

Minutes – Board of Trustees
August 28, 2008
6:30 p.m. – LHS Conference Center

The meeting was called to order by board president, Timoteo Juarez, Jr. Other members present were Juan Alvarez, Jr., Derek Benavides, Susan Brooks, John Flores, and Brenda Spillmann. John Manning came in at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order.

Invocation.

Dr. Jack Cockrill gave the invocation.

Open Forum

Pastor Randy Frye addressed the board and audience and urged everyone to working and living together in peace and always remember that our children are watching our actions. Mr. Frank Estrada was next to speak; he spoke on behalf of his entire family. He said thank you for giving him this opportunity to express his unconditional support, suggestion, and recommendation to name the Lockhart High School campus on behalf of Mr. M. L. Cisneros, he deserves this honor. Mrs. Becky Womble, new resident and LISD parent expressed her concerns with the school board not following board policy when changing the name of Lockhart High School. She urges the district to move forward in a positive and ethical manner. Mr. Ken Doran, as a citizen and former school board member he understands the circumstances boards can find themselves in when they don't follow their own policies. Mr. Doran stated that he has reviewed the policy and finds it a little ambiguous, but feels the intent of the policy is there and he encourages the board to review the policy before renaming facilities in the future. He said if the board follows the letter and spirit of their policies in the future, they will hold a lot fewer special called meetings. Pastor Kyle Horton thanked the board for the job that they do and reminded the board that they have the trust of the community. Mr. Horton reminded the board that the citizens cannot attend all board meetings and that is why he voted for his representative, because he trusts him/her to do the right thing. He appreciates what the board tried to do in honoring Judge Cisneros, the community wants to be able to trust the board and know that they are making decisions with wisdom. Dee Halliburton, LHS graduate, parent, and taxpayer stated that she is disappointed in the board actions and the fact that the board did not follow board policy when renaming Lockhart High School. She feels the campus renaming should have been handled in a much more public manner. Ms. Halliburton fears that the board has lost focus of what their responsibilities are. She hears from faculty and students needing supplies and equipment to make their educations safe and productive and she feels that should be the board's priority. Ms. Hattie Carter addressed the board and said when the board chooses to rename facilities, they need to consider someone who has embraced diversity and benefits everyone, such as former Superintendent Buckley. If the board is representing the community, they need to have more open conversations. Ms. Mary Capello voiced her support of naming the high school the M. L. Cisneros High School and she thanked the board for their service. John Manning arrived.

Business

1. Communication/Action: Consider/Approve Action to Void August 18, 2008 Motion to Rename Lockhart High School due to not Posting Revision to Agenda on the School District Internet Website

For the record, Mr. Manning disagrees somewhat with what the attorney said.

The motion was made by John Manning, seconded by Susan Brooks to void the August 18 vote to rename the Lockhart High School due to not posting revision to agenda on the school district internet website. The motion carried unanimously, (7-0).

2. Communication/Action: Consider/Approve Renaming of the Lockhart High School Campus or the Lockhart High School Freshman Campus in Honor of M. Louis Cisneros

The motion was made by Susan Brooks, seconded by Brenda Spillmann to postpone Item 2 on the agenda until the regularly scheduled board meeting on November 24, 2008. The motion carried (4-3), Juan Alvarez, Tim Juarez, and John Manning voted against.

3. Communication/Action: Personnel

All Personnel Items Requiring Action

Consider/Approve Employment of Professional Personnel:

John Donley	Junior High School – Coach
Derck Koehn	Junior High School – Special Education Teacher
Layli Pham	Freshman Campus – Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Mary Lou Walther	District Wide – Bilingual Coordinator

Consider/Approve Employment of Paraprofessional Personnel

None

For Your Information

Resignations/Retirements of Personnel:

Professional-Resigned

None

Paraprofessional-Resigned

Aaron Brooks	High School – Content Mastery Aide
Gloria Benitez	Plum Creek – Library Aide

Support Staff-Resigned

None

Professional-Retiree

None

Administratively Hired or Reassigned:

Professional

None

Paraprofessional

Toni Salazar	Junior High – Content Mastery Aide
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Support Staff

None

Substitute Teachers

Brandon Henry	General Agriculture Degree
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Tim Juarez, Jr., closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. on August 28, 2008 for the purpose of discussing Personnel in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074. No final action, decisions, or motions would be made while the board was in executive session.

The meeting opened at 8:25 p.m. on August 28, 2008.

The motion was made by John Flores, seconded by Juan Alvarez to approve Employment of Professional personnel John Donley, Derck Koehn, Layli Pham, and Mary Lou Walther as presented. The motion carried unanimously, (7-0).

The motion was made by John Manning, seconded by John Flores to approve establishing a part time Counselor position at LDMC and waive the 10 day posting period. The motion carried unanimously, (7-0).

Adjournment.

Agenda completed, meeting adjourned.

SIGNED: _____
Timoteo Juarez, Jr., Board President

SIGNED: _____
Juan Alvarez, Jr., Board Secretary

APPROVED: _____
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