

# The Santa Fe Independent School District

## REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 17, 2005

### Minutes

Notice is hereby given that on the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of March 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 6:36p.m. in the Administration workroom to discuss personnel recommendations for professional staff. The board adjourned executive session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m.

#### **IV. Reconvene: Invocation and Pledge**

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

#### **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, Mike Van Essen. Others present were Diane Hantz, Jimmy Phillips, Jim and Connie Tracy, Heather Wallace, Rosie Hebert, David Silva, Betsy Brown, Stacey Hiser La Touche, Sherry Wostal, Dean Miller, Sandi Sauers, Tammy Goodwin, Ashley Loftin, Kelly Wiggins, Michele Phillips, Stefanie Jennings, Gail Saye, Cade Hiser, Kirk Johnson, Jennifer Vickery, Brett Morris, Travis Smith, Leesa Block, Amber Dean, Bobby Pike, and Beth Davis.

#### **VI. Action from Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mr. Rothermel to renew, extend and/or approve the contracts and related actions of all staff listed on Exhibits A and B as presented in Executive session and he further moved that all appropriate employees be notified of the Board's actions. All voted in favor of the motion.

#### **VII. Recognition of Personnel, Students, and Others**

The recognition of the Computer Electronics, Etc. was cancelled. The representatives from the company were unable to be at the meeting.

The recognition of the district's LSSPs was postponed until the April meeting.

The board recognized Mr. Jim Tracy, High School World Geography teacher as the recipient of the Special Education Regular Educator of the Year award. Mrs. Anne Gunning, Director, Special Education introduced Mr. Tracy and gave some of his background information.

The board recognized the Athletic Trainers, Betsy Brown and David Silva for National Athletic Trainers Month. Ms. Brown introduced the student athletic trainers. Of the sixteen student trainers, two, Brittany Bahr and Thomas Williams were unable to be at the meeting. The board thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

#### **VIII. Public Forum**

Heather Wallace, National Honor Society sponsor extended an invitation to the board members for the induction ceremony for the 29 new NHS members to be held on Saturday.

#### **IX. Information Items**

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

The board was presented with a demonstration of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) by Betsy Brown, Head Athletic Trainer. These devices are used in the event of an emergency when a person's heart must be shocked.

#### **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.

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- A. Minutes for February 17 with corrections and February 24
- B. Accounts payable in the amount of \$439,678.11
- C. Overnight trip requests for the Tribal Belles and the High School Winter Guard
- D. To auction off two SFISD vehicles, 1986 Ford Truck and a 1993 bus
- E. Budget amendment #31 for UIL concert and site reading fees
- F. Adoption of textbooks
- G. A resolution in support of Region IV becoming a Pilot Regional Educational Service Center

### XI. Regular Agenda Items

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Megale and seconded by Mrs. Cowart to approve a price increase for the next school year for breakfast and lunch at the elementary campuses and breakfast at the secondary campuses. All voted in favor of the motion.
- B. A motion was made by Mrs. Cowart, seconded by Mr. Rothermel to approve the lease for Mocha Motion, a drive through coffee shop to be located on the property across the street from the administration building. All voted in favor of the motion.

### XII. Board Communication

- A. Dr. Whittemore distributed a list of summer projects to be completed by Maintenance
- B. A Junior High teacher, Rachel Blundell will be highlighted in the Galveston paper
- C. June 6 will be Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work day
- D. The High School Track and Varsity Football schedules were distributed
- E. Dr. Whittemore announced the Ward case is nearing the end. The district's attorneys will be sending the settlement check soon.
- F. Mr. Megale reported the district is getting dirt from the widening of FM1764 to be put on the practice field behind the Junior High. He also reported the planter boxes in front of SFE-North were put in over Spring Break.
- G. The foundation for the High School Field House is to be poured Monday.
- H. Mr. Rothermel asked Mr. Shields if the FFA computers had been set up yet. Mr. Shields reported they had.
- I. Mr. Cabe asked for a discussion of CAD appraisals at the next meeting. Additionally he asked that we draft a letter in support of a 3% cap on appraisal increases.

### XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mr. Cabe to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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Vince Megale  
President

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Denise Cowart  
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: April 21, 2005