

RED BUD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 132
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2007

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF RED BUD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 132, RANDOLPH, MONROE, AND ST. CLAIR
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF
APRIL, 2007, AT THE HOUR OF 8:00 P.M. IN THE
LIBRARY OF RED BUD HIGH SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT.

The Board of Education of Red Bud Community Unit School District No. 132, Randolph, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, met in regular session on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the library of Red Bud High School, at which time and place there were present the following officers and members of the Board:

Wesley Stellhorn, President
Patricia Bunte, Vice-President
Larry Gielow, Secretary
Robert Doty
Rick Stenzel
Stephen Uffelmann

Absent: Jeffrey Deterding

Also Present: Steve Harsy Randy Battas
Larry Lovel Jane Liefer
Brad Hall Kim Schaefer

Visitors: Jane Lucht Diane Schoenbeck
Deb McCutcheon

A quorum of the members of the Board of Education being present, President Wesley Stellhorn called the meeting to order and declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business. CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

Mr. Uffelmann moved to approve the agenda with the following changes:

1. Approval of minutes was moved to Consent Agenda.
2. Addition of letter from Lindsey Litteken under Personnel.
3. Addition of letter from Joyce Carnahan under Correspondence.
4. Addition of letter from Pat Laramore under Correspondence.

Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Uffelmann, aye; Stenzel, aye; Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Mrs. Bunte moved to approve the consent agenda items as listed:

1. Approval of minutes:
 - a. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 15, 2007
 - b. Minutes of Executive Session of March 15, 2007
 - c. Minutes of Building Committee of March 22, 2007
 - d. Minutes of Building Committee of April 12, 2007
2. Perandoe minutes, personnel, and bills
3. Insurance Package Renewal
4. Budget Comparison Report
5. Year to Date Budget Report

CONSENT
AGENDA
ITEMS
APPROVED

6. Correspondence:
 - a. Thank you for memorial from Lucille Bielefeld Family
 - b. Letter from Joyce Carnahan regarding Platinum Chef Competition.
 - c. Letter from Pat Laramore regarding canvassing the votes.
7. Solicitation of bakery and dairy products bids
8. Consideration of custodial bids

Seconded by Mr. Gielow. Roll call vote: Bunte, aye; Gielow, aye; Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Guests were recognized.

GUEST
RECOGNIZED
"STATE OF
LIBRARY"
ADDRESS

Deb McCutcheon, High School Librarian, gave her "State of the Library Address" per the requirement to receive the Per Capita grant from the Illinois State Library Association.

She presented the following information.

1. These are the three components for the school library media program to be successful: a) learning and teaching, b) information access, and c) program administration. The library needs to be an integral part of the school, not an add-on program.

2. Mrs. McCutcheon has collaborated with seven teachers for ten subjects regarding orientation of the library, better researching skills, and copyright and fair use laws for web pages.

3. There have been more than 4,000 student visits to the library to check out books, work on homework, do research, or read this school year.

4. The book club continues to meet monthly at lunch.

5. Mrs. McCutcheon had the opportunity to address ISBE budget and finance committees to lobby for school libraries in general and electronic databases in particular. They are willing to look at ways to help fund this valuable resource.

6. In February, she conducted a Search Smart for Parents Workshop. She does this for the students, but was asked to offer it for the parents. The purpose of the class is to teach individuals how to use the internet. She will consider doing another class in the fall.

7. She is currently working on developing a program called, One Book – One School, for next year. Every person in the school from the freshmen to seniors, the custodians, the teachers, Superintendent Harsy and the school board, will be given the same book to read. They will then meet to discuss the book. This program has been very successful in other schools.

8. She has been adding many new books to the library, since the English teachers have changed reading requirements from only books on a list to free reading.

9. Six more computers were added to the library this year and have been very beneficial for the students.

10. Mrs. McCutcheon expressed her appreciation to the Board for the support that is given to the library and her programs.

I. Mr. Gielow moved to approve payment of all District bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF
DISTRICT
BILLS

II. First Reading Policy Revisions:

2:170 Procurement Professional Services

4:120 Food Service

6:145 Migrant Students

FIRST READING
OF
POLICY
REVISIONS

- 6:160 English Language Learner
- 6:310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:130 Students Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:190 Student Discipline

III. Mr. Uffelmann moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for March as presented in written form. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Uffelmann, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye. TREASURER’S REPORT

IV. Perandoe Administrative District roles and responsibilities were discussed. The Board will continue to approve the Perandoe bills, minutes, personnel actions documented in the minutes as part of the Consent Agenda monthly. The Board will also approve the annual budget and the hiring of the executive director. PERANDOE DISTRICT ROLES

