

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Trustees
Crane Independent School District
Thursday, August 17, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, August 17, 2006 in regular session with the following members present:

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

Manuel Cadena
Gabriel Rodriguez

Board Members absent were:

Helen Romeiser, Assistant Secretary

Denise Shetter

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:

Manuella Kirkpatrick

- Item 1 Mr. Smith, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 comment on proposed budget.
No public comment.
- Item 6 Public comment on proposed tax rate.
No public comment.
- Item 7 Local Policies included in Update 78.
Superintendent Lee gave a brief explanation of TASB Local Update 78. Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to approve the TASB Local Policy Update 78 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 8 Contract Amendments for 2006-2007 school year for qualifying employees under the Incentive Payment Program, Texas Education Code, Sections 21.651 and 21.701.

Superintendent Lee reported that due to the recently enacted House Bill 1 there will be state grant monies made available for incentive pay on qualified low-income, high performing campuses. Statewide legal opinion is that all schools should amend their employment contracts for 2006-07 to prepare for the possibility that one or more of their campuses might qualify. Jerry Smith moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to authorize amendments to the 2006-07 employment contracts of those employees qualified to participate in an incentive payment under an awards program established under Texas Education Code Section 21.651 and Section 21.701, if the District participates in the program. Any incentive payment distributed will be considered a payment for performance and not an entitlement as part of an employee's salary. Adopted unanimously.

Item 9 Property/Casualty Insurance for the 2006-2007 school year.

Superintendent Lee reported that we received four proposals for our property/casualty insurance: Key & Piskuran, Rogers & Belding, Westwind Insurance Agency and Willingham Insurance Agency. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase our 2006-2007 property/casualty insurance from TAPS via Rogers & Belding Insurance Agency at a total price of: \$48,628. Adopted unanimously.

Item 10 Fleet insurance for the 2006-2007 school year.

Superintendent Lee reported that we received four proposals for our fleet insurance: Key & Piskuran, Rogers & Belding, Westwind Insurance Agency and Willingham Insurance Agency. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase our 2006-2007 fleet insurance from State National via Westwind Insurance Agency for a total price of: \$14,055. Adopted unanimously.

Item 11 2006-2007 Appraisal Calendar.

Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Manuel Cadena, to approve the 2006-2007 Teacher Appraisal Calendar as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 12 Revisions to Local Policy FM – “Student Activities”.

Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Manuel Cadena, to approve revisions to Local Policy FM – “Student Activities” as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 13 Adoption of 2006-2007 Budget.

Superintendent Lee presented his final budget projection for 2006-2007. Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the 2006-2007 Crane ISD budget as presented in the total amount of \$26,565,884.00. Adopted unanimously.

Item 14 Adoption of the tax rate for the 2006-2007 school year by ordinance. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to increase property taxes by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.37 per \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2006 through an ordinance. The property taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District as follows:

\$ 1.37 for the purpose of maintenance and operations and
\$ -0- for the purpose of principal and interest on debts.

Adopted unanimously.

Item 15 Accept Proposals/Purchase new band truck. Transportation Director Swinford reported that we received three proposals for a new band truck: Sewell Motors, HGAC and Sterling Freightliner. Gabriel Rodriguez moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to accept the proposal for a new band truck from Sewell Motors in the amount of: \$49,750. Adopted unanimously.

Item 16 Accept Proposals/Purchase for an electronic sign. Superintendent Lee reported that we received four proposals for an electronic scrolling marquee sign: Robson, Spectrum, Arrow and Fair Play. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the purchase of an electronic scrolling marquee sign from Spectrum in the amount of: \$58,201. Adopted unanimously.

Item 17 Early Release Dates. Superintendent Lee proposed that we take five of six allowed "Early Release" days this school year. Gabriel Rodriguez moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve five early release dates for the 2006-2007 school year as presented by Superintendent Lee. Adopted unanimously.

Item 18 Agreement with Ector County ISD to provide Alternative Education Program Services. Superintendent Lee reported that Ector County ISD is still willing to handle our AEP services for the 2006-07 school year with all conditions and fees the same as last year. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Ector County ISD for 2006-07 AEP services as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 19 Adopt resolution to join Texas Association of School Board's "Buy Board Purchase Cooperative". Superintendent Lee requested that the board consider taking advantage of a free one-year membership being offered by the "TASB Buy Board" purchasing cooperative. Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to adopt a resolution to join the Texas Association of School Board's "Buy Board" purchasing cooperative. Adopted unanimously.

Item 20 Executive Session.

- a. Personnel

No action taken.

Item 21 Hiring of Professional Personnel.

No action taken.

Item 22 Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
- b. Current bills
- c. Financial Report

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

Item 23 Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting. Adopted unanimously. Time: 7:48 p.m.