

The Santa Fe Independent School District
Board of Trustees
13304 Highway 6 P. O. Box 370
Santa Fe, TX 77510
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2005
Minutes

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 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, Bruce Blankenship, John Rothermel, and Denise Cowart. Trey Cabe, Buck Wostal and Tim Wollam were absent. Dr. Jon Whittemore was in attendance.

III. Executive Session, Chapter 551

President Vince Megale called to order an executive session at 6:45 p.m. in the boardroom to discuss a level III grievance with Walter Elliott. The grievance meeting adjourned at 7:12, however the board continued in executive session in Dr. Whittemore's office from 7:14 to 7:44 to discuss personnel matters. The board reconvened in open session at 7:45 pm in the boardroom.

IV. Reconvene: Invocation and Pledge

Mr. Megale led the pledge and gave the invocation.

V. School Officials/Others Present

School Officials present were Jim Abney, Ryan Boone, Joan Bowman, Donna Carlson, Gary Causey, Phylliss Coleman, Barbara Derrick, Kim Eixman, John Gerami, Anne Gunning, Debie King, Joe Krauskopf, Donna Loftin, Judy Meriwether, Cherie' Morgan, Ronny Mull, Christie Norman, Steve Shields and Mike Van Essen. Others present were Ann Perkins, Larry and Debbie Brizendine, Justin Brizendine, Mary Ann Newby, Mike File, Terri Cooly, Jordan Cooly, Michelle Buchman, Rick and Melinda Evans, Leslie Cruz, Forrest Garner, Gerri Gonzales, Don and Jan Heaton, Nathan Catching, Alan, Josh, and Katie Splawn, Phyllis Dunkin, Danny Carpenter, Connie Medley, Marian and Madeline Duytschaever, Blake, Victoria, Marian, and Allie Evans, Lauren and Rusty Norman, Sharla Holmes, Rosie Hebert, Iris Windham, Mike Riley, Joe, Bonnie, Joey and Josh Walters, Whitney and Karen Moore, Lori Nelson, Richard Westmorland, Valentin and Lettie Torres, John M. and Greg A. Robinson, Christine and Doris Courteau, Matthew and Sandra Fojtik, Jacob Greer, Lisa Russell, Sandie Sauers, Donald Cooper, and Roger Kroschel.

VI. Action from Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mr. Cabe to extend the following administrator contracts for one (1) year, through June 30, 2007: Jimmy D. Abney, Ryan K. Boone, Joan L. Bowman, Donna Carlson, Gary C. Causey, Phylliss A. Coleman, Kimberly Eixman, Kathryn Anne. Gunning, Susan A. Hall, Debra J. King, Jacquelyn S. Little, Judy C. Meriwether, Cherie' R. Morgan, Ronny D. Mull and Steven Shields; renew the administrator contract for two (2) years through June 30, 2007 for Barbara Derrick, renew the administrator contract for one (1) year through June 30, 2006 for Donna R. Loftin.

VII. Recognition of Personnel, Students, and Others

A. The board recognized the solo and ensemble performance winners. Mr. David introduced the students and gave their accomplishments. Students receiving a Division I rating were: Javier Hernandez, Shelby Lambert, Nichole Lee, Kassie Ronning, Richard Westmoreland, Elizabeth Bradley, Whitney Moore, Danny Carpenter, Laura Shotwell, Marcus Gonzales, Matt Fojtik, Lindy Ross, Holly Worley, Steven Daniel, Josh Splawn, Larry Thorn, Michael Chatterton, Josh Walters, Sharla Holmes, Jacob Geoo, Jonathan Flake, John Robinson, Sean Shaklovitz, Jordan Cooley, Katy Killian, Lauren Norman, Samantha Burgess, John Garza, Eddie Weede and Christine Courteau. Students advancing to the State Solo and Ensemble competition are: Matt Fojtik, Marcus Gonzalez, Lindy Ross, Holly Worley, Josh Splawn, Steven Daniel, Jonathan Flake, John Robinson, Sean Shaklovitz, Jordan Cooley, Sharla Holmes, Katy Killian, Lauren Norman, Eddie Weede and Christine Courteau.

B. The board recognized individuals who have contributed to the their time and efforts for our students. They were Iris Windham, Delores Valdez, and Betty Bryant. Each of these individuals will be given a plaque honoring their contributions.

C. Mrs. Coleman spoke to the board regarding the Santa Fe Elementary South HOSTS Program and the national recognition it has received. Santa Fe Elementary South has been named an Exemplary HOSTS campus for their program. Mrs. Coleman introduced the program coordinator, Rosie Hebert. The board recognized Mrs. Hebert.

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D. In recognition of February being School Counselor Recognition Month, several of the district counselors were in attendance to be recognized by the board. They were Anne Newby-RJW, Tracey McCarley-North, Deron Ernst-Santa Fe Elementary North and South, Michelle Buchman and Phyllis Dunkin-Junior High and Leslie Cruz-High School. Therese Fatheree – South, Peggy Martin – Intermediate and Brandy Babcock, Mary Bragg and Dianne Hantz-High School were not able to be at the meeting.

