

**THE IRION COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN A REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008.**

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

Members present were Lisa Hight, Stella Wolfenbarger, Valentin Gomez, Joe Narvaez, Melissa Matthews, and Virginia Wales.

Administrators present were Brenda Mendiola, Jeanette Hobbs, Rob Bird and Billy Barnett.

Others attending were Sterling Abbott, Debra Elder, Justin Weishuhn, Doran Reynolds, Royce L. Sprott, Santiago Ibarra, Nancy Scott, Susan Abbott, Vicente O. Flores, Jr., Russell Meeks, Doug Koehne, Luann Bailey and Susan Liner.

**2 OPEN FORUM** Susan Abbott presented information to the board concerning incentive amounts for the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.) grant.

**3a WEST TEXAS BOYS RANCH** Justin Weishuhn, Debra Elder, Doran Reynolds, and Royce Sprott represented the West Texas Boys Ranch and answered questions from the board. Ranch policies were discussed.

**3b BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE** Mr. Koehne discussed the status of the building project and answered questions of concern.

**3c BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT** Mr. Thiers reported training hours accumulated by each board member as required. Valentin Gomez, Lisa Hight, Melissa Matthews and Wes Thiers have exceeded the required hours of training. Joe Narvaez, Virginia Wales and Stella Wolfenbarger are deficient in one or more areas. Brenda Mendiola has completed the required hours of training.

The board took a short break.

**4a MINUTES** After review a motion was made by Lisa Hight with a second by Melissa Matthews to approve the minutes of the regular January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with the following correction.

**Page 204 item 6 ADJOURN** reads: Melissa Matthews made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Melissa Matthews seconded the motion to adjourn on January 14, 2008. All trustees voted for.

The motion should read: *Melissa Mathews made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Lisa Hight seconded the motion to adjourn on January 14, 2008. All trustees voted for.*

Motion carried.

**4b CHECKS FOR CURRENT BILLS** After discussion Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion, with a second by Valentin Gomez to approve checks as written. Motion passed with all members voting for. (7)

**4c BUDGET AMENDMENT** After discussion there was a motion by Valentin Gomez and a second by Lisa Hight to approve the following budget amendments as recommended by Mrs. Mendiola.

		<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Attendance credits	199-91-6224.00-999-899	\$12,600.00	
Audit services	199-41-6212.00-750-899		\$12,600.00

**Correct appropriation amount for Audit Services.**

Attendance credits	199-91-6224.00-999-899	\$15,000.00	
Appraisal District	199-41-6213.00-703-899		\$15,000.00

**2008 Budget higher than estimated apportionment.**

Motion passed unanimously. (7)

**4d ORDER TRUSTEE ELECTION** Lisa Hight made a motion, with a second by Melissa Matthews to order the IC School Board Trustee Election that will be held Saturday, May 10, 2008. Motion passed. (7)

It was also mentioned that board member positions up this year are Joe Narvaez, Virginia Wales and Wes Thiers. Sign-up for candidates is February 11 – March 10 and early voting by personal appearance is April 28 – May 6, 2008.

**4e APPOINT ELECTION JUDGES** Motion by Stella Wolfenbarger, second by Valentin Gomez to appoint Valorie Lewis as election judge for the Mertzon Community Center on Election Day. On the same motion Kathern Calzada was appointed election judge for the Barnhart Community Center and Susan Liner early voting clerk in the administration office. Motion passed all voting for. (7)

**4f UPDATE 82** After discussion a motion was made by Lisa Hight to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 82. Virginia Wales made the second and all members voted for.

**4g PERSONNEL** There was no need to close the meeting. Mrs. Mendiola read a letter of retirement from elementary teacher Mrs. Frieda Zacho.

Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion to accept Mrs. Zacho's retirement and Virginia Wales seconded the motion. All voted for. (7)

**4h EMPLOYMENT OF PRINCIPALS/A.D.** On February 18, 2008 beginning at 8:22 p.m., the board of trustees convened in a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Article 551-.075.

The board of trustees ended its closed meeting at 9:40 p.m., February 18, 2008.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Mendiola a motion was made by Melissa Matthews to extend the contract of secondary principal Billy Barnett from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. Mr. Gomez made the second to this motion and all voted for. (7)

Lisa Hight made a motion to extend the contract of elementary principal Jeanette Hobbs from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 on the recommendation of Mrs. Mendiola. Joe Narvaez made a second to this motion with all members voting for. (7)

No other recommendations were made.

**5a SECONDARY REPORTS** Mr. Barnett reported on enrollment, attendance, TAKS testing, and upcoming events.

**5b ELEMENTARY REPORTS** Mrs. Hobbs mentioned enrollment, TAKS and future events.

**5c A.D. REPORTS** Coach Bird spoke of the boys basketball play-off game as well as tennis and track numbers.

**5d SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

- TexSTAR earning report
- Possible expansion of drug testing policy
- TEA testing monitors
- Star gazing event (lunar eclipse)

**5e MISCELLANEOUS** There were no miscellaneous reports.

**6 ADJOURN** Motion by Stella Wolfenbarger, second by Lisa Hight to adjourn. All voted for. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m., February 18, 2008.

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Wes Thiers, President

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Lisa Hight, Secretary

**THE IRION COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN A CALLED SESSION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008.**

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

Members present were Joe Narvaez, Melissa Matthews, Valentin Gomez, Stella Wolfenbarger, and Lisa Hight.

Virginia Wales was absent.

Administrator present was Brenda Mendiola.

Others: Susan Liner

**2 OPEN FORUM** No one appeared for open forum.

**3a CONSIDER GRANT INCENTIVES** Incentive amounts for the D.A.T.E. grant were discussed. On the recommendation of Mrs. Mendiola a motion was made by Lisa Hight with a second by Melissa Matthews to approve stipends under \$3,000. Motion passed.

**3b CONTRACT SELECTION CRITERIA** Lisa Hight made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to accept the contract selection criteria as completed by the board. Motion passed, all voting for. (6)

**3c SELECT BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE** After discussion there was a motion by Melissa Hight to select Valentin Gomez and Wes Thiers to serve on the contract selection committee and apply the established criteria to rank bids from contractors on the building project. Stella Wolfenbarger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was also a request that the minutes reflect that the superintendent has the authority to solicit bids and the selection committee may review the bids and make recommendations according to the criteria established, but it remains the duty of the board to award the bid.

**4 ADJOURN** A motion was made by Lisa Hight and a second by Joe Narvaez to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., February 26, 2008. All voted for.

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**WES THIERS, President**

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**LISA HIGHT, Secretary**