

ELECTRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 18, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Electra Independent School District met in Regular Session, Monday, February 18, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices, 621 North Waggoner Street, Electra, Texas with President Sherie Rondeau presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sherie Rondeau, President
Kay Whisnand, Vice President
Brian Huffstutler, Secretary

Janine Adams, Member
Ben Segler, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wayne Cranford, Member
David Hanks, Member

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Gary Nightingale, Superintendent
Billy Clark, Administrative Assistant
Judy Borton, Secretary to the Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nora Curry and Gene Jarvis – Principals
Meredith Perry and Deborah Stewart – District Employees
Jeannette Miller - Press

I. Meeting was called to Order by President Rondeau.

II. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION:

Meredith Perry and Deborah Stewart, who will be Cheerleading Sponsors next year, presented a copy of the combined cheerleading constitution which would serve both the Junior High and High School. They said that the proposed changes would promote greater participation and interest among the student body. Some of the changes include a pep squad composed of fifth and sixth graders and would allow all eligible seventh graders to serve as cheerleaders. Motion was made by

BEN SEGLER and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to approve the new Cheerleading Constitution.

Vote: Unanimous.

III. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECEIVING VISITORS:

There were no Communications or Visitors at this time.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Nightingale discussed Agenda Items with Board Members, answered questions and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda items subject to the following correction:

CORRECTION: Board Minutes of January 21, 2008 stated that the price accepted by the Board for the High School Auditorium was for New Seating - \$ 72,853.00, Removal to outside - \$ 5,375.00 and Disposal - \$ 1,500.00 for a total of \$79,728.00. The Board Minutes should have stated that the price accepted by the Board for the High School Auditorium was for New Seating only. Total cost to the District - \$ 72,853.00.

He reported that 79% of the Taxes had been collected as compared to 66.1% at this time last year.

A motion was made by KAY WHISNAND and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to accept the Consent Agenda subject to the above mentioned correction to the Board Minutes.

1. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS OF 01/21/08.
2. TAX OFFICE REPORT (Through January, 2008)
3. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHECK LISTINGS.
(January, 2008)
4. ISS REPORT.
The Board reviewed the ISS Report.
5. AEP REPORT.
The Board reviewed the AEP Report.

(Copies of these reports to be placed in the Minute Book).

Vote: Unanimous.

V. CONSIDERATION OF 2007-2008 BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Mr. Nightingale discussed the 2007-2008 Budget Amendments with the Board. He stated that the Budget Amendments included an increase to the general fund of \$ 82,000 for renovations to the High School Auditorium; an increase of \$ 236 to the general fund for MAC claim; an increase to expenditures of \$ 10,303 for the new softball field and other classroom supplies and travel. An increase in Revenue of \$1,000 to Debt Service was also included for prior year taxes. A motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by JANINE ADAMS to approve the Budget Amendments as presented.

Vote: Unanimous.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR:

Mr. Clark informed the Board that the individuals for consideration had been through the orientation class as required by Electra I.S.D. policy.

GLENN COLLIER
CARLA LABAISSE
BECKY RODGERS

Motion was made by KAY WHISNAND and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to approve the above mentioned additions to the 2007-2008 Substitute Teacher List.

Vote: Unanimous.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT TRANSFERS FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR:

Mr. Nightingale informed the Board that there were no Student Transfers for consideration at this time.

VIII. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL AUDITORS FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR:

Mr. Nightingale recommended that the Board approve Edgin, Parkman, Fleming and Fleming, PC as School Auditors for the 2007-2008 School Year. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by JANINE ADAMS and seconded by KAY WHISNAND to approve the above mentioned CPA Firm as School Auditors for the 2007-2008 School Year.

Vote: Unanimous.

IX. CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE MARCH, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE FROM MARCH 17TH TO MARCH 31ST DUE TO SPRING BREAK:

Mr. Nightingale requested that the Board consider changing the Regular Board Meeting date to March 31, 2008. Motion was made by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER and seconded by BEN SEGLER to change the Board Meeting date to March 31, 2008 due to Spring Break.

Vote: Unanimous.

X. CONSIDERATION OF WAIVER REQUEST TO USE (3) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS:

Mr. Nightingale explained the Waiver Request to the Board and recommended approval. Motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by KAY WHISNAND to approve the Waiver Request.

Vote: Unanimous.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO REQUEST (6) EARLY RELEASE DAYS:

Discussion was held pertaining to a request to TEA (Texas Education Agency) for (6) Early Release Days for the 2008-2009 School Year. A motion was made by JANINE ADAMS and seconded by BEN SEGLER to approve the above mentioned request.

