

RED BUD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 132
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SYNOPSIS
August 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gielow.

The Budget Hearing for Perandoe Special Education District was held with no Board comments.

The agenda for the meeting was approved with the exclusion of II. Approval of Perandoe Minutes, Personnel, and Bills and Appointment of the Perandoe Management Council of Superintendents and X. Executive Session.

Board approval was given for the Perandoe minutes, bills, budget for 2007-2008, appointment of the Perandoe Management Council of Superintendents, housing a Perandoe Hearing Impaired Half-Time Program in the Elementary building, and the hiring of Angie Cartee as Perandoe Special Education Teacher.

Mary Hamilton commented on her concerns and issues with the bicycle path project in Red Bud. She feels that even though it is a good project, she is disappointed that the project is not including the residents of the Northeast quadrant of the city. She addressed the Board to get guidance as to where to proceed with her request to have something done to preserve the safety of the children in that area.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month of July.

The Board approved payment of all District bills for August.

The Board approved a special meeting be scheduled for September 20, 2007 at 7:45 p.m. for formal Board Hearing of the 2007-2008 budget. Final approval of the budget will be given that same evening at the 8:00 p.m. regular scheduled Board Meeting.

The Board approved the new Athletic Officials Stipend Schedule.

The board approved further development and integration of NIMS with the existing District Safety and Crisis Management Plan.

The Board approved adjusting the mileage rate reimbursement each year to match the Internal Revenue Service standard rate.

Randy Battas reported that all summer projects were completed except that the shelving has not been received for the Media Center at Elementary building yet. They should be in around August 24th. He distributed a report of the final costs for the summer projects and stated that costs were approximately \$12,000 below budget. Randy commended his custodial staff on the excellent work that they performed with all the projects that were completed over the summer.

Mr. Hall reported that Mr. Kevin Cartee began employment as the Assistant Principal. Football, Volleyball, and Golf have begun practicing for the new season. We received the \$10,000 grant for the Science Department and funds have been spent. Mr. Hall spoke about the School Improvement Plan and the strategy of developing a student as the whole child. The Plan will include two goals: 1) to improve academically and 2) to improve behaviors that support academic improvement. The Plan

will also include a staff development action plan and curriculum mapping to better track the students.

The High School English Teachers, Andrea Mason, Sara Gerfen, Anne Sievers, and Jill Nobbe presented the Board with a letter stating their concerns and intent for the upcoming year regarding the PSAE test scores. Everyone agreed that the cause of the low test scores must be determined first in order to figure out how to improve them.

Mr. Lovel reported the projected number of students for the new year will be 629, not including Pre K. There are 59 new students and 30 students transferred out. There are many new faces being added to the faculty this year. Approximately 21% of the faculty is new employees. A new kindergarten class will be added due to the number of students enrolled for this year. Relating to the School Improvement Plan goal of student wellness, the Elementary would like to purchase a 5' salad bar for the cafeteria. There are no used or leased models available. Cost of the salad bar will be approximately \$4,000. Board gave approval to make the purchase. There is a Title 1 Aide position and the Junior High Boys Track Coach position still open. The new Elementary sign will be put up the first part of September.

Mr. Harsy reported that the Communications meeting will be held September 20th at 7:00 in the High School Library. The Budget Hearing will be held at 7:45 on the 20th and the Regular Board Meeting at 8:00 on the 20th. He discussed the budget levy process and the transfer of the O & M to Fire Safety. He spoke about the audit and suggestions that Mr. Bob Moore made to the District. Mr. Moore will make his presentation to the Board in October. Mr. Harsy explained that he is in continuing discussions with property owners of adjoining property to the District property. He reported that the announcement of the Connect Ed system would be in the newspaper this week and a message will be sent out next week after all databases are updated.

The Board returned to regular session to approve the following personnel:

The Board approved the hiring of Shelby Jany as Fourth Grade Teacher at the Elementary School.

The Board approved the resignation of Tim Deien as part-time custodian at the High School.

The Board approved the hiring of Craig McCarthy as part-time custodian for the High School.

The Board approved the hiring of Rachel Cronenbold as part-time cafeteria staff for the High School.

The meeting was adjourned.