

and Administration were asked for their opinion. Comments were made that there is a dress code policy in effect, but needs to be more strictly enforced. The Faculty was asked to set an example for the students and refer any inappropriate clothing issues to the office. Administration will continue to monitor the situation and if the problem cannot be resolved with present policy, they will consider alternative solutions. The Board decided at this time not to resolve to a uniform policy.

Recognition of Guests

- A. Jennifer Ramirez was presented a certificate from the Board of Education for her accomplishment of National Board Certified Teacher. Mrs. Ramirez stated that she was very honored and that the District has been a wonderful place to work. She spoke briefly about the program, stating that it was a lot of work, but very rewarding. One benefit she will receive from the State is a \$3,000 per year stipend for the next 10 years. She encourages all other teachers to consider the program.
- B. Mr. Barrett Deist expressed his extreme gratitude to the Board for their support of the dual-credit program that is offered at the High School. This program allows students to receive high school credit and college credit at the same time. When the program began a few years ago, participation was very slim, but because of the determination of the teachers and the support of the Administration, the program has grown tremendously. Mr. Deist proudly announced that because of this growth, the school was awarded a \$1,000 check from SLU. One use of the funds, suggested by SLU, was to be used as a stipend for the instructors. The teachers felt this money should be put back into the program and allow more students to be able to participate. The money will be used as a \$50.00 tuition credit per student for those who meet the free and reduced program requirements to offset their cost. As of this time, the school has put through 118 students through the program earning 480 credits. This program is an excellent opportunity for the students. We hope that it will continue to grow and benefit as many students as possible. The Board thanked Mr. Deist for his efforts with this great program.

GUESTS

Items of Business:

- 1. Mr. Keith Price as representative for the High School SIP Committee presented a proposal to increase the graduation credit requirement from 20 hours to 22 credit hours for the Class of 2012. Also, Agricultural Science will be considered an elective class and not a science class beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. The goal of the SIP Team is to help the kids be more successful in the classrooms. This proposal will decrease the number of students in study hall and increase the number of students that take Biology. Beginning with the incoming Freshmen for 2008, the students will be told which math, english, and science class that they will be taking, based on their elementary school grades. After extensive discussion, Mr. Uffelmann moved to approve acceptance of the proposal. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Uffelmann, aye; Stenzel, aye; Doty, nay; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stellhorn, nay. Four ayes, two nays. Motion carried.

INCREASE
GRADUATION
CREDIT HOURS TO 22

The Board commended Joyce Carnahan for the number of students featured in the North County News' Christmas Edition that left RBHS to pursue and be successful in the food industry.

COMMENDED J.
CARNAHAN FOR
WORK

- 2. Mr. Stellhorn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for November as presented by Jane Liefer. Seconded by Mrs. Schoenbeck. Roll call vote: Stellhorn, aye;

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Schoenbeck, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow. aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays.
Motion carried.

3. Mr. Uffelmann moved to approve the Payment of District Bills for December as presented. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Uffelmann, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

DISTRICT PAYMENT
OF BILLS

4. Mr. Doty moved to approve the payment of the final invoice from CI Select for \$46,226.52 for the Elementary Media center furniture when the damaged shelf has been replaced. Seconded by Mr. Stellhorn. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CI
SELECT INVOICE

5. Mr. Stellhorn moved to approve the first reading of Policy Numbers: 2:210, 2:260, 4:10, 4:60, 4:110, 5:10, 5:100, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:60, 6:320, 7:20, 7:70, 7:180, 7:220, 7:340, and 8:20. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays.
Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF
POLICY UPDATES

6. Mr. Harsy spoke regarding bond issues for the District. He received proposals from three financial agencies to assist the District with the Bonds. Eugene Schorb of Schorb and Schmersahl has been used by the District in the past and it was recommended that Mr. Harsy contact him.

DISTRICT BOND
ISSUES

7. Mr. Stellhorn moved to approve the resignation of Mr. Brad Hall as High School Principal effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Stellhorn, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. The Board thanked Mr. Hall for his service to the District and wished him the best of luck.

B. HALL
RESIGNATION

8. Mr. Doty moved to approve the retirement of Mrs. Teresa Hartman as Elementary Teacher effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Schoenbeck. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried. The Board thanked Mrs. Hartman for her 31 years of service to the District.

