

The Santa Fe Independent School District

REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 2006

Minutes

On the 23rd day of March 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

II. Members Present/Absent

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

III. Executive Session, Chapter 551

President Trey Cabe called to order an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Board room to hold two Level III Grievance hearings for students and to discuss personnel recommendations for professional staff. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:50 and reconvened in open session at 8:00 p.m.

IV. Reconvene: Invocation and Pledges

Mr. Megale gave the invocation and led the pledges.

V. School Officials Present

Jim Abney, Ryan Boone, Cherie' Bowers, Joan Bowman, Donna Carlson, Gary Causey, Phyliss Coleman, Barbara Derrick, Kim Eixman, John Gerami, Anne Gunning, Susan Hall, Lupe Hernandez, Debie King, Judy Meriwether, Sherrie Misterek, Ronny Mull, Christie Norman, Steve Shields and Mike Van Essen.

Others Present: Kimberly Larsen, Sheila and George Kramer, Trey Catching, Elisha Green, Chad, Tana, Mason and Maebri Gaston, David, Wendy and Kelsey Thomas, Lisa Waitena, Betty Jean Wilson, Becky Faris, Lee and Connie Medly, Lori Nelson, Sherri Wostal, Ernest Western, Amy Perkins, Theresa Burnett, John Scales, Nancy Ennis, Tonya Jones, Becky Klosowsky, Thomas Clement, Ann Perkins, Terry Dickey, Mary Key, Mike Nelson, Greg Patterson, Ryan Stubbs, Loran Douglas, Brittany Ewald, Jordan Faris, Nikkie Phillips, Julia Saye, Donna Pruitt, Carrie Trahan, Cathy Summerville

VI. Action from Closed Session

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to renew, extend and/or approve the contracts and related actions of all staff listed as amended on Exhibit A presented in Executive session and further that all appropriate employees be notified of the Board's actions. Mr. Wostal seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Megale made a motion to accept the negotiated settlement for John Edwards. Mr. Rothermel seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

One of the two Level III hearings regarding cheerleader selection was dropped at the parent's request. Mr. Cabe made a motion to deny the Level III appeal of the second one. Mr. Wostal seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Recognition of Personnel, Students and Others

The Board recognized the four Junior High band students that were selected to the All-Region Band and three that were selected to the All-District Band. The band directors John Barton and Stephen Bond were recognized as well for their hard work for the students.

The Board recognized Mason Gaston and his family. Mason is a Junior High student and was chosen to represent Santa Fe Junior High in the Texas Junior High/High School Rodeo Association. He won the regional competition and will be going to state competition in Gonzales, Texas.

The Board recognized the students of Santa Fe High School FFA program and their teacher Mr. Stuart Dunn for their hard work and accomplishments this year.

The Board recognized the Santa Fe High School Cheer Competition Squad for their achievements at the American Cheer Power Nationals in January. The squad took 4th place in Varsity Medium Division. Brittany Ewald took 1st place in Crowd Pleaser Varsity Division – Champion, Ashley Lopez-2nd place in Jumps-Varsity Division and Brittany and Ashley took 2nd place, Crowd Pleaser Couples Varsity Division.

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The Board recognized the Santa Fe High School boys and girls basketball teams. Coach Tom Driskill introduced the girl's team and spoke of the season they've had. Coach Randall introduced the boy's team. The Board appreciates the hard work of the players and coaches.

VIII. Public Forum

Jim Abney addressed the Board regarding the transportation center.

IX. 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 an update on the Special Education program by Anne Gunning and on the 504 program by Phyliss Coleman.

Dr. Whittemore addressed the Board regarding the allegations made against the central administration office at the March 14, 2006 meeting. A copy of his reply to the allegations is attached.

X. Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes for the February 16 and March 14 Board Meetings
2. Accounts payable in the amount of \$522,581.66
3. Overnight trip requests for the Santa Fe High School Winter Guard, Santa Fe High School Band and Special Olympics
4. Approve a proclamation declaring the week of April 17-21 as Volunteer Appreciation Week
5. Approve a resolution declaring April 3-7 as Librarian Appreciation Week

Mr. Cabe was called away from the meeting at 10:10 pm. Board Vice President John Rothermel led the meeting in his absence.

XI. Regular Agenda Items

1. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the committee roster for the School Health Advisory Committee and their recommendations for implementing the local wellness policy. Mr. Megale seconded and all voted in favor.
2. Mr. Megale made a motion to approve Policy Update 77. Mr. Wostal seconded, all voted in favor.
3. The item for consideration of a personnel/staffing/salary review was tabled until the April meeting.
4. Mr. Blankenship felt after Dr, Whittemore answered the allegations made at the previous Board meeting there was no need for another audit. He made a motion to go forward and not seek another audit. Mr. Megale seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was Mr. Blankenship, Mr. Megale, Mr. Wostal and Mrs. Davis. Mr. Rothermel abstained and the motion was approved.

XII. Board Communication

The Board was given information on building a new transportation center. The Board asked to have the Transportation center placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

Mr. Rothermel spoke about his concerns regarding the bird flu and the need for school districts to have a plan. He then asked about the sign at the field house that's not working. He praised the Shattered Dreams program calling it outstanding.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Megale made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Blankenship seconded it. With all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

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

Trey Cabe
President

Sandi Sauers
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: April 20, 2006