

RED BUD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 132
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SYNOPSIS
January 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gielow at 7:30 p.m.

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

1. Regular and executive session minutes from December 20, 2007
2. Perandoe Minutes, Personnel, and Bills
3. Correspondence
4. Budget Report
5. Graduation for RBHS students to be held the Friday before the Memorial Day Holiday in May each year; which makes Friday, May 23, 2008 the official date this year.

Recognition of Guests

Faculty members from both Elementary and High School were present.

Items of Business:

1. The Title I Improvement Plan required by the State of Illinois was approved for submission into Illinois Interactive Report Card System. Mr. Harsy expressed his gratitude to Mr. Lovel, Mrs. Ringering and the Title I teachers for their work in writing the new plan.
2. The Treasurer's Report for December was approved as presented.
3. The Payment of District Bills for January was approved as presented.
4. The Board approved the Second 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.
5. The Board approved the Resolution Abating Real Estate Taxes on Real Estate owned by Red Bud Industries, Inc. (Note: this is the final year of a five year agreement.)
6. A. The Board approved that the Minutes of Closed Sessions remain closed.
B. The Board approved disposal of the Verbatim Records made of Closed Sessions prior to June 2006.
7. Meal reimbursement guidelines were set effective January 2008 as follows:

<u>Students:</u>	<u>Administrators & Staff:</u>	<u>Board Members:</u>
Breakfast \$ 6.00	Breakfast \$ 8.00	Breakfast \$16.00
Lunch \$ 8.00	Lunch \$16.00	Lunch \$24.00
Dinner \$10.00	Dinner \$24.00	Dinner \$40.00

The mileage reimbursement rate was increased in January 2008 to \$.505. This rate becomes effective immediately for the District.

8. Robert Doty reported the following for the Communications Committee:

The Committee discussed a possible career day next year when individuals from all professions come into the school to talk to kids about different jobs. There were discussions on the school lockdowns. The Elementary has completed their first one and the High School needs to do theirs yet. Administration needs to find ways to explain to the students the importance of the assessment tests and in the process motivate them to do better. The drug dog will be coming into the High School to check lockers and vehicles. The first visit will be announced and after that random visits will be conducted. There will be no criminal charges, but discipline will be handled by Administration. There were discussions on administration coverage in the buildings. If both Principal and Assistant Principal are out of the building for a substantial amount of time, who would make decisions in the case of crisis? A new procedure will be implemented to use in case this type of situation arises using an Administrative Sub. More discussions will be conducted. The District is researching leasing possibilities to update technology at the Elementary building. There were discussions if enrollments increased in either building drastically would there be enough space to house the additional students. The Elementary building has no room for expansion and the High School has some room for growth. More research needs to be done on this issue.

9. Administrators Reports:

High School – Mr. Hall reported the following: Enrollment 401; School Improvement Plan introducing additional testing at the Freshmen and Sophomore levels. The State will pay for these tests; With the beginning of 2008, all doors are locked after the 8:10 morning bell, except for the front Gymnasium door; The school held voter registration for those students turning 18; At the Teacher’s Institute Day, the curriculum mapping software was demonstrated; NHS Scholarships were awarded to Andrew Phegley and Scott Parrott; Mallory Sommer was named Student of the Month.

Elementary - Mr. Lovel reported the following: Enrollment 605; Purchased reading modules for Title I from a grant sponsored by Perandoe Special Education Cooperative; Mrs. Opel and her volunteers raised \$646.00 with the Box Tops for Education; The Elementary building has conducted their first safety check lockdown. The purpose was to introduce the new concept so as not to cause fear in the students and the parents; Congratulations to Ian Heizer for his success at the Spelling Bee; There are many field trips and events going on right now.

District – Mr. Harsy reported the following: He, Randy, and Rodney Nevois made an inspection walk-thru this past week of the Stadium Project. The Board consented to constructing a sidewalk from the concession stand and around the track for an estimated cost of \$4000; The District received a thank you letter from St. John’s Lutheran School for the donation of the bleachers. Mr. Harsy announced that the District was not responsible for the donation. Nevois Construction owned the bleachers and made the donation. Mr. Harsy will forward the letter to Mr. Nevois.

10. Good News!

Elementary – Mr. Lovel reported the following: Shelly Liefer and Rhonda Black will be presenting a talk about using music with math in the elementary classroom at the Carbondale ICTM conference in February; The Boys Basketball Team took second place in the St. Libory Tournament; The Girl’s Basketball Team won the Regional Tournament; The Scholar Bowl has a 4-2 record as of this time for the season.

11. The Board went into Executive Session.

12. Personnel:

The Board hired Patricia Lloyd as a High School Special Education aide for the remaining 2007-2008 school year.

Dave Lucht was hired as High School head softball coach.

Larry Lovel was awarded a new three year contract for Elementary Principal from July 2008 to June 2011.

Mr. Lovel was thanked for his hospitality at the Board of Education Elementary Retreat held on Monday. The High School Retreat will be held in the library on January 24th. The Superintendent's evaluation will be held in the District Office.

The meeting was adjourned.