

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Trustees
Crane Independent School District
Thursday, August 16, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, August 16, 2007 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

Board Member absent was:
Bill McGuire

Administrators Present were:
Larry Lee, Superintendent
Carlin Grammer, HS Principal
Alan Swinford, Maintenance Director

Ken Eudy, Business Manager
Jimmy Heath, Technology Director

Other Guest was:
Van Dodd

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 Recognition of visitors.
Visitors were recognized.

Item 4 Public Forum.
Van Dodd thanked the board for hosting the recent Mike Middleton program, the recent salary increases and the addition of two elementary math / reading specialists. He then handed out a prepared list of concerns he has for Crane ISD.

Item 5 Public comment on proposed budget / tax rate.
No public comment.

Item 6 Revision to Policy CI(LOCAL) – School Property Disposal.
Superintendent Lee requested that the board consider changing Local Policy CI - "School Property Disposal" in order to clarify the disposal of obsolete and worn-out

equipment. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to approve the changes to Local Policy CI - "School Property Disposal" as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 7 Addition of FNA(LOCAL) Policy – Students Rights and Responsibilities – Student Expression.

Superintendent Lee explained that the recent legislative session passed HB 3678 which requires school districts to adopt some type of policy regarding student expression before the start of the new school year. He then went over four different options that they have and asked them to be considering the pros and cons of each in preparation for action at the special meeting that will be held on August 30.

Item 8

Contract with County of Crane for Tax Collection

Superintendent Lee presented a tax collection contract proposal from Crane County. The only change is increasing the annual tax collection fee from \$2,000 to \$14,500. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to approve the new contract with Crane County for collecting our taxes as presented. Annual cost to Crane ISD: \$14,500. Adopted unanimously.

Item 9 Course Exemption List for UIL purposes for 2007-2008 school year.

HS Principal Grammer presented a list of ten courses that could be legally exempted from the UIL no pass-no play rule for the 2007-2008 school year. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to approve the list of TEA-approved courses to be exempted from the UIL no pass-no play rule for the 2007-08 school year as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 10 Adoption of 2007-2008 Budget.

Superintendent Lee presented his final budget projection for 2007-2008. Evelyn Stroder moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the 2007-2008 Crane ISD budget as presented in the total amount of \$25,741,730. Adopted unanimously.

Item 11 Adoption of the tax rate for 2007-2008 school year by resolution.

Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to adopt a tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2007 through an ordinance. The property taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District as follows:

\$ 1.04 for the purpose of maintenance and operations and

\$ -0- for the purpose of principal and interest on debts.

Adopted unanimously.

Item 12 Administrative Reports.

Superintendent Lee went over travel plans for the upcoming TASB Convention in Dallas September 28-30, 2007. He then reported that our Elementary Principal Joy

Armstrong's father's funeral will be tomorrow (Friday, August 16) in Midland. Next, he reported that the first day of teacher in-service was very successful highlighted by an excellent motivational speech by Jim Bob Salisbury formerly of Big Lake. The day concluded with an ice cream social for the new employees hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Finally, he reminded the board of the need for a Special Meeting on August 30.

Item 13 Executive Session

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

No action taken.

Item 14 Hiring of professional staff.

No action taken.

Item 15 Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Approve minutes of previous meeting(s)
- b. Current bills
- c. Finance report

Business Manager Eudy reported that we were at 98.79% tax collection on the 2006 tax roll just before all taxes went delinquent on July 1. Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 16 Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to adjourn the meeting. Adopted unanimously. Time: 8:42 p.m.