the sale with the address being shown as the corner of Ave. T and Highway 6. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cowart and all voted in favor.
- E. Mrs. Cowart made a motion to declare May 2005 as Better Hearing and Speech Month at Santa Fe ISD and proclaim May 16-20 as Speech Therapist's Week. Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

XII. Board Communication

Dr. Whittemore thanked the principals for the hard work they've done during TAKS tests.

Mr. Blankenship thanked everyone for their cards, prayers and concerns for he and his wife after

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Cowart and seconded by Mr. Rothermel to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

We affirm that these minutes are official, complete and correct.

Vince Megale
President

Denise Cowart
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: May 19, 2005