

THE IRION COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN A REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008.

1 CALL TO ORDER President Wes Thiers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Tom Davidson, Vicente Flores, Jr., Valentin Gomez, Melissa Matthews, and Lisa Hight.

Mrs. Wolfenbarger was absent.

Administrators present were Brenda Mendiola, Billy Barnett, Maela Edmonson, and Donny Funderburg.

Others attending were LeAnn Rutherford, Martha Acosta, Leon Standard, Aida Latorre, Mark A. Noonan, William Scott, Dakota Paxton, Courtney Jasik, Kay Theeck, Tia Paxton, Justin Paxton, Bill Coffey, Ken Greer, Luann Bailey, Camille Vasquez, Albert Perez, Alan Gillespie, McKenna Gillespie, Chris Evans, Sylvia Martinez, Austin Davidson, Dan Casey, Ben Thompson, Shannon Chapman, and Susan Liner.

The board deviated to item 3.

3 OPEN FORUM No one appeared for open forum.

4a STAFF/STUDENT RECOGNITION Maela Edmonson and Shannon Chapman gave District UIL results. Students attending were Dakota Paxton, Courtney Jasik, McKenna Gillespie, and Austin Davidson.

Mrs. Mendiola mentioned that the WOW Award this month goes to elementary secretary Shelia Schkade and substitute teacher and parent volunteer Linda Billington. Yolanda Perez was also named as outstanding worker for the second time this year. Mrs. Honea was recognized for her extra effort with the physical fitness testing she conducted last year.

4b BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION Mrs. Mendiola reported on each trustee who has met or is delinquent in meeting training requirements that are to be completed by the December meeting. Trustees who have met these requirements are Lisa Hight, Melissa Matthews, Wes Thiers, Valentin Gomez, Vicente Flores, Jr., and Stella Wolfenbarger. Delinquent in training is Tom Davidson.

4c Mark Noonan with Craig Wallace Construction gave an update on the continuation of the building project. Aida reported on the track and air conditioning replacements for middle elementary and the band hall.

4d William Scott discussed the possibility of adding volleyball to existing extracurricular activities in the future.

The board deviated to 5f, 5g, 5h, and 5i.

5f 2007 – 2008 AUDIT REPORT District auditor Bill Coffey discussed the annual audit report. Melissa Matthews made a motion with a second by Lisa Hight to accept the 2007 – 2008 audit report as presented with the following correction.

Page 20 – second paragraph, second line. Regarding workdays for administrative personnel the number will be changed from 228 to 226 days.

Motion passed, all voting for. (6)

5g THEATER EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS Architect Aida Latorre discussed a meeting to negotiate a contract with Texas Scenic for theater equipment. She noted that ICISD would get more for the money by using Texas Lighthouse for sound and Texas Scenic for lighting, and curtains. A motion was made by Valentin Gomez with a second by Tom Davidson to approve the contract with Texas Scenic for \$102,655.00 as presented. All members present voted for. The contract with Texas Lighthouse will be considered at a later date.

5h TexasTERM/TexasDAILY INVESTMENT POOLS On the recommendation of Mrs. Mendiola, Vicente Flores, Jr., made a motion, with a second by Lisa Hight to pass a resolution to participate in TexasTERM and TexasDAILY investment pools in addition to the existing TexSTAR pool. Motion passed, all voting for.

5i PREVAILING WAGE RATE Mrs. Mendiola explained that the construction contracts should include a current wage rate for Irion County. Lisa Hight made a motion with a second by Valentin Gomez to inform the contractors of a specified amount of minimum pay that sub-contractors must be paid according to the schedule presented. Motion passed.

The board deviated to items 2, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, and 5e.

2 PUBLIC HEARING Dan Casey, representing Moak & Casey presented information regarding the wind turbine project and the need to create a reinvestment zone. The application of Langford Wind Power, LLC was also discussed.

The board deviated to item 5a.

5a PROPERTY DISCUSSION There was no need to close this item. Discussion only.

5b CREATION OF REINVESTMENT ZONE Vicente Flores made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to create a designated reinvestment zone as described by Dan Casey. Motion passed. (6)

5c ADOPTION OF FINDINGS Vicente Flores, Jr. made a motion with a second by Lisa Hight to adopt findings concerning the application from Langford Wind Power, LLC. Motion passed.

5d WAIVER OF JOB CREATION After discussion a motion was made by Valentin Gomez with a second by Tom Davidson to grant the waiver of job creation requirements regarding the application from Langford Wind Power, LLC. Motion passed.

5e AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION Vicente Flores, Jr., made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to accept an agreement for limitation on appraised value of school district property. Motion passed. (6)

The board deviated to items 5j, 5k, 5l, and 5m.

5j MINUTES Melissa Matthews made a motion with a second by Lisa Hight to approve the minutes of the regular November 17, 2008 meeting. All members voted for.

5k CHECKS Valentin Gomez made a motion with a second by Tom Davidson to approved checks as presented. All voted for.

5l DISTRICT PLAN Mrs. Mendiola discussed District Plan revisions. Campus goals were also presented. A motion was made by Valentin Gomez with a second by Lisa Hight to approve plan revisions. Motion passed.

5m PERSONNEL There was no need for this item.

6a DEPARTMENT REPORTS Counselor discussions included elementary character development, Building and Leadership Schools, home computer survey, Red Ribbon Week, college testing, PSAT scores and the appointment of an elementary testing coordinator.

The board deviated to item 6c.

6c ELEMENTARY REPORTS Mrs. Edmonson updated the board on future events and mentioned elementary enrollment is 158.

The board deviated to items 6b, and 6d.

6b SECONDARY REPORTS Mr. Barnett stated that the District UIL Meet was a huge success. He also mentioned last year's TAKS scores and that enrollment is at 183 and attendance is 96.29. He also reported that the U. S. News and World Reports has recognized the high school as a bronze level campus.

6d A. D. REPORTS Coach Funderburg gave an activity update on current sports. He also provided a report on Middle School Athletics and discussed concerns with the board as well as members of the community. Also speaking were Coach Gillespie and Coach Evans.

6e SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS Mrs. Mendiola read a thank-you note from ESC XV. She also added that any time a sport is added or deleted from extracurricular activities it must be done before January 15 of every year.

7a SUPERINTENDENT ANNUAL EVALUATION The board of trustees on December 15, 2008 beginning at 10:48 p.m., convened in a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Article 551-.075.

The board ended its closed meeting at 11:30 p.m., December 15, 2008.

No action.

8 ADJOURN At 11:34 p.m., a motion was made by Melissa Matthews with a second by Lisa Hight to adjourn December 15, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

Wes Thiers, President

Melissa Matthews, Secretary