

The Santa Fe Independent School District

REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Members Present/Absent

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

III. Executive Session, Chapter 551

President Trey Cabe called to order an Executive Session at 6:35p.m. in the Administration Board room to hold a Level III Grievance hearing for an employee, and to discuss personnel recommendations for professional staff. In addition to the Board and the Superintendent, present at this time were Lisa Brown, John Edwards and Richard Arnett. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:50 and reconvened in open session at 7:55 p.m. where Mr. Cabe announced the Board would reconvene in Executive Session following the regular meeting to finalize their discussion of personnel recommendations for professional staff. Mrs. Brown, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Arnett left at this time.

IV. Reconvene: Invocation and Pledge

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, Lupe Hernandez, Debie King, Joe Krauskopf, Judy Meriwether, Ronny Mull, Christie Norman, Steve Shields and Mike Van Essen.

Others Present: Robin Berryhill, Patti Abbott, Kim Rich, Bill Liefert, Lori Nelson, Anna Marie Milligan, Carol and Mike Nelson, Teri Nors, Randie Martindale, Randi Miller, Janet Gill, Brandy Babcock, Tina Dominy, Kathi Nesburg, Stacy Wheeland, Jane Rozsypal, Sammie Wankan, Teresa Fatheree and Carl Matejka

VI. Recognition of Personnel, Students, and Others

The Board recognized the art teachers, classroom teachers of winning artwork, and the students who received blue ribbons, gold medals or best of show awards at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo annual art contest. Mrs. Derrick introduced the teachers and each of the students. The Board congratulated the students and staff on their hard work and achievements.

The Board recognized Gary Causey, United Way coordinator for the district and each campus coordinator. Elizabeth White of the Mainland Community Untied Way spoke to the Board regarding the exemplary contributions of the SFISD community; she thanked Mr. Causey and all those responsible for the growth in the amount of contributions to the United Way from our district. Each campus coordinator was presented with a plaque.

The Board recognized the Career and Technology Education Teachers for National Technology Week. The teachers in attendance were Norma Culpepper, Carl Matejka, Melanie Davis, Kathi Nesburg, and Teri Nors. Those involved in CATE and unable to attend were Jamie McRae, Tanya Lanmon, Nedette De Vries, Stuart Dunn, John Edwards, Matt Presnall and Eddie Dahlstrom.

The Board recognized the counselors that work with our students throughout the district. Mrs. Coleman introduced Tracey McCarley-RJW, Anne Johnson-North, Teresa Fatheree-South, Peggy Martin-SFI and Brandy Babcock, Tina Dominy and Teri Nors-SFHS. Those unable to attend were Deron Ernst-Special Education, Michelle Buchman and Phyllis Dunkin-SFJH, and Mary Bragg-HS.

VII. Public Forum

Mike Nelson addressed the board regarding a pay increase given to an employee in a previous meeting and to invite the Board to an award ceremony for Susan Leining.

Jane Rozsypal, a teacher at Santa Fe Intermediate addressed the Board speaking in support of the principal at Santa Fe Intermediate. Citing the need for continuity and good leadership, Mrs. Rozsypal encouraged the Board to renew the principal's contract allowing her to remain at the campus.

VIII. Information Items

The board was given information on the following items:

A. Monthly Reports – Personnel, Cafeteria, Tax Collection, Transportation, and Financial including Grant

- Funds and Donations
- B. Texas Public School Week Open House Schedule
- C. Drugs in Schools
- D. Policy Update 77

IX. Consent Agenda

Mr. Megale made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Mr. Blankenship seconded, all voted in favor.

- A. Approve minutes for January 19, 2006
- B. Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$582,973.57
- C. Approve the overnight trip request for a student to attend a Sophomore Leadership Conference
- D. Approve awarding the HVAC competitive sealed proposal to Lennox Industries for \$10,184
- E. Approve a resolution proclaiming March 13-17, 2006 as Texas Public Schools Week

The item regarding the consideration and possible approval of an Emergency Operations Plan was moved to the Regular Agenda at the request of Mr. Megale.

X. Regular Agenda Items

Mr. Megale made a motion to call for a General Election to be held on May 13, 2006 to elect Trustees for positions 1 and 2. He reported the following Board Members, Vince Megale, Trey Cabe, and John Rothermel 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-Bertha Hingle and an Early Voting Ballot Board consisting of Joyce Harvey, Bertha Hingle and Sharon Pierce and set the date of May 16 at 8:00 am to canvass the votes and declare the election results. Mr. Wostal seconded the motion, all voted in favor of the motion in its entirety.

There was no action taken on the item for a Personnel Audit. After much discussion the Board asked Mr. Cabe to work with the business office and Dr. Whittemore to come up with some information regarding the cost and other considerations involved with doing an audit of this nature. The information is to be presented to the Board at the next regular meeting.

XI. Board Communication

The Board was given information on the following items:

- A. Plans for a new transportation center

There was discussion on this matter, the Board requested more information to be given to them in the next Board meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Megale made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned. The Board took a 15-minute break before reconvening in closed session to continue discussion of the professional contracts.

XIII. Executive Session Part II, Chapter 551

The Board reconvened in Executive Session with President Trey Cabe calling the meeting to order at 10:15 pm to continue discussion of the professional contracts. The Board adjourned executive session at 10:59 pm and reconvened in open session at 11:00pm.

XIV. Action from Closed Session

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to hire Susan Reitmeyer for 26 days (2 days per week) as a part-time librarian for the 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Sauers seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to extend administrator contracts for one year, through June 30, 2008 for the following personnel: Jimmy D. Abney, Ryan K. Boone, Cherie R. Bowers, Joan L. Bowman, Donna Carlson, Gary C. Causey, Phyliss A. Coleman, Kimberly Eixman, Kathryn Anne Gunning, Susan A. Hall, Debra J. King, Judy C. Meriwether, Ronny D. Mull, Steven Shields, and Michael Van Essen; renew the administrator contract for one-year through June 30, 2007 for Lupe Hernandez, Kim Y. Patterson; and authorize the President of the Board to renew contracts with each. Mr. Megale seconded the motion, all voted in favor

There was no action taken on the Level III grievance.

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Megale seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

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

Trey Cabe
President
Date Minutes Approved: March 23, 2006

Sandi Sauers
Secretary