

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

July 25, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Vice President Ken Ripley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary Darren Hodges established a quorum with the following members present: Santiago Cantu, Jr., Jay Garvin, Darren Hodges, Ken Ripley and Clyde Sawyer. Rey Chapa and Gloria Hernandez were absent.

Mr. Ripley announced that the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.005 of the Texas Government Code.

Mr. Ripley led the pledges and Mr. Hodges gave the invocation.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. McCall gave an overview of the progress of the superintendent search. Ms. Moffett has received 10 applications so far. Consensus of the board was to hold preliminary to interview on September 19, 20 and 21 and hold second round interviews on September 27, 28 and 29. The regular board meeting for September needs to be held on September 12th to avoid conflicts with superintendent interviews and the TASA/TASB Convention. The board will screen applications prior to the board meeting.

Mr. McCall gave the bank balances, scholarship investments, revenues and expenditures, Logic, Government Agency Securities and Commercial Paper, and the certified tax assessors report. There is no finalized school finance plan – the legislature is still meeting. Current law does not allow for maintenance tax note purchase, since the effective tax rate will be \$1.50. A limit on recapture at 25% or 35% would help FSISD and is part of the house bill, but is being lobbied against by the Equity Center and MALDEF. Highland Park sends 70% of their tax revenue to the state and a 25-35% cap would help them. The definition of a wealthy school could increase from \$305,000 to \$330,000. The state would only fund the increase proposed for nurses, teachers, librarians and counselors for Chapter 42 districts. Chapter 41 districts would be expected to fund through the wealth increase.

Mr. McCall gave the building maintenance, mechanical maintenance, transportation and staff development reports.

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Garvin and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 27, 2005, the regular meeting of June 27, 2005, the first special meeting of July 11, 2005 and the second special meeting of July 11, 2005.

CHECK PAYMENT LISTS

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Cantu and carried unanimously to approve the check payment list excluding Cantu, Hodges and Ripley conflicts of interest, excluding the payment to Trinity Universal Insurance, a conflict of interest for Mr. Sawyer.

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and carried to approve the check payment list of Cantu conflicts of interest. All in favor except Mr. Cantu abstained.

Motion made by Mr. Cantu, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and carried to approve the check payment list of Hodges conflicts of interest. All in favor except Mr. Hodges abstained.

Motion made by Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Garvin and carried to approve the check payment list of Ripley conflicts of interest. All in favor except Mr. Ripley abstained.

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Cantu and carried to approve the check payment list of Sawyer conflicts of interest. All in favor except Mr. Sawyer abstained.

DISCUSSION

Mr. McCall explained the reason for developing a draft memo to be issued to all employees concerning transporting family members in school vehicles. Clyde explained that employees injured in a school vehicle are covered under workers comp. Family members may or may not be covered, depending on who was at fault. Employees traveling

on school business in private vehicles are not considered on company time until they reach the school business destination. Any damage incurred to the vehicle is the responsibility of the private vehicle owner. Clyde recommends purchasing rental insurance. The board supported the memo and it will be on the August agenda for action.

Mr. McCall discussed the progress of the HVAC and mechanical renovations project and the change order as requested and approved by Monte Hunter. Bosworth will be repairing the crushed waterlines at the middle school.

Mr. McCall discussed the approval by TEA for the extension of the depository contract.

Mr. McCall reviewed the Chapter 41 status official notification.

Mr. McCall discussed the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District's Historic and Existing Use Permits for water wells. Mr. Paul Casas will have the permits ready to submit by August 1, 2005.

Mr. McCall reported that the 79th legislature is still working on a school finance plan. Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst had stated that no other bills would pass until the legislature passed a school finance plan.

ACTION

Mr. McCall explained the request by WRTTC for funding of the aerospace, automotive and nurse aide programs. The aerospace program is funded by grants but the RTTC wants a commitment of \$35,000 from FSISD in case grant money received is not sufficient. FSISD pays tuition, books and fees for only these programs and no other concurrent programs.

Motion made by Mr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and carried unanimously to approve participation in all three programs with the stipulation that the high school administrative staff establish local criteria for entrance into each program and that the school district's financial obligation be limited each year to a sum certain amount for each program and establish a database tracking student enrollment in the programs to ascertain effectiveness.

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Garvin and carried unanimously to empower the superintendent or designee to meet with the parent and child and assure the conditions of acceptance are clearly understood and accept or reject the application for transfer.

Motion made by Mr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Wagner Supply Company for paper goods.

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Garvin and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. McCall to advertise the sale of property located at 1604 N. Nelson.

Motion made by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and carried unanimously to approve the budget change request for \$10,000 for the transportation department to fund fuel cost increases.

The board recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

The board convened into closed session pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act at 8:40 p.m. to consider hiring an interim assistant superintendent and consider employments, resignations, retirements, reassignments and terminations and reconvened in open session at 10:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and carried unanimously to approve the following individuals for employment:

Roy Alvarado	High School Math teacher
James Gomez	Intermediate Music Teacher
Corey Gross	Middle School Science Teacher/Coach
Zana Hanson	Butz Principal
Therese Knowles	High School Science Teacher
Robin Powell	High School Social Studies Teacher/Coach

The board was informed of the following personnel employments, resignations, retirements and reassignments:

Employments –

Melissa Alvarado	High School Inclusion Aide
Jacob Chavez	High School Custodian
Ruben DeAnda	Operations – Building Maintenance
Christina Cordova	Operations – Route 31 Van 81
Joe Valenzuela	Intermediate Custodian

Resignations –

Christina Rodriguez	Alamo 3 rd Grade Teacher
Delphina Rodriguez	Alamo Bilingual Aide
Richard Sais	High School Custodian
Paul Surya	High School Science Teacher

Retirements –

Elia Fathree	Middle School Food Services
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Reassignments –

Elizabeth Baker	from Intermediate 5 th Grade Teacher to Alamo 3 rd Grade Teacher
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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. McCall read a letter to the board on behalf the Pasqua and Stockburger families.

Mr. McCall noted that the budget for the Pecos County Appraisal District will be on the August agenda.

Mr. McCall acknowledged the Superior Achievement rating by the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for August 22nd. A special budget workshop will be scheduled if necessary prior to August 22nd.

Contracts will be given to new employees and the names brought to the board for approval at the August 22nd meeting.

Meeting ended at 10:05 p.m.

President

Secretary