

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Trustees
Crane Independent School District
Thursday, October 11, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, October 11, 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
Bill McGuire

Administrators Present were:

Larry Lee, Superintendent
Jimmy Heath, Technology Director

Ken Eudy, Business Manager
Alan Swinford, Maintenance Director

Other Guests were:

Sally Dodd
Pat Truitt

Deborah Phipps

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 Public Forum.

Library Director Sally Dodd addressed the board concerning the recent pay increase for teachers with Master's degrees and requested that the board consider including more than just classroom teachers.

Item 5 Conduct Public School FIRST and Financial Management Review.

Superintendent Lee presented the 2005-06 TEA School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report showing Crane ISD deficient in only 1 of the 21 indicators: we were slightly less than optimum percentage of budget spent on instruction (.5322 with a target of >.54). Our overall rating was: Superior Achievement. He then presented 2005-06 Financial Management Review which is a new requirement enacted by the 80th Legislature showing the Superintendent's contract, outside employment and amounts spent on the Superintendent and each board member for travel, lodging and fees. In conclusion, he opened the floor for public comment. None was given. Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Evelyn Stroder, to approve the Crane ISD 2005-06 Financial

Management Review as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 6 Energy Consumption Reduction Plan Resolution.

Superintendent Lee reported that another new requirement of the 80th Legislature is that we set a goal of reducing our energy consumption by 5% per year over the next 6 years. Lonny Velasquez moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the Crane ISD Energy Reduction Plan Resolution as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 7 Public Comment – Goods-in-transit Resolution.

No public comment.

Item 8 Goods-in-transit Taxing Resolution.

Superintendent Lee reported that another action of the 80th Legislature was to stop taxing certain "goods in transit". If we want to continue taxing those items, we must do a one-time resolution to that effect before January 1, 2008. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Sandy Hubbard, to approve the resolution as presented which means that we are choosing to continue taxing goods-in-transit. Adopted unanimously.

Item 9 Purchase Voyager Program.

Superintendent Lee requested that the board consider approving an elementary reading program purchase that will be used to implement the newly required RTI (Response to Intervention) program. Mary Jo Heard moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to approve the purchase of the Voyager Passport Reading Program from sole-source provider Voyager Expanded Learning for the amount of: \$28,259. Adopted unanimously.

Item 10 School Vehicle Purchase.

Superintendent Lee reported that we received two proposals on each of the four vehicles we requested proposals on and assured the board that the prices were within our budgeted amount. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford E450 24-passenger Special Needs Mini-Bus from Blue Star Bus Sales in the amount of: \$58,910. f.o.b. Crane. Adopted unanimously.

Bill McGuire moved, seconded by Helen Romeiser, to approve the purchase of two 2008 Chevrolet 2WD 1500LS Suburbans from Sewell Chevrolet for the amount of: \$33,950 each f.o.b. Crane. Adopted unanimously.

Lonny Velasquez moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 2WD regular cab work truck with RKI LT5680 work boxes installed from Sewell Chevrolet for the amount of: \$26,500. f.o.b. Crane. Adopted unanimously.

Item 11 Shared Service Agreement with Ector County ISD for Regional Day School for the Deaf services.

Superintendent Lee reported that we do have two students who need deaf services and

he recommended the continued use of Ector County ISD's Regional Day School for the Deaf. Evelyn Stroder moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to approve the 2007-2008 Shared Service Agreement with Ector County ISD for Regional Day School for the Deaf. Adopted unanimously.

Item 12 Resolution nominating members to the Crane County Appraisal District Board.

Superintendent Lee reported that our three current Appraisal District Board Members have done an excellent job and have reported to him that they are willing to continue their service. He recommended that the board nominate Inez Dossett, Manuel Cadena and Mary Jo Heard to continue serving as our representatives. Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to approve a resolution nominating Inez Dossett, Manuel Cadena and Mary Jo Heard to the Crane County Appraisal District board of directors for the time period 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2009. Adopted unanimously.

Item 13 Local Policies – Update 81.

Superintendent Lee reported that due to the 80th Legislature, there are numerous aspects of TASB Policy Update 81. Bill McGuire moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to approve the additions, deletions and revisions included in Local Policy Update 81 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 14 Annual Review of Investment Policy.

Superintendent Lee and Business Manager Eudy requested that as required by the Public Funds Investment Act annually, the Board review our investment policy. They recommended no changes be made to our current investment policy. Helen Romeiser moved, seconded by Bill McGuire, to approve our current Investment Policy with no changes. Adopted unanimously.

Item 15 Superintendent Principal Assessment employment.

Superintendent Lee reported that yet another requirement coming from the 80th Legislative session is that the Superintendent get prior approval for any outside employment. He requested that they allow him as stated in his employment contract to participate in Principal appraisal services. Evelyn Stroder moved, seconded by Mary Jo Heard, to allow Superintendent Lee to accept outside employment performing Principal appraisal services. Adopted unanimously.

Item 16 Administrative Reports.

Superintendent Lee reported our annual Open House is scheduled for next Monday October 15. Next he reported that our HS Auditorium was the site yesterday for a town hall meeting with State Senators Kel Selliger and Tom Craddick. Our High School Seniors were allowed to attend and were complimented for their behavior and good questions. He then reminded them that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a spaghetti dinner prior to tomorrow's home football game versus Kermit. He invited any interested board member to attend a "PK-16 Summit on Friday October 19th at ESC-

18. He concluded by stating that a Special Meeting will be needed during the week of October 22nd.

Item 17 Superintendent Quarterly Report.

Superintendent Lee went over his vision and goals for Crane ISD, enrollment figures over the last several years and presented a sample contract with Architect Monte Hunter that he would like the board to consider at the special meeting later this month.

Item 18 Executive Session

- 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: 8:13 p.m.

President Smith ordered the executive session closed and the regular session be resumed at 8:23 p.m. He also stated that no items of business were conducted in the executive session.

Item 19 Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- b. Quarterly Investment Report
- c. Financial Report and Current Bills

Business Manager Eudy presented the Quarterly Investment Report. Bill McGuire moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 20 Sandy Hubbard moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to adjourn the meeting. Adopted unanimously. Time: 8:34 p.m.