V. Dr. Stenzel moved to approve renewing the contract for Dr. Philip Weishaar, Perandoe Executive Director, for the years 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2010. Seconded by Mr. Gielow. Roll call vote: Stenzel, aye; Gielow, aye; Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. RENEWAL OF DR. WEISHAAR’S CONTRACT

VI. Administrators’ Reports: REPORTS

1. Life Safety Amendments 15 and 16 were approved by the State March 7, 2007 and by the Regional Office of Education on March 16, 2007. Todd Jones from Mevert, met with the Building Committee on April 12th to review the project details one last time. He plans to bring actual bid proposals to our May 17, 2007 regular meeting to seek approval, and to have the bid opening completed so that the Final Stadium contract can be awarded as soon as the regular Board Meeting on June 21, 2007 is finished .

2. The IASB / IASA Joint Annual Conference registration and housing arrangements will have to be made during the early part of June. Mr. Harsy will need to be informed by all Board members that plan to attend the Joint Annual Conference scheduled for November 16 – 18, 2007.

3. The next Illinois Association of School Boards Southwestern Division Governing Committee meeting is usually scheduled in May in Fairview Heights. Mr. Harsy will provide more information as it becomes available.

Mr. Hall’s High School Report –

1. April is National Poetry Month. On April 23rd, the High School will have a Poetry Night in the cafeteria. At this time, more than 100 students and teachers have signed up to participate.

2. The Platinum Chef Competition was hosted by the High School on March 28th and was a huge success. The Red Bud team took first place. It was a great day. “It gave some kids a chance to shine that may not normally shine.”

3. A Battle of the Bands was held at the High School on April 13th. There were four student bands and one teacher band that performed. This was another great opportunity for kids to shine.

4. Mr. Meyer has received a grant to attend a workshop on biotechnology in Boston.

Cost to the district will be \$50.00.

5. Mr. Magee has received a grant to attend a two week workshop on physics at the University of Illinois.

6. Changes to handbook for 2007-2008 year:

a) The County has passed the truancy ordinances. Mr. Beattie will be talking with local law officials regarding the enforcing of these new laws. A fee of \$75 will be charged if truant.

b) County wide curfew has been set for 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 midnight on weekends.

c) There is a growing concern regarding the use of alcohol at school events. Mr. Hall has purchased a breathalyzer and will use it. According to law, he must have reasonable suspicion in order to ask a student to do the test. If the test is positive, he will call the police and the parents.

d) The current cell phone policy of confiscation is not working. The administration will continue to use the current policy, but detentions will be handed out also.

e) There is a possibility that drug dogs will be used for searches in the school.

f) The school will be adding two additional college days for juniors along with the two college days for seniors.

Final approval for the handbook changes will occur at next month's meeting.

7. Mr. Hall was questioned regarding any further news on the Prairie State test scores that were incorrectly reported. Mr. Hall has not received any information regarding retesting. Mr. Harsy will speak to someone at the IASA meeting that he will be attending next week.

Mr. Battas Building and Grounds Report -

REMODEL MEDIA
CENTER AT
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

There was discussion regarding the summer projects planned and the costs for those projects. The projects were put on hold, with the exception of the Elementary media center due to time restrictions, until the Board meeting next month when a detailed report of costs could be provided. Mr. Uffelmann moved to approve the ordering of furniture and carpet to begin the remodel of the Elementary media center with costs not to exceed \$85,000. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Uffelmann, aye; Stenzel, aye; Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Lovel's Elementary School Report –

1. Mr. Lovel explained the benefits of Parent Night at the Elementary School.

a) Increase communication between school and the community

b) Highlight events of the school year

c) Present future events and goals for next year

d) Allow questions

e) Guest speaker, Susan Sweet, Assistant Police Chief at Waterloo, presentation on internet predators

2. Graduation at the Elementary School will be held May 22nd

3. Changes to handbook for 2007-2008 year:

a) The handbook is a set of guidelines for the students. Changes to the policies will be made as needed.

b) Expectations of the students, teachers, and parents to work in collaboration for the betterment of the students will be presented.

c) Bus safety guidelines will be stated.

d) Current cell phone policy states that cell phones are not allowed on the premises. Administration knows that there are times when a student does need to carry a phone; therefore this policy will be revised. Cell phones should stay in lockers turned off until after school when they may be needed. First offense of breaking policy will be confiscation of the phone. Second offense will be confiscation of the phone and after school detention. Third offense will be confiscation of the phone, after school detention, and loss of the privilege to carry a phone.

e) Instructions for tutors working with homebound students.

f) Cleaning up the language of the grading and promotion policy

g) General guidelines of behavior for lunch time and after school activities.

h) The handbook has not had changes made for ten years.