T. HARTMAN
RETIREMENT

8B. Mr. Doty moved to approve the resignation of Chad Stolte as High School program aide. Seconded by Mr. Uffelmann. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Uffelmann, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

C. STOLTE
RESIGNATION

9. Administrators Reports:

REPORTS

High School – Mr. Hall reported the following: Enrollment 407 – Christmas Party at the “V” today, Board invited to attend – Distributed Columbia Tournament Schedule – One Book, One School Program very successful, 60 students attended LarryFest to wrap up program – First time High School Book Fair, very successful – Terry Meyer was awarded Teacher of the Month from Edward Jones – Brupper scheduled for January 11th – Andrew Phegley was named Lion’s Club Student of the Month – Andrew Phegley and Brooke Toenjes named to the State Academic Team for the Illinois High School Association

Elementary - Mr. Lovel reported the following: Enrollment 604 – The school collected \$1, 094 for Randolph County Humane Society “Pennies for Pets” Campaign – BETA sponsored a food drive and collected 3,320 cans – Commended Jennifer Ramirez

on her National Board Certification – SIP, mathematics alignment meeting, social studies textbook review, critical incident video – Teacher’s Institute, c-map training, guest speaker on power hour reading groups and AIMSweb overview – Patti Liefer received a Touchstone Energy Grant of \$1,000 from the Illinois Electric Cooperative.

Building and Grounds – Mr. Battas reported the following: The bleachers are currently being installed. Mr. Battas was informed that Route 154 between Red Bud and Sparta is going to be resurfaced. Possibility of getting blacktop for north parking lot. We received a check from the Muskets and the scoreboard has been ordered.

District – Mr. Harsy reported the following: As part of the District improvement plan, Mr. Harsy issued his first survey through Connect Ed. The results showed that most people would prefer an online survey for the future. Mr. Harsy distributed 10 questions that he would like to include in the first survey to the public and was granted permission by the Board to proceed. The District Safety Committee is continuing to meet monthly. Measures are being taken for better handling of student emergency and medical information within the schools.

10. Winter Board Retreats were set with the following dates:

Elementary – January 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

High School – January 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

District / Superintendent’s Evaluation – January 24, 2008 following High School

WINTER RETREAT
DATES

11. Good News!

Mr. Lovel announced that 80 parents attended 1st & 2nd grade Math Night – There were 4 wonderful Christmas concerts held this year. – The 8th grade chorus went to Garden Place Assisted Living to perform. – First grade students donated \$103.38 for toys to be distributed by the Human Service Center – Lady Royals took third place in Conference Tournament – 7th grade girl’s basketball team took third in the Freeburg Tournament and finished the season 12-4. – 6th grade girls’ basketball team finished the season 15-2. – Title 1 funds are up which will allow additional supplies to be purchased, after school tutoring opportunities for those students who qualify, and the hiring of additional Title 1 aide for the spring semesters.

GOOD NEWS!

12. Mr. Stellhorn moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Stellhorn, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

13. Personnel: Mr. Doty moved to approve the hiring of Evonne Albert as Elementary Special Education Teacher to replace Mr. Evitts for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Stenzel, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stellhorn, aye, Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

E. ALBERT
ELEMENTARY
SPECIAL ED
TEACHER

Mr. Doty moved to approve the hiring Michele Puntriano and Lori Johnston as Elementary Chess sponsors. No stipend is associated with these positions. Seconded by Mr. Stellhorn. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

M. PUNTRIANO &
LORI JOHNSTON
ELEM CHESS
SPONSORS

Mr. Doty moved to approve the hiring of Angie Knapp as a Title 1 aide from January 2008 through May 2008 at the Elementary School. Seconded by Mrs. Schoenbeck. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Gielow, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

A. KNAPP ELEM
TITLE 1 AIDE

Mr. Doty moved to approve the hiring of Sherry Carnahan as a paraprofessional for a student at the Perandoe Evansville program, to be billed to Sparta CUSD #140. Seconded by Mr. Stellhorn. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

HIRE S. CARNAHAN –
PERANDOE
PARAPROFESSIONAL

Mr. Doty moved to approve the hiring of a paraprofessional for Perandoe to be billed to Red Bud CUSD #132 for a student in the Evansville Program. Seconded by Mr. Stellhorn. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

HIRE
PARAPROFESSIONAL
- PERANDOE

14. Mr. Stellhorn moved to approve the Calendar for 2008-2009 as presented. Policy was set stating the first day of school will always be the third Monday of August and Graduation will always be the Friday before Memorial Day, beginning in 2008. Seconded by Mr. Doty. Roll call vote: Stellhorn, aye; Doty, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stenzel, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

CALENDAR 2008-2009
APPROVED

Mr. Doty moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30. Seconded by Dr. Stenzel. Roll call vote: Doty, aye; Stenzel, aye; Gielow, aye; Schoenbeck, aye; Stellhorn, aye; Uffelmann, aye. No nays. Motion carried.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

President

Secretary