Vote: Unanimous.

XII. ORDER OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AND REPORT ON BOARD MEMBER TRAINING HOURS:

Motion was made by KAY WHISNAND and seconded by BEN SEGLER to order a Trustee Election, May 10, 2008 for the purpose of electing two trustees for positions four (4) and five (5) for a Regular Three Year Term.

The election to be held at Electra Jr. High School with the following officials:

PRESIDING JUDGE, ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE AND WORKERS TO BE APPOINTED AT A LATER DATE.

Absentee ballots to be held at Electra City Hall, 101 West Cleveland, with the following officials:

EARLY VOTING BALLOT JUDGE AND CLERKS FOR EARLY VOTING BALLOT TO BE APPOINTED AT A LATER DATE.

That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate and filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at the Superintendent's Office not later than 45 days prior to the date of said election. (Deadline: March 10, 2008 – 5:00 P.M.)

The place for absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning the 20th day and continuing through the fourth day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting. (EARLY VOTING: April 28, 2008 through May 6, 2008)

PLACES: FOUR (4) – Ben Segler
FIVE (5) – Brian Huffstutler

Vote: Unanimous.

The number of training hours earned by each Board Member was read.

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICIES IN UPDATE 82:

Policies in TASB Update 82 were discussed. Motion was made by KAY WHISNAND and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to approve First Reading of the above mentioned policies.

Vote: Unanimous.

XIV. CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A COORDINATED HEALTH PROGRAM FOR GRADES 6TH THROUGH 8TH:

Discussion was held pertaining to the above mentioned program. Motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to approve the program for Grades 6 through 8. The recommended program is Healthy and Wise.

Vote: Unanimous.

XV. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING USE OF RED HARVEY FIELD:

Discussion was held incident to the Interlocal Agreement. A motion was made by KAY WHISNAND and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to approve the agreement concerning the use of Red Harvey Field.

Vote: Unanimous.

XVI. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO CHANGE THE ELECTRA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXEMPTION POLICY:

Discussion was held pertaining to changes to the Junior High School Semester Exemption Policy. A motion was made by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER and seconded by JANINE ADAMS to approve the changes to the above mentioned Semester Exemption Policy.

Vote: Unanimous.

XVII. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Mr. Nightingale explained to the Board Members that this agreement pertains to a name change for the TASB Workers' Compensation Program. The name change will be to TASB Supplemental Employee Benefits Program. Motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by KAY WHISNAND to approve the above mentioned Interlocal Agreement.

Vote: Unanimous.

XVIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- 1) BOARD TRAINING DATES – Mr. Nightingale discussed training opportunities for Board Members.
- 2) ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE – The District has 528 students in attendance. This is slightly down from the last report. Average Daily Attendance for the first semester stands at 500.09. The Budget is built on an ADA of 485.

XIX. EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND TEXOMA EDUCATION CENTER DIRECTOR AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS AND CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR. CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATIONS. (CLOSED MEETING):

President Rondeau asked for a motion to go into Closed Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074 et seq., Texas Open Meetings Act to discuss Evaluation of Administrative Assistant, Principals, Athletic Director and Texoma Education Center Director and Consideration of Contracts and Contract Extensions for the 2008-2009 School Year. Consideration of Resignations. A motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER and by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees went into Closed Meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Closed Meeting ended at 7:51 P.M.

The Board Reconvened in Open Session and the following actions were taken:

Mr. Clark announced that he would be retiring at the end of the 2007-2008 School Year. With regrets, a motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to approve the resignation presented by Mr. Clark, Administrative Assistant.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion was made by BEN SEGLER and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to extend the following contract to June 30, 2010:

NORA CURRY – HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Vote: Unanimous.

A motion was made by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER and seconded by BEN SEGLER to extend the following contract to June 30, 2010:

ELVIN E. JARVIS – JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion was made by KAY WHISNAND and seconded by JANINE ADAMS to extend the following contract to June 30, 2010:

FRAN DAVIS – DINSMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion was made by JANINE ADAMS and seconded by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER to extend the following contract to June 30, 2010.

STEPHEN STEWART – ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Vote: Unanimous.

A motion was made by BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER and seconded by BEN SEGLER to extend a JR3 Contract for the 2008-2009 School Year to the following individual:

ROSIE FLANIGAN – TEXOMA EDUCATION CENTER DIRECTOR

Vote: Unanimous.

XX. Adjournment.

There was no further business for Board consideration and the meeting was adjourned.

SHERIE RONDEAU,
PRESIDENT

BRIAN HUFFSTUTLER,
SECRETARY