Final approval for handbook changes will occur at next month's meeting.

Mr. Harsy's District Reports –

1. The third quarter projection reports show how well the District's actual figures are in comparison to the budget.

2. The personal property replacement tax is a very important source of revenue for the District. Mr. Harsy voiced his concern that the gross tax receipts plan being initiated by the Governor will hurt the businesses and school districts in Illinois. He encouraged the Board to speak to state legislators to vote against the Governor's request.

3. Mr. Harsy asked to have a continued board meeting on May 14th at 8:00 p.m. to accept and approve the canvassing of the votes by the County Clerk's office. At that time, the board will be organized and the Oath of Office will be administered.

Good News!

Mr. Harsy's Report –

1. Red Bud School District received certificates of Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education. Mr. Harsy commended the Board on their excellent job of running the District.

2. We received a copy of the agreement between Kaskaskia Regional Port District and First Equity U.S., LLC regarding the construction of a Bio-Diesel Refinery in Baldwin. Mr. Harsy explained that this will be very beneficial for the schools.

Mr. Hall's Report –

This week Mr. Hall took two students, Samantha Buch and Caitlin Winder, to the Regional Leadership Banquet for National Honor Society. This coming Sunday on April 22nd, Red Bud will host their National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Mr. Lovel's Report –

1. Grade 5 completed their DARE program with a ceremony with Deputy Mike Hoelscher.

2. The chess team finished the season with a 9 – 3 record.

3. Grade 6 students collected 240,000 tabs which equates 24 overnight stays so far for the Ronald McDonald house.

4. Grade 8 chorus performed at the Garden Place Senior Living Center in Red Bud.

5. RBES Family Reading Night is being held this evening. There will be 100 students from K – 5 coming with their parents to explore poetry for the evening. The evening is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Reading Council’s literacy grant.
6. Mrs. Ringering is serving as an evaluator for St. John Catholic School’s State Evaluation Team on April 19th.
7. Mr. Lovel will be serving as an evaluator for the Association for Illinois Middle Schools in Charleston, Illinois on April 26th.
8. Grade 1 has participated in the following reading incentive programs: Book It, Pizza Hut, The Pasta House Co. Reading, Writing, and Ravioli Program, Subway Read-a-Book Kid’s Pak, Six Flags Six-hour Reading Club, and Raging Rivers Raging Reader.
9. RBES hosted the annual Regional Office of Education sponsored Art Contest on April 12th. There were approximately 13 schools and 225 participants.

Mr. Gielow moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board returned to regular session to approve the following personnel changes at 10:40 p.m.

RETURN

Mrs. Bunte moved to return to regular session. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

REGULAR
SESSION
RESUMES

Mr. Gielow moved to accept the resignation of Stephanie Kieffer. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Stenzel, aye; Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

KIEFFER
RESIGNATION

Mrs. Bunte moved to rescind employment to Staci Herriman. Seconded by Mr. Uffelmann. Roll call vote: Bunte, aye; Uffelmann, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

HERRIMAN
RESCIND
EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Doty moved to accept the maternity leave of Angela Atkinson with time off allocated as stated in her letter. Seconded by Mr. Gielow. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Bunte, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

ATKINSON
MATERNITY
LEAVE

Mr. Doty moved to accept the maternity leave of Lindsey Litteken with time off allocated as stated in her letter. Seconded by Mr. Uffelmann. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Uffelmann, aye; Bunte, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

LITTEKEN
MATERNITY
LEAVE

Mrs. Bunte moved to remove the first reading of the Hiring Process and Criteria, Family Hiring. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

REVISE FAMILY
HIRING POLICY

Mr. Gielow moved to remove the second reading of the Hiring Process and Criteria, Family Hiring. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Gielow moved to remove the relationships of son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law from the Hiring Process and Criteria, Family Hiring. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Dr. Stenzel moved to approve the employment of Lila Zeiger as High School Spanish teacher. Seconded by Mr. Gielow. Roll call vote: Stenzel, aye; Gielow, aye; Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. ZEIGER
EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Uffelmann moved to approve the posting of a job opening for a two hour cafeteria position for 173 days in the Elementary School. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Uffelmann, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye. No nays. Motion carried. POST CAFETERIA
POSITION

Mr. Gielow moved to approve the transfer of Sheila Tewell at the Elementary School from 6th grade to 4th grade. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Stenzel, aye; Bunte, aye; Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. TEWELL
TRANSFER

Mr. Gielow moved to approve the adjournment of the meeting at 10:50 p.m. to be continued on May 14, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the Red Bud High School Library. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Gielow, aye; Doty, aye; Bunte, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. MEETING
ADJOURNED

President

Secretary