

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

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

Other members present were Melissa Matthews, Stella Wolfenbarger, Valentin Gomez, Vicente Flores, Jr., and Tom Davidson.

Absent: Lisa Hight

Administrator present was Mrs. Mendiola.

Others present were Mike Fry with R. E. Andrews & Company, Aida Latorre, Luann Bailey, Susan Liner, and Martha Acosta.

2 OPEN FORUM No one appeared for open forum.

3 PUBLIC MEETING

- a. Discuss proposed 2008 – 2009 estimated budget
- b. Discuss proposed 2008 – 2009 tax rate

Mrs. Mendiola and the board discussed the proposed 2008-2009 estimated budget as well as the proposed tax rate.

No action necessary.

The board deviated to item 5i.

5i 313 APPLICATION Mike Fry, representing R. E. Andrews & Company, presented information about the Langford I Wind Project. Possible benefits to the District were discussed. After more discussion there was a motion by Tom Davidson and a second by Stella Wolfenbarger to give Mrs. Mendiola permission to sign the application that will allow the company to apply for permission for the wind turbine project. The application will be sent to the comptroller's office for review. The wind power company will pay for the application fee. Motion passed. (6)

The board deviated to item 4.

4 PROJECT UPDATE Aida Latorre reviewed the current standing of the building project and told the board that the new project specifications were delivered today.

5a REDEMPTION OF BONDS After discussion Valentin Gomez made a motion to approve a resolution calling for redemption prior to maturity a portion of the District's Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2007. Melissa Matthews made a second to the motion and all members voted for.

Mrs. Mendiola mentioned that this would shorten the life of the bond by two years and save approximately 1.2 million in interest.

5b ADOPT 2008-2009 ESTIMATED BUDGET Melissa Matthews made a motion with a second by Valentin Gomez to accept the 2008 – 2009 estimated budget as presented by Mrs. Mendiola. Motion passed. (6)

5c TARGET EXPENDITURE RESOLUTION Mrs. Mendiola explained to the board that the budget does not meet the target expenditures established by the commissioner of education. We are over the target in non-pupil related expenditures and under the target in instruction. Stella Wolfenbarger made a motion to accept the resolution stating the reasons the target is not being met. Vicente Flores, Jr seconded this motion with all voting for.

5d ADOPT 2008 – 2009 TAX RATE Melissa Matthews made a motion with a second by Valentin Gomez to adopt the 2008 – 2009 tax rate as presented. Motion passed. (6)

5e AMEND 2007 – 2008 BUDGET Valentin Gomez made a motion to approve the following budget amendments as presented by Mrs. Mendiola.

	Debit	Credit
199-11-6199.00-001-811	\$7,646.65	
199-93-6492.00-999-823		<u>\$7,646.65</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,646.65</u>	<u>\$7,646.65</u>

Re-appropriate funds to cover payments made to Menard Coop.

	Debit	Credit
Contracted Upkeep Buildings 199-51-6249.30-999-899	\$277,000.00	
Asbestos Plan 199-51-6249.34-999-899	\$ 48,000.00	
Building Improvements 199-81-6629.30-999-899		\$277,000.00
Asbestos Plan/Removal 199-81-6629.34-999-899		<u>\$ 48,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$325,000.00</u>	<u>\$325,000.00</u>

Re-appropriate funds to correct function.

Vicente Flores, Jr. made the second with all members voting for the amendments.

5f DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE Valentin Gomez made a motion with a second by Melissa Matthews to move up to 1 million dollars from undesignated to designated fund balance. Motion passed all voting for.

5g SELECT AUDITOR Valentin Gomez made a motion to remain with Jones, Hay, Marschall and McKinney, LLP for auditing purposes for the 2007 – 2008 school year as recommended by Mrs. Mendiola. Motion passed. (6)

5h MOAK, CASEY & ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT Valentin Gomez made a motion with a second by Vicente Flores, Jr. to accept a consulting agreement with Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc. as recommended by Mrs. Mendiola. Motion passed all voting for. Moak, Casey & Associates will serve as legal consultants for the district's proposed 313 Agreement with Padoma NRG Wind Power, LLC.

The board deviated to item 5j.

5j PERSONNEL No issues to discuss.

6 MISCELLANEOUS It was mentioned that roots of a large oak tree at the football field are causing a portion of the track to rise up and repairs in that area are beginning to be useless. There is a concern that equipment is now unable to get under the tree for repairs because of the low limbs, which are also a safety issue for students during track meets as well as citizens that use the track for walking exercise. The possibility of relocating the field was discussed and questions were asked regarding the lease with the city. Mrs. Mendiola explained that the district is currently taking bids for track repair.

7 ADJOURN Melissa Matthews made a motion at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn with a second by Valentin Gomez on August 25, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

WES THIERS, President

MELISSA MATTHEWS, Secretary