E. Kim Ross, SFJH Art teacher, was recently notified that some of her Art II students from last year have received awards in a national competition from work submitted while they were in eighth grade. The following students (now at SFHS) have received “Honorable Mention” in the National Cray Pas Art Contest, sponsored in New York City:

David Ray Lively, Jr.; Stephanie Guadalupe Galindo; Daniel Brown; Justin Brizendine; Darrell Delesandri; and Michael Bahr.

Two current eighth grade students of Mrs. Ross have been chosen as Gold Medal finalist and Best of Show finalist for the Middle School Division in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. These students are also deserving of recognition: Victoria Evans and Forrest Garner

F. The Board recognized the achievements of the SFHS Academic Decathlon team who recently competed in the regional meet at Alvin High School. The team coached by Nora Hency and Mike File finished third in the regional meet winning both individual medals and team medals. Medals were also won in the Scholastic Division and the Honors Division. They received a bronze for 3rd place in the overall medium schools division and were 4th place in the Super Quiz category. The students participating in the meet were Michael Brumley, Nathan Catching, Colin Mantooth, Keith Taylor, Valentin Torres, Stephanie Conn, Christine Courteau, Michael DeAlmeida, and Justin Medley. Individual medals won were: Essay - first place - Colin Mantooth; Interview - first place - Keith Taylor; Math - third place - Michael Brumley; Social Science - third place - Keith Taylor; Economics - third place - Keith Taylor. Keith also was the fourth highest scoring individual in the varsity division.

VIII. Public Forum

No addressed the board.

IX. Information Items

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

Mrs. Coleman presented a report on the AEIS Report for 2003–2004.

Mr. Van Essen introduced Mr. Roger Kroschel, high school Ag teacher who gave a review of Ag. Program at the high school. He reported there are now 118 students in the program and the changes in the program. The board was very appreciative of Mr. Kroschel and the way he’s improved the program.

Mrs. Coleman gave a report on summer school for this year.

Mr. Coleman gave the board information on the SFISD Public Schools Open House schedule.

Betsy Brown, head trainer at the high school was supposed to demonstrate the use of defibrillators that the high school has. She was unable to be at the meeting, the item will be on the March agenda.

A property lease proposal for a portion of the property across the street from the administration building was discussed. An individual wants to lease it to put up a drive through –coffee shop. The board wanted more information. Mr. Megale asked that it be put on the March agenda.

The board was given information on facility usage by the Youth Basketball League. Mr. Megale asked Mr. Mike Riley, president of the league if he wanted to make any comments. He answered questions regarding the problems and concerns that have arisen from their use of school facilities. Mr. Megale told Mr. Riley to come up with a plan to bring back before the board over the summer. The board wants the league to be able to continue using school facilities, but feel a new plan must be in place to avoid future problems.

X. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mrs. Cowart to approve the following items. All voted in favor of the motion.

A. Approve Minutes for January 20, 2005 regular board meeting

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- B. Approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$750,793.41
- C. Approve the service contract with the firm of David Start, P.C.
- D. Approve the innovative CATE course Exploring Education Careers as a course to be offered to junior and senior high school students beginning the Fall of 05-06
- E. Approve adding Kevin Scott to the list of Other Appraisers for the 04-05 school year
- F. Approve the donation of a baseball-pitching machine valued at \$5,695.00 from the baseball booster club.

Mrs. Cowart read aloud a resolution for Texas Public Schools Week. Mr. Megale made a motion to approve the resolution designating February 28-March 4, 2005 as Texas Public Schools Week. Mrs. Cowart seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Cowart made a motion to approve the resolution to nominate Dr. Whittemore for the TASB Superintendent of the Year Award. Mr. Blankenship seconded, all voted in favor.

XI. Regular Agenda Items

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the second reading of TASB Localized Manual Update 74 and the first reading of the Local District Update 03-05. Mrs. Cowart seconded the motion, all voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Megale made a motion to call for a general election to be held on May 7, 2005 to elect Trustees for positions 6 and 7. He reported all board members, Vince Megale, Bruce Blankenship, Trey Cabe, Buckshot Wostal, John Rothermel, Denise Cowart and Tim Wollam are up to date with their required board member training hours. The motion included approval of the following General Trustee Election workers: Judge-Joyce Harvey and Alternate Judge-Pat Hosmer and an Early Voting Ballot Board consisting of Joyce Harvey, Pat Hosmer and Sharon Pierce. Mr. Rothermel seconded the motion. The motion was amended to set a date to canvass the votes on May 16 at 8:00 am. All voted in favor of the motion in its entirety.

XII. Board Communication

Dr. Whittemore requested the facilities use meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 22 be moved to Thursday, February 24 in case the boy's basketball team wins the playoff game on Saturday.

Dr. Whittemore reported Kim Patterson would be at work in the tax office all day March 7 (the last day to file) for anyone that wants to file to run for the school board.

Dr. Whittemore gave an update on the construction of the field house at the high school.

Mr. Rothermel asked if the carpet at RJW has been fixed. Additionally he reports Mrs. Susan Leining received a call from a serviceman in Iraq thanking her for the letters her classes sent earlier in the year.

Mr. Megale reported there would be five large planter boxes placed in front of Santa Fe Elementary North with crepe myrtles planted in them.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 10: 04 p.m. Mr. Megale seconded the motion, 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: March 17, 2005