

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

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gielow.

The agenda for the meeting was approved with the addition of 3 letters of resignation and the approval of the display budget.

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- I. Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2007 Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting
- II. Approval of Perandoe May 17, 2007 Minutes, Personnel, and Bills
- III. Perandoe 2007-2008 Display Budget
- IV. Annual adoption agreement of our Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan
- V. Correspondence:
  1. Thank you letter from Lupus Foundation
- VI. Budget Comparison Report
- VII. Financial Report for FY '07
- VIII. Building Permit for Phase II of Stadium Project July 5, 2007

Correspondence was read by Board Secretary, Robert Doty.

1. Approval was given for the resignation of Drew Schneider as Freshman Boys Basketball coach.
2. Approval was given for the resignation of Betsy Banks George as Elementary teacher.
3. Approval was given for the resignation of Larry Beattie as Assistant Principal at the High School.
4. Approval was given to display the 2007-2008 budget for 30 days prior to the September Board Meeting.

The Boy Scouts were welcomed to the meeting.

- I. Approval was given for the payment of all District bills presented, except for the locker invoice from Bommarito Industrial Sales, Inc. This invoice should be held until installation of the lockers is complete and there are no complications.
- II. The Treasurer's Report for the month of June was approved as presented by Treasurer Jane Liefer.
- III. Approval was given to utilize the legal services of Barney Mundorf and his law firm Doster, Mickes, James, Ullom, Benson, and Guest LLC on a per monthly retainer basis.

#### IV. Administrator's Reports:

1. District, Superintendent Steve Harsy
  - a. There were discussions on the extension of Taylor Street and the bus transportation route. Mr. Lovel will further research.
  - b. The first draft of the 2007-2008 budget was presented. There was discussion on the allocation of the corporate tax revenue.
  - c. Mr. Harsy spoke about the Illinois School Board of Education and the PSAE scores from 2006. Harcourt owes the ISBE money and the issues will not be resolved until the money is received.
  - d. A public notice will be posted in the paper on August 9<sup>th</sup> for the display budget and hearing. The hearing will be posted again on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Perando's hearing will be held at 7:45 on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary School. The District's hearing will be held at 7:45 on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the High School.
  - e. Mr. Harsy invited all the Board Members to the Back to School breakfast on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Nevois Construction will be forwarding the shop drawings to Todd Jones of Mevert Professional within the next two weeks.
  
2. Elementary School, Assistant Principal Mary Ringering
  - a. Mrs. Ringering spoke about the Elementary School Improvement Plan. The Committee, made up of teachers, has determined that the three main areas that they will focus on for this school year are: 1) math, 2) reading, 3) character education, healthy lifestyles, and personal safety. Some of the ways they will try to achieve these goals are as follows: Establish curriculum mapping at certain grade levels, search for new software to focus on specific curriculum areas, create a tutoring list and a tutorial website list, provide additional professional development, develop common terminology charts for all grades to use, schedule more assemblies on character development, promote wellness activities with monthly themes and a "Wellness Day", plan a "Night Under The Stars" fundraiser, recognize students more frequently for behavior, academic performances, and attendance. The Improvement Plan will be evaluated on a monthly basis.
  
3. Elementary School, Principal Larry Lovel
  - a. Mr. Lovel spoke about being "good stewards of the money". After doing a cost benefit analysis and witnessing the Elementary Media Center renovations in progress, he feels the money has been well spent.
  - b. There will be 9 new teachers starting at the Elementary school this fall. There will be a new teacher orientation meeting scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lovel will strive to make the new teachers feel at home.
  - c. The Back to School schedule is progressing as planned. Registration will be July 31<sup>st</sup>. The new sign is currently being manufactured and will be installed before school starts.
  - d. Miriam Hargis - Poston thanked the Board for their support of the library program. She feels she has a great budget and a great bunch of students to work with. She is pleased that the teachers use the Media Center as frequently as they do.

4. Building and Grounds, Director Randy Battas
  - a. Mr. Battas reported that the cleaning and minor repairs for both buildings are on schedule and will be completed and ready for school to begin. All major summer projects are progressing as planned. The work on the Elementary gym floor has not been scheduled yet, but the vendor promises that it will be completed before school begins.
  - b. Mr. Battas reported that there is an obsolete suppression system in the home economics room and the state inspectors stated that it needs to be replaced with a new wet system. Cintas Fire Protection has priced us a system at approximately \$1600. It was stated that Board approval was not necessary for the purchase.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057

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

1. Approval of hiring of Carey Schmeink as Title 1 Reading Teacher at the Elementary School
2. Approval of hiring of Diane Biekert as Physical Education Teacher, Volleyball Coach, and Girls' Track Coach at the Elementary School.
3. Approval of hiring of Lana Taylor as a Teacher's Aide at the Elementary School.
4. Approval of hiring Chad Stolte as a part-time Special Education Teacher's Aide and a Volunteer Football Coach at the High School.

The meeting will be continued on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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July 24, 2007  
Continued meeting from Regular Meeting July 19, 2007

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Mr. Harsy reported that all the needed parts were received to complete the locker project. The Board approved mailing the final check to Bommarito Industrial Sales for the lockers.

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

The Board approved rescinding employment of Kim Brothers as High School Softball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board approved rescinding the employment of Jeff Toenjes as High School Volleyball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board approved the employment of Diane Biekert as High School Volleyball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Harsy asked the Board if he should amend the display budget for 2007-2008 to include additional funds for summer projects. The Board suggested that an additional \$100,000 be added to the display budget for summer projects.

There were discussions on looking for property if the need arises to expand the current school buildings or construct new buildings. Mr. Harsy will make some phone calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.