

The Santa Fe Independent School District

REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2006

Minutes

On the 20th day of April 2006, 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

The Board toured the Bus Barn at 6:32pm to assess future needs for transportation. All members were present except Mr. Wostal. Dr. Whittemore was present. The Board recessed at 7:07 pm. Mr. Cabe called to order the regular meeting in the administration building at 7:30 pm.

II. Members Present/Absent

School Board members present were Vince Megale, Beth Davis, John Rothermel, Trey Cabe, Bruce Blankenship and Sandi Sauers. Buckshot Wostal was absent. Dr. Jon Whittemore was present.

III. Reconvene: Invocation and Pledges.

Mr. Megale gave the invocation and led the pledges.

IV. School Officials Present

Jim Abney, Ryan Boone, Cherie' Bowers, Joan Bowman, Donna Carlson, Gary Causey, Barbara Derrick, Kim Eixman, John Gerami, Anne Gunning, Susan Hall, Lupe Hernandez, Judy Meriwether, Christie Norman, and Mike Van Essen.

Others Present: Lucy Castro, Sheila Baumon, Edie Walker, Rosie Hebert, Tanya Jones, Nancy Ennis, Caroline Gulley, Jeanne Harwick, Lori Nelson, Kimberly Larson, Theresa Burnett, Cherie Minks, Darla Leach, Leslie Buck, Eunice Culp, Betty Jean Wilson, Shirlene Powers, Rev. Richard Epler, Arthur T. Bosquez, Loretta Powers, Jim Kilroy, Samantha Rodriguez, Michelle Skiles, Sheri Fisher, Connie Turner, Susan Ivie, Cindy Olvera, Judy Smith, Jane Gregory, Mary Key, Norma Stewart, Theresa Jennings, Josie and Butch Martorell, Mary Bouquet, Delores Garza, Maria Cardona, Andrew and Doris Courteau, Scott Fendrick, Terry Dickey, Julie Hensley, Sandra Zerinque, Thomas Clement, Tommy Anderson, Nicole Van Wagner, Lauren Norman, Christine and Melissa Courteau, Stephanie Conn, and Andrew Nesburg

V. Recognition of Personnel, Students and Others

The students and coaches of the Academic Team were recognized by the Board for their accomplishments at the regional competition held at Deer Park High School in January. Mr. Mike File and Mrs. Nora Hency are the coaches that guided these students to success. Out of 11 teams Santa Fe came in fourth. Students recognized were Stephanie Conn, Christine and Melissa Courteau, Andrew Nesburg and Lauren Norman.

The Board honored Jarren Whitworth, a high school who has been named to the Dean's List at College of the Mainland for his work at the Collegiate High School at College of the Mainland. Jarren is pursuing a career in engineering.

The Board recognized the district cafeteria managers and their support staff. Each of the six district cafeterias won the "Gold Ribbon Award" for kitchen sanitation and food safety from the Galveston County Health Department. Mrs. Cherie' Bowers, SFISD's Food and Child Nutrition Director introduced the mangers and also thanked the maintenance department for their work.

The Board recognized several people for their volunteer service on different campuses this year. Dr. Lupe Hernandez introduced Mary Bouquet and Eunice Culp and thanked them for the time they give to help the students of Santa Fe Elementary North. Rosie Hebert introduced Edie Walker and Peggy Shaddox, mentors for the HOSTS program. Each of the volunteers was given a certificate of appreciation from the district.

VI. Public Forum

Sandra Zerinque, Nicole Linderman-White and Julie Hensley addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the need to hire an additional LSSP for the district.

Jim Kilroy of the Mark Kilroy foundation asked the Board to have an "at risk" counselor for grades 5-12 added to the budget for the next school year. This position was cut from the budget for next year due to federal budget cuts.

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Dixie Stenzel addressed the Board concerning the need for a fence behind the school property on the east side of Warpath to keep children from playing near the drainage ditch installed by TXDOT.

VII. Information Items

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

The Board was given information regarding the Laura Recovery Center presentation that will be shown to students' 2nd-8th grades during the week of May 15-19.

Mrs. Gunning gave the Board information regarding the bird flu pandemic they requested at the last Board meeting. According to the Galveston County Health District the schools will provide vaccination or the distribution of antivirals.

The Board was given an update on the Santa Fe ISD Police Department program by Chief John Gerami. The Board asked chief Gerami to bring additional information to the next board meeting regarding the fight against drugs in schools and the records management system at La Marque police department.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Blankenship and seconded by Mr. Rothermel to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

1. Minutes for the March 23 Board Meeting
2. Accounts payable in the amount of \$427,045.93
3. Overnight trip requests for the Santa Fe High School Choir, Santa Fe High Student Council and UIL Academic Competitors.
4. Approve a proclamation declaring the week of May 8-12 as National Nursing Appreciation Week
5. Approve a resolution declaring May 8-12 as Teacher Appreciation Week

IX. Regular Agenda Items

1. The item for consideration of changes for the Transportation facility was discussed first to enable the Transportation personnel attending the meeting to leave early. The Board members were given information from the SHW architects regarding the building of a new facility. There were 2 representatives from SHW in attendance to answer the Board's questions. After much discussion the Board decided to take the matter up at a workshop to be held on May 2.

2. Mr. Cabe made a motion to approve having a staffing review using TASB services at a cost of up to \$500.00. Mr. Rothermel seconded, all voted in favor.

3. Mr. Cabe made a motion to approve Rust Ewing Insurance as the insurance carrier for the district's professional legal liability coverage. Mr. Megale seconded, all voted in favor.

4. Mr. Rothermel made a motion to approve policy FFA (Local). Mr. Blankenship seconded, all voted in favor. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve policy DEC (Local). Mr. Megale seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Megale, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Cabe voting for and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sauers voting against.

X. Board Communication

Dr. Whittemore told the Board about an individual that has requested permission to put up a snow-cone stand across the street from the administration building.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Megale made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Blankenship seconded it. With all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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

Trey Cabe
President

Sandi Sauers
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: May 18, 2006