

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2009

Como-Pickton School Board met in regular session with the following members present: Shawn Carpenter, Jim Murray, Gerald Walters, Greg Anglin, Tom Hendricks, and Beth Hankins. Michael Mund was absent.

Lydia Walden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Tom Hendricks, to approve the minutes of the July board meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Beth Hankins, to approve the Upper East Texas Tech-Prep agreement. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Tom Hendricks, to approve the bills for payment as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Jim Murray, to approve the bid from Blue Bell for ice cream for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Greg Anglin, to purchase a 2009 Dodge Caravan from Lone Star Dodge for \$17,999. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Jim Murray, to purchase a 2009 Chrysler Sebring from ABC Autoplex for \$12,800, which includes a trade-in of the 2000 Ford Taurus. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gerald Walters, seconded by Greg Anglin, to convert the cloth seats in the 2009 Chrysler Sebring to leather at a cost of \$1,000. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Jim Murray, to convert the cloth seats in the 2008 Caravan to leather at a cost of \$2,000. The motion carried 5-1 with Gerald Walters voting against.

No action was taken on disposal of school vehicles.

Tab Beall, representing Perdue, Brandon & Fielder, met with the board to present bids for the following delinquent tax properties:

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Tom Hendricks, to accept the bid from Gene Shortnacy for \$2,000 for a 2.097-acre tract in the L. Landers survey, Hopkins County Appraisal District geo number 65-0548-000-061-41. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Jim Murray, to accept the bid from Gene Shortnacy for \$3,000 for a 2.908-acre tract in the Wm B Jordan survey, Hopkins County Appraisal District geo number 65-0507-000-004-06. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gerald Walters, seconded by Greg Anglin, to reject all bids for a 2.819-acre tract in the Wm B Jordan survey, Hopkins County Appraisal District geo number 65-0507-000-004-07. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gerald Walters, seconded by Jim Murray, to approve the rates for substitute teacher pay as follows: \$55 a day for high school diploma; \$60 a day for degreed; \$65 a day for certified. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gerald Walters, seconded by Beth Hankins, to adopt the contingency pay scale for teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Shawn Carpenter, seconded by Tom Hendricks, to approve changes to the student handbook with one local change adding a one-week deadline for students to request to make up a failing grade. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Jim Murray, to propose a tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation for the 2009 tax year. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Shawn Carpenter, seconded by Jim Murray, to set a public meeting for discussion of the proposed budget and tax rate for August 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., and meeting to adopt the budget and tax rate at 6:30 p.m. on the same date. The motion carried 6-0.

Financial reports were reviewed.

Mrs. Walden presented the superintendent's reports as follows:

1. Preliminary accountability ratings indicate that Como-Pickton has received a Recognized rating for the 2008-09 school year, and both Como-Pickton and Holy Highway campuses have met Average Yearly Progress standards.
2. New school calendars reflecting new dates for TAKS tests were distributed.
3. A list of the six days designated as early release days for 2009-2010 were distributed.
4. Wednesday, August 19, is scheduled for Meet the Teacher night.

Motion by Tom Hendricks, seconded by Jim Murray, to accept the resignation of Danielle Rutledge, head start aide. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jim Murray, seconded by Tom Hendricks, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.