

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Crane Independent School District**  
Thursday, April 13, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, April 13, 2006 in regular session with the following members present:

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

Manuel Cadena  
Denise Shetter  
Gabriel Rodriguez

*Administrators Present were:*

Larry Lee, Superintendent  
Joy Jones, Curriculum Director  
Alan Swinford, Maintenance Director

Ken Eudy, Business Manager  
Jimmy Heath, Technology Director

*Other Guests were:*

Linda Snyder  
Daniel Todd  
Ellis Lane  
Gleena Baumstimler

Alan Gregory  
Naldo Esparza  
Maria Elisa Mutis

- Item 1 Mr. Smith, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Item 2 Manuel Cadena 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 Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 School Calendar Start Date.  
Superintendent Lee explained that the proposed calendar for next year was the result of a collaborative process.  
No public comment.
- Item 6 Sale of struck off property:
- a. Lot 3, Blk 16, original town and Lots 3-4, Blk 16 original town
  - b. 319 McElroy
  - c. 307 E. 5th/414 Adams Road

Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to approve the sale of struck-off property listed as Exhibit "A" at 402 South Gaston to Honoiro Ramos for the price of: \$6,000.00. Adopted unanimously.

Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to approve the sale of struck-off property listed as Exhibit "B" at 319 McElroy to Amparo Villa for the price of: \$200.00. Adopted unanimously.

Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to approve the sale of struck-off property listed as Exhibit "C" at 307 East 5th to Mary Ann Diaz for the price of: \$300.00. Adopted unanimously.

Item 7 Cancel Precinct 5 election due to no contest.

Jerry Smith moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, 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 13, 2006 and hereby cancel the election for school trustee Precinct 5 to be held on Saturday May 13, 2006 in accordance with Section 2.053 (a) of the Texas Election Code. Candidate Manuel Cadena, Sr. has been certified as unopposed and is hereby elected School Trustee Precinct 5 for a period of three years beginning May 14, 2006. Adopted unanimously.

Item 8 Purchase grass for football field renovation.

Superintendent Lee reported that two proposals have been received for new turfgrass at our football field. Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to accept the proposal for new turfgrass at our football field from Turfgrass of America for a price not to exceed \$15,300 fob Turfgrass of America farm. Adopted unanimously.

Item 9 Consider marquee purchase.

No action taken.

Item 10 Flexible Day Schedule for 06-07 school year.

Curriculum Director Jones reported that the Flexible Day Schedule this year which allowed four days of targeted TAKS preparation for at-risk students appears to have been very beneficial. She also stated that it would be a good idea to offer three days of this type assistance next year and TEA does require board action at this time in order for that to be a possibility. Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the Flexible Day Schedule for the 2006-07 school year as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 11 Designate polling places for Precinct 4 and At-Large elections.

Superintendent Lee reported that a preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice is pending which would allow the Precinct 4 *and at-large polling place* for Precinct 4 voters to be at the Buffalo Room in the Crane County Exhibition Building while all other voters for the at-large positions will vote at the school administration building in the upcoming May 13, 2006 school board election. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Manuel Cadena, to accept Superintendent Lee's recommendation allowing the Precinct 4 voters

to also vote for the at-large positions at the Buffalo Room in the Crane County Exhibition Building while all other voters for the at-large positions will vote at the school administration building in the upcoming May 13, 2006 school board election.

Adopted unanimously.

Item 12 Administrative Reports.

Superintendent Lee reported that all spring events are well under way. He then invited the board to the May 2 faculty banquet and the first annual "End of Year Employee Golf & Horseshoe Pitching Contest" on May 20 at the Crane Country Club . HS Band Director Todd then reported that we have just completed hosting 26 Bands for their annual Concert & Sightreading Contest. Crane High School Band and Crane Middle School Band received Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading. Sweepstakes Honors (I in Marching, Concert & Sightreading) were received by Crane HS, Crane MS, Greenwood MS and Forsan High School.

Item 13 Executive Session:

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

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 and Superintendent evaluation. Time: 7:30 p.m.

President Smith ordered the executive session closed and the regular session be resumed at 8:06 p.m. He also stated that no items of business were conducted in the executive session.

Item 14 Hire Athletic Director/Head Football Coach.

Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to accept Superintendent Lee's recommendation to employ Naldo Esparza on a dual assignment contract as Athletic Director/Head Football Coach beginning 4/14/06 through the 2007-2008 school year.

Adopted unanimously.

Item 15 Consider/Approve Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Approve investment report
- b. Approve Minutes of previous meeting(s)
- c. Review Finance Report and current bills

Business Manager Eudy presented the quarterly investment report and briefed the board on the financial condition of the district. Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 16 Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Denise Shetter, to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted unanimously. Time: 8:10 p.m.