

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Trustees
Crane Independent School District
Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, March 13, 2008 in regular session with the following members present:

Jerry Smith, President
Sandy Hubbard, Vice-President
Mary Jo Heard, Secretary
Helen Romeiser, Assistant Secretary

Lonny Velasquez
Evelyn Stroder
Bill McGuire

Administrators Present were:

Larry Lee, Superintendent
Carlin Grammer, HS Principal
Joy Armstrong, Elem Principal
Alan Swinford, Director of Physical Services

Ken Eudy, Business Manager
Ted Hallford, MS Principal
Jimmy Heath, Technology Director

Other Guests were:

Monte Hunter, Architect
Bethany Todd
Jim Fish
Austin Rawls
Justin King
Julia Barlett
Sheyenne King
Mike Farmer

Daniel Todd
Jared Basurto
Meredith Fish
Van Dodd
Lillie Fish
Austin Rawls
Courtney Weaver

Item 1 Mr. Smith, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2 Jimmy Heath led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Item 3 Visitors were recognized.

Item 4 Public Forum.
No public comment.

Item 5 Crane ISD Band Performance.

Crane ISD Band Director Todd introduced two award winning musical ensembles. The 1st was a Trombone quartet featuring Justin King (4yr All-State), Julia Bartlett (1yr All-State) and Lillie Fish. Next to perform was a Sax Quartet that featured Austin Rawls (2yr All-State), Sheyenne King, and Courtney Weaver. Last to perform was Austin Rawls

who performed a Jazz Solo.

Item 6 Facility Updates – Monte Hunter.

Architect Monte Hunter updated the board on his recent meetings with our staff. After considering their concerns, he and Superintendent Lee decided to come up with a totally new plan which he presented to the staff earlier in the day. The staff was very pleased with the new revised plan.

Item 7 Accept certification of unopposed candidate for Precinct 5.

Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to accept Election Clerk Leigh Ann McCain's Certification of Unopposed Candidate for School Trustee Precinct 5 election scheduled to be held on Saturday May 10, 2008. Adopted unanimously.

Item 8 Cancel Precinct 5 Election due to no contest and declare Manuel Cadena elected.

Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to hereby cancel the election for school trustee Precinct 5 to be held on Saturday May 10, 2008 in accordance with Section 2.053 (a) of the Texas Election Code and declare Candidate Manuel Cadena has been certified as unopposed and hereby elected School Trustee Precinct 5 for a period of three years beginning May 11, 2008. Adopted unanimously.

Item 9 Bus Purchase.

Superintendent Lee reported that we need to replace the 2007 Ford mini-bus that was wrecked during the fog in November. It was a total loss. We have received the insurance settlement check in the amount of: \$50,685. Director of Physical Services Swinford explained that new EPA emission requirements and the higher cost of tires and plastics have caused a price increase of almost \$7,000.

Evelyn Stroder moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to approve the purchase of a new 2008 Ford mini-bus from Blue Star Bus Sales via the TASB Buyboard for the price of: \$57,995. Adopted unanimously.

Item 10 Administrative Reports.

Superintendent Lee reported on recent accomplishments of our students which include 5 band members making all-state band and MS qualifying 21 students for the state TMSCA competition. TASB is willing to send Mark MaHargue for board training during the month of April. The board agreed on a date of April 7. He concluded by reporting that he has formed an employee committee to recommend hiring a replacement for our MS Principal Hallford who will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Item 11 Executive Session

- a. Personnel – discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of an employee under Gov. Code Sec. 551.074

President Smith ordered the board to adjourn into executive session pursuant to the

Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas government Code chapter 551.074 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Time: 7:52 p.m.

President Smith ordered the executive session closed and the regular session be resumed at 8:00 p.m. He also stated that no items of business were conducted in the executive session.

Item 12 Action on renewal of professional contracts.

Superintendent Lee recommended that the board accept the appropriate professional contract recommendations as presented by our campus Principals in Exhibit "A, B & C". Bill McGuire moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to accept the campus principals' recommendations to offer employment during the 2008-2009 school year to the staff listed in Exhibit "A, B & C". Adopted unanimously.

Item 13 Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- b. Financial Report and Current Bills

Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 14 Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to adjourn the meeting. Adopted unanimously. Time: 8:05 p.m.