

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Crane Independent School District**  
Thursday, July 27, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, July 27, 2006 in special 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

*Board member absent was:*  
Gabriel Rodriguez

*Administrators Present were:*  
Larry Lee, Superintendent  
Alan Swinford, Maintenance Director

Ken Eudy, Business Manager

Item 1 Mr. Smith, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Item 2 Agreement to purchase attendance credits.  
Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the 2006-2007 TEA Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits Option 3 with an additional option to participate in an Option 4 Technology Consortium. Adopted unanimously.

Item 3 Appraisers certified values for 2006.  
Superintendent Lee presented the recently received 2006 Certified Property Tax Values that showed an increase of 31.307% when compared to July 2005's certified value.  
Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to accept the \$1,746,177,900 Property Tax Value for 2006 as submitted by Janet Wilson, Chief Appraiser of the Crane County Appraisal District. Adopted unanimously.

Item 4 Administrative Reports.  
Superintendent Lee reported that the Special Ed position is still open after offering it to two different people, our new teacher orientation will be August 7, in-service training will begin with a motivational speaker named Steve Saffron on August 8 and the first day of instruction will be August 16. He assured the board that Elementary will still get off to a good start even though Principal Armstrong will be at home recuperating from surgery. He plans to utilize Elementary Counselor Clay, himself and our new Curriculum Director Suttles to fill in until her return.

Item 5 Executive Session to include:

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: 6:49 p.m.

President Smith ordered the executive session closed and the regular session be resumed at 7:00 p.m. He also stated that no items of business were conducted in the executive session.

Item 6 Hiring of Professional Staff.

Superintendent Lee requested that the board consider filling the Special Ed position with a lady who will be in Region 18 ESC's Alternative Certification program. Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to accept Superintendent Lee's recommendation to offer a professional probationary teacher contract subject to assignment for the 2006-2007 school year to Tatiana Helguera. Adopted unanimously.

Item 7 Budget Workshop.

Business Manager Eudy presented a detailed proposed budget and explained that House Bill 1 set our effective tax rate for next year at a \$1.33 / \$100 valuation. He then explained that the same legislation sets the rollback rate at a \$1.37. He concluded by stating that a rate set between \$1.33 and \$1.37 is totally at the school board's discretion and is exempt from recapture.

Item 8 Propose tax rate for 2006.

Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to propose a tax rate of \$1.37 / \$100 valuation for 2006. Adopted unanimously.

Item 9 Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to adjourn the meeting. Adopted unanimously. Time: 7:37 p.m.