

THE IRION COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN A REGULAR SESSION, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 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., Lisa Hight, Melissa Matthews, and Stella Wolfenbarger.

Valentin Gomez was absent.

Administrators present were Brenda Mendiola and Billy Barnett.

Others attending were Santiago Ibarra, Rick Huelster, LeAnn Rutherford, Aida Latorre, Morgan MacKenzie, James M. Lewis, Katy Rubelee, A. D. Marquez, Raymond Flores, III, Martha Acosta, Scooter Scott, Luann Bailey and Susan Liner.

2 OPEN FORUM No one appeared for open forum.

3 PRESENTATION – DISCUSSION Scooter Scott presented information concerning a possible education foundation and asked that three board members serve on the foundation committee. Board members interested in serving were asked to contact Mr. Scott.

The board deviated to 4c.

4c CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL Morgan MacKenzie, project manager for Craig Wallace Construction, discussed value engineering, which will help with the cost of the building projects without changing major plans.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Mendiola there was a motion by Stella Wolfenbarger to enter into a contract with Craig Wallace Construction for an amount not to exceed 9.5 million dollars with the final sum amount to be determined on or before the 30-day term. Lisa Hight made the second and all trustees voted for. (6)

The board deviated to item 4b.

4b RENOVATION PROJECTS After discussion Melissa Matthews made a motion with a second by Vicente Flores, Jr., to approve renovation projects through an interlocal agreement with contractors. These projects involve the kindergarten room, Ag building, as well as new flooring in the band hall. Projects will be paid for with local funds. Motion passed. (6)

The board deviated to 4g.

4g TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL Raymond Flores, technology coordinator, presented a proposal for the purchase of approximately 25 new computers for the high

school computer lab. He stated that the old computers would be distributed throughout both campuses.

Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion to purchase new computers for the high school computer lab as presented. Tom Davidson made the second and all voted for. (6)

The board deviated to 4h, 4i, and 4j.

4h STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY After discussion a motion was made by Lisa Hight and seconded by Tom Davidson to accept the Student Drug Testing Policy (FNF) LOCAL as presented by Ms. Rutherford. Motion passed. (6)

4i LUNCHROOM PRICES Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion with a second by Tom Davidson to increase lunchroom prices as follows.

Breakfast - .75 (last increase was August 1985 to .50)
Student lunch - 1.75 (last increase was June 2004 to 1.50)
Adult lunch - 2.25 (last increase was June 2001 to 2.00)

Motion passed, all voting for.

4j SALARY AND STIPENDS After discussion Lisa Hight made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to accept the 2008 – 2009 in county/out of county salary schedule for full time certified teachers, counselors and nurses as presented. Motion passed. (6)

Lisa Hight made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to accept salary increases for the hourly custodial staff, cafeteria staff, and the Barnhart bus route driver. This motion also includes ten days additional pay for the cafeteria manager and the library aides. Motion passed. (6)

Tom Davidson made a motion with a second by Lisa Hight to approve the 2008 – 2009 stipend schedule for athletic coaches, UIL coaches, and the transportation department. On the same motion the UIL academic coaching stipend was amended for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Motion passed. (6)

A break was taken at 8:05 p.m. The board deviated back to 4d, 4e and 4f.

4d MINUTES Melissa Matthews made a motion with a second by Vicente Flores, Jr. to approve the minutes of the regular May 12th meeting as well as the called meetings on May 13th, 22nd, 28th, and June 10th with the following corrections.

Page 216 – May 13th meeting: The minutes reflected Ms. Wolfenbarger calling the meeting to order as well as being absent. Ms. Wolfenbarger was in attendance and Ms. Matthews was absent.

Page 217 – May 22nd: 4a voting for: Melissa Matthews is shown as Melissa Hight.

Page 219 – June 10th: 4a A motion was made by Valentin Gomez to hire an elementary teacher but the minutes do not reflect a second to the motion. Melissa Matthews seconded this motion.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was passed with all members voting for. (6)

4e CHECKS After reviewing the checks a motion was made by Melissa Matthews and a second by Lisa Hight to approve them as written. Motion passed, all voting for. (6)

4f SURPLUS ITEMS Mrs. Mendiola mentioned that the auditorium chairs as well as the 2000 LeSabre are items that can be put in the upcoming Irion County public auction. Lisa Hight made a motion to declare these items surplus as recommended. Melissa Matthews made the second and all members voted for. (6)

The board deviated to item 4k.

4k PERSONNEL The board of trustees convened in a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Article 551-.074, on June 19, 2008 at 8:30 p.m.

The board ended its closed meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Lisa Hight made a motion with a second by Vicente Flores to offer Donny Funderburg a one-year probationary multi-assignment contract. This contract is based on the eleven month salary schedule. Motion passed. (6)

Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to offer Cynthia Wilson a one-year probationary high school teaching contract. Motion passed, all voting for. (6)

Tom Davidson made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to give Mrs. Mendiola permission to hire an elementary teacher if the need arises. Motion passed. (6)

The board deviated to item 4a.

4a REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to appoint Wes Thiers president by acclamation. Motion passed. (5) Mr. Thiers abstained.

Wes Thiers made a motion with a second by Vicente Flores, Jr. to appoint Stella Wolfenbarger vice-president by acclamation. Motion passed. (5) Ms. Wolfenbarger abstained.

Wes Thiers made a motion with a second by Vicente Flores, Jr. to appoint Lisa Hight as secretary of the board. Mrs. Hight declined the appointment.

Lisa Hight made a motion to appoint Melissa Matthews as secretary. Vicente Flores, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed. (5) Ms. Matthews abstained.

The board deviated to 5a.

5a SECONDARY REPORTS Mr. Barnett reviewed TAKS score improvements.

5b ELEMENTARY REPORTS None.

5c A. D. REPORTS None.

5d SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS Mrs. Mendiola mentioned elementary TAKS scores.

5e MISCELLANEOUS It was mentioned that all board members were able to attend the Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio.

6 ADJOURN Wes Thiers made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., June 19, 2008. Motion passed, all voting for. (6)

Wes Thiers, President

Melissa Matthews, Secretary