

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Trustees
Crane Independent School District
Thursday, September 13, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, September 13, 2007 in regular session with the following members present:

Jerry Smith, President
Mary Jo Heard, Secretary
Helen Romeiser, Assistant Secretary

Lonny Velasquez
Evelyn Stroder
Bill McGuire

Board Member absent was:
Sandy Hubbard, Secretary

Administrators Present were:
Larry Lee, Superintendent
Joy Armstrong, Elem Principal
Alan Swinford, Maintenance Director

Ken Eudy, Business Manager
Jimmy Heath, Technology Director

Other Guests were:

Monte Hunter, Architect
Trisha Barker
Lacey McDonald
Sabrah Beaird
Glenn Christian
Julie Etheridge
Cindy Gillette

Deborah Phipps
Ann Bates
Magdalena Garza
Renee Russell
Becky Jones
David Cadena

Heidi Miller
Katy Eudy
Sonia Mendez
Pat Truitt
Carrie Pittman
Morgan Cadena

- 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 Recognition of New Faculty/Staff.
New Elementary employees were introduced by Elementary Principal Armstrong. All other new employees were introduced by Superintendent Lee.
- Item 5 Public Forum
No public comment.

Item 6 Early Release Dates for the 2007-2008 School Year.
Superintendent Lee proposed that we take six "Early Release" days this school year. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to approve six early release dates for the 2007-2008 school year as presented by Superintendent Lee. Adopted unanimously.

Item 7 Technology Purchase.
Technology Director Heath reported that he had received 3 quotes for 49 new computer workstations: 44 for student use and 5 for office use. Two of the quotes were from Region 18 ESC Purchasing Coop vendors Dak-Tech and Dell while the other one was from Gateway. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to approve the purchase of 44 new computer workstations for student use and 5 for office use from Region 18 ESC Purchasing Coop vendor Dak-Tech in the amount not to exceed: \$55,491. Adopted unanimously.

Item 8 Administrative Reports.
Architect Monte Hunter presented his first draft of a "7 Year Facility Improvement Plan" and two phases of a possible Elementary replacement. Discussion followed and consensus was to press ahead. Superintendent Lee informed the board that those who missed the recent board training can make it up via a website available on a school computer. He asked the board to mark Monday September 24 at 7:00 p.m on their calendar for a special meeting which will begin the upcoming TASB Policy Audit. He then reminded them of their annual TASB convention in Dallas September 27-30. Next, he invited the board to eat free barbecued ribs tomorrow night under the bus parking shed before the homecoming football game . He then gave health updates on our employees Keith Martin & Mary Katherine Baker as well as Board Member Hubbard's husband Danny. He concluded by reporting that the new community-wide telecommunication system called Connect-Ed had a successful trial run earlier this week and he plans to utilize it more fully in the near future.

Item 9 Executive Session

- a. Personnel – discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of an employee under Gov. Code Sec. 551.074
- b. Conduct Formal 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 to conduct formal Superintendent evaluation exchanges. Time: 7:59 p.m.

President Smith ordered the executive session closed and the regular session be resumed at 8:19 p.m. He also stated that no items of business were conducted in the executive session.

Item 10 Hiring of professional staff.
No action taken.

Item 11 Consent Agenda to include:
a. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
b. Current Bills
c. Financial Report.

Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Evelyn Stroder, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 12 Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to adjourn the meeting.
Adopted unanimously. Time: 8:23 p.m.