

The Santa Fe Independent School District

Board of Trustees

13304 Highway 6 P. O. Box 370

Santa Fe, TX 77510

REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 20, 2005

Minutes

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of January, 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 recommendations for professional staff. The board adjourned executive session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 7:35 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, Gary Causey, Phylliss Coleman, Barbara Derrick, John Gerami, Anne Gunning, Susan Hall, Debie King, Joe Krauskopf, Donna Loftin, Judy Meriwether, Cherie' Morgan, Ronny Mull, Christie Norman, and Steve Shields. Others present were Marcie and Wes Dreyer, Gerri Dorsett and Alan Wilkes

VI. Action from Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mr. Cabe to employ Nancy Wylie for 88 days as teacher for the 2004-2005 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Wostal and seconded by Mr. Blankenship to extend Dr. Whittemore's contract one more year with a 3% pay increase retroactive to July 1, 2004. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

VII. Recognition of Personnel, Students, and Others

School Board Members – January 2005– School Board Recognition Month

The SFISD Administrative staff and personnel present at the meeting recognized and thanked the board members for their service to the district. Each board member was presented with a thank you basket from the campuses. Dr. Whittemore read Governor Rick Perry's proclamation declaring January School Board Appreciation month.

Mr. Aran Bercu, Assistant High School Band Director introduced Richard Westmoreland, a high school band student who's been accepted into the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. Mr. Bercu gave some background information on Richard regarding his accomplishments at school and the requirements for acceptance to the Cavaliers. The Board recognized Richard.

Joe Krauskopf, Athletic Director introduced 2 high school students that have been named to the Class 4A Academic All-State Football Team. They were Jimi Rothermel and Brandon Krauskopf. The boys were awarded the honor by a point system that included GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT scores. The board recognized Jimi and Brandon.

Mrs. Nancy Fiegle, the Junior High Science Department Chairperson spoke to the board regarding the Junior High Science Fair winners. Some of them were on hand and were introduced by Mrs. Fiegle. The board recognized the students.

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

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VIII. Public Forum

Bubba Reeder addressed the board concerning the Santa Fe FFA program.

IX. Information Items

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

Mrs. Hall gave the TELPAS-AMAO report and the ESL Eligibility Report.

Mrs. Coleman addressed the board regarding class requests and the need to change that procedure.

Mr. Causey gave information regarding Policy Update 74. It will go to the board at the February meeting to be voted on.

X. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes for December 16, 2004 and January 11, 2005
- B. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$319, 852.58
- C. Tech Prep Agreements with College of the Mainland
- D. District Textbook Committee 04-05 for Fine Arts, Foreign Languages

XI. Regular Agenda Items

A motion was made by made by Mr. Megale, seconded by Mrs. Cowart to approve the proposed 2005-2006 calendar and the waiver to TEA to begin school later. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Cowart made a motion to accept the one-year lease agreement for Behringer-Tully field with Santa Fe Little League Baseball. Mr. Wostal seconded and all voted in favor of the motion.

The board took a short break at 8:43, returned at 8:50 to hear the 2003-2004 audit report from Mr. Dave Start. Mr. Megale made a motion to accept the report, Mrs. Cowart seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

XII. Board Communication

Dr. Whittemore shared information on several issues with the board. Among them were the "No Smoking" announcements to be read at basketball games, facilities use by outside groups, and security at extra-curricular events. It was decided the "No Smoking" statement should be read at all games. Regarding the facilities use by outside groups, the district has adequate policies in place for this. They need to be enforced more strictly. Extra security should be required at extra-curricular events. The group getting the money should pay for the security.

Additionally Dr. Whittemore discussed the drug-testing program at the high school and junior high, whether or not it should be random or for cause. He will find out the cost.

In response to a question at the last board meeting, he reported it is not possible at this time for our computer system to sort expenses by groups, i.e. travel, supply, etc.

The sidewalks under the fence breaks at the high school parking lot are complete.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Wostal seconded, 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: February 17, 2005