

**Minutes of the February 19, 2007
Regular Meeting of the
China Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees**

The China Spring I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 19, 2007. Superintendent George Kazanas, Sonny Cruse, Becca Bell, Linda Mitchell, Greg Jones, Mark Bell, Marc Faulkner, Bill Bratcher, Jerry McEwen, and Judy Weeden, met with the following trustees: Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Greg Bradburn, Lisa Barlow, Jeff Garrett, and Charlie Finley. Rick Hines was absent.

1. Call to Order

President of the Board Jim Gleason called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. noting that a quorum of Board Trustees was present and that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of alliance was led by the following elementary students: Levi Bass, Macy May, and Ashton Edwards.

3. Approval of minutes from January 22, 2007 regular board meeting and February 5, 2007 and February 6, 2007 called meetings

John Palmer moved and Jeff Garrett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 22nd regular board meeting, and the February 5th and February 6th called meetings with the following corrections: "Texas Government Code Chapter 551" to be included on the Feb. 5th and Feb. 6th called meetings. Jeff Garrett, John Palmer, Jim Gleason, Charlie Finley, Greg Bradburn, and Lisa Barlow voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of district purchases of supplies and personal property

Lisa Barlow moved and Jeff Garrett seconded the motion to approve the district purchases of supplies and personal property for November. Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Jeff Garrett, Lisa Barlow, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Reports to the Board

a. Business Manager

Summary Tax Report and Investment Reports

b. Athletic Director

Update on Current status of athletic events and student successes

c. Band Director

Update on current status of band activities and student successes

d. Principals

Update on campus activities and student successes

3rd Six Weeks Discipline Report

e. Assistant Superintendent

f. Superintendent

Recognition of January Employees of the Month

Status report of Rio Brazos Education Cooperative

**Status report on gas well drilling and production lease
Report of resignations received and accepted**

Reports to the Board were given by the following: Linda Mitchell presented the Business Managers Report as presented in the board packet. Mark Bell presented the Athletic Directors report. Marc Faulkner presented the band report in Mr. Jones' absence. Each of the principals or vice principals presented their respective campus reports. The high school cheerleaders presented a short DVD of their award winning performance at National competition. The cheerleader team won the championship and received an award for showmanship. Mr. Cruse informed the board that the cameras have been installed in the buses. On March 1, all four campuses will conduct an Intruder Drill. Each principal or vice principal presented their respective campus reports. Mr. Kazanas recognized Gayla Parker as faculty member for January and Karen Gayden as staff member for January. He gave a brief update on the Rio Brazos Education Cooperative and the status of the withdrawal of Bruceville-Eddy and Axtell. Mr. Kazanas informed the board that one bid was received from EOG regarding the gas well drilling lease. However, EOG did not submit their bid on the forms provided by the district in the bid specs. The district was advised by our attorney that we cannot accept the offer set forth by EOG in their submittal since the conditions differ from what was spelled out in the district's specifications. The request for bids will be published again.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Consideration and possible approval of an order calling for a bond election to be held by the China Spring Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election, making provision for the conduct of a joint election with the City of Waco, Texas and resolving other matters incident and related to such election (action item)

Charlie Finley moved and Lisa Barlow seconded the motion to approve an order calling for a bond election to be held by the China Spring Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election, making provision for the conduct of a joint election with the city of Waco, Texas and resolving other matters incident and related to such election. Mr. John Stephens, chairperson of the facility needs committee, recommended that the board call for a bond election for the maximum amount of \$22 million. Mr. Victor Quiroga of Southwest Securities was present to answer any questions concerning the effect that the bond issue would have on the tax rate. Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Jeff Garrett, Lisa Barlow, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible approval of the acceptance of a donation of real estate from Starcrest Development, Partners, Ltd., Starcrest Development, LLC, its General Partner, as set forth in the proposed Real Estate Donation Agreement. The real estate consists of approximately 13 acres of land out of the 82.51 acres of land, being a portion of the tracts conveyed in the Deeds recorded in Volume 1130, Page 758 and Volume 1147, Page 9 of the Deed Records, to Tree Lake, Inc., in 2002, which property is located at Tree Lake Drive and is out of the Marshall King Survey in McLennan County, Texas (action item)

John Palmer moved and Jeff Garrett seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of a donation of real estate from Starcrest Development, Partners, Ltd., Starcrest Development, LLC, its General Partner, as set forth in the proposed Real Estate Donation Agreement. The real estate consists of approximately 13 acres of land out of the 82.51 acres of land, being a portion of the

tracts conveyed in the Deeds recorded in Volume 1130, Page 758 and Volume 1147, Page 9 of the Deed Records, to Tree Lake, Inc., in 2002, which property is located at Tree Lake Drive and is out of the Marshall King Survey in McLennan County, Texas. Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Jeff Garrett, Lisa Barlow, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible approval of proposed 2007-08 school calendar (action item)

Charlie Finley moved and Lisa Barlow seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2007-08 school calendar. Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Lisa Barlow, Jeff Garrett, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible approval of application for expedited state waiver to the Texas Education Agency (action item)

Jeff Garrett moved and Lisa Barlow seconded the motion to approve the application for expedited state waiver to the Texas Education Agency. Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Lisa Barlow, Jeff Garrett, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Presentations from campus principals relating to Response to Intervention (RTI) plans and programs in place for China Spring ISD students.

Each campus principal presented their respective Response to Intervention (RTI) plans and programs in place for China Spring ISD students.

12. Consideration and possible approval of setting date for regular board meeting date in March due to Spring Break Holiday (action item)

John Palmer moved and Charlie Finley seconded the motion to approve setting March 26th as the date for the regular board meeting in March. Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Lisa Barlow, Jeff Garrett, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Executive Session, Govt. Code 551.074

a. Consideration and possible approval of contract extensions for administrative positions:

- 1. Principals and Assistant Principals**
- 2. Assistant Superintendent**
- 3. Director of Instructional Services**
- 4. Business Manager**
- 5. Athletic Director**

The board went into closed session at 7:51 p.m. pursuant to the following section of the Texas Open Meeting Act, TEC 39.030.

14. Action arising from Executive Session

The board returned from executive session at 8:24 p.m. with no action taken.

Greg Bradburn moved and Lisa Barlow seconded the motion to extend the Administrators' Contracts as recommended.

Jim Gleason, John Palmer, Charlie Finley, Lisa Barlow, Jeff Garrett, and Greg Bradburn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Video presentation regarding Open Government Training (Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act) as required by the Office of the Attorney General

16. Discussion of future agenda items for March's regular board meeting

Items to be included on the March board agenda will include:

1. Contact extensions for teachers
2. Consideration and possible approval of gas well drilling and production lease on real property within the district

17. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.