

RED BUD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 132  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SYNOPSIS  
March 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gielow at 7:00 p.m.

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2008
2. Perandoe Minutes, Personnel, and Bills
3. No correspondence
4. Budget Comparison Report
5. Disposal of Verbatim Records every six months.

Recognition of guests:

Barrett Deist, speaking on behalf of the high school teachers, thanked the Board and Mr. Harsy for the opportunity for a small group of teachers to meet with the two principal candidates. He expressed gratitude to the Board for sharing the vision of a professional learning community and understanding the way to achieve this is through staff collaboration and participation in decision making.

Items of Business:

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report for February.
2. Payment of District Bills for March approved.
3. Transportation Contract Information: No Board action. Steve Harsy, Wes Stellhorn, and Steve Uffelmann will meet again next week with Ralph Dehne.
4. Approval of annual membership in the Illinois High School Association for 2008-2009.
5. Solicitation of bids for custodial supplies and paper products for 2008-2009 was approved.
6. Randy Battas reported on planned summer projects including Elementary projects: division of multi-purpose room, north wing remodeling, north wing hallway ceilings, boys and girls locker rooms, and playground mulch. The only High School project is a new dishwasher for the cafeteria. Estimated cost for the projects is \$168, 508. More discussion will need to be done on the air conditioner roof top units, due to structural issues. Many of the projects are out for bids at this time. Mr. Battas will provide more accurate numbers at the April meeting. Mr. Battas updated the Board on the Stadium Project stating that the fence poles are in and the fence will be installed shortly, the sound system is being ordered, grass seeding will be done in the next few weeks, bleachers are installed and the electric is complete.
7. Health Life Safety

A. Applications numbers 11 and 17 have been approved by the State. These projects are subject to Board consideration after completion of the current Stadium Project as no new funding will be provided under these amendments, but would allow us to spend fund 90 revenues as available for the purposes detailed in the applications.

B. Ten Year Survey presentation by Board Building Committee and discussion by Board for consideration and possible action.

There was no Board action taken on either issue. These items will be discussed at next month's meeting.

8. Approved renewing the Catastrophic Insurance Program with Guaranteed Trust Life Insurance Company for student athletes.

9. Administrators Reports

A. Larry Lovel, Elementary Principal reported the following:

- Enrollment – 607

- Staff survey included topics 1) integration of technology, 2) quality of work, 3) vision for school is clear, 4) staff has school pride, 5) meeting expectations of community. Very favorable results were received.

- Bill Evitts Memorial Plans – a committee has been meeting with suggestions of an engraved wood encased chess set, since he was a chess sponsor or purchasing listening centers for audio books, because of his love of reading. A presentation to the school will be made with the Evitts family in attendance.

- Mr. Lovel complimented Deb Opel and Kathy Mueth for organizing the Club's Choice fundraiser each year. The success of this program is demonstrated with the school purchasing playground equipment estimating between \$25,000 and \$30,000 using funds from this fundraiser.

B. Brad Hall, High School Principal reported the following:

- Enrollment – 400 including 2 new seniors from the Illinois School for the Deaf.

Interpreters will be hired to assist these two students.

- The WYSE Team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Sectionals. Michael Svitak, Angel Ellner, and Alex Martel have advanced to the state level.

- George Schlott from Pearson/ACT spoke to the staff regarding ACT, PLAN, Explore, and WorkKeys tests.

- Okaw funds have been used to purchase Key Train software. It is software that will prepare students for the WorkKeys portion of the PSAE.

- Kevin Cartee was commended for his work on the winter sports banquet.

- Track and softball had their first contests today. Baseball's first game is scheduled for tomorrow.

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ended last Friday and report cards were distributed today.

- Mr. Hall thanked the Board for allowing him to miss the Board meeting last month due to other commitments.

- Mr. Hall expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to have served the Red Bud School District. He will be happy to assist in any way possible to make the transition of a new principal successful.

C. Steve Harsy, Superintendent reported the following:

- The District Improvement Committee continues to meet making much success assisting our school improvement planning processes at RBES and RBHS.

- The FFA asked Mr. Harsy to invite the Board to the banquet scheduled for next Thursday and forward a count of attendance back to them.

10. Good News!

Larry Lovel reported:

- Sarah Bauer placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's Art Contest.
- Volleyball team won consolation at the Cahokia Conference and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Class L State Volleyball Tournament. The B team won the Coulterville Tournament.
- Joyce Carnahan's high school child development class has been working with the Elementary students on projects including silly stories, Illinois history using AG in the classroom, and science experiments.
- High School DARE role models met with fifth grade DARE students.
- Vocal solo and ensembles received 3 first superior ratings, 40 first place ratings and 3 second place ratings at competition.
- The junior high spring dance had over 120 students in attendance.
- Camp Read-A-Lot was conducted with 224 students and parents attending. The guest speaker was storyteller Annette Harrison.
- The 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Quest took second place in the competition sponsored by the Regional Office of Education last month.

11. The Board went in to 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.

12. Personnel

A. New staff

High School Principal – Sara Imhoff will be offered a 3 year contract from 7/1/08 – 6/30/11

Elementary Band Teacher for grades 4-8 – Approval of hiring Matthew Fisher for 2008-2009 school year.

Elementary Math/Language Arts Teacher – Approval of hiring Christopher Miesner for the 2008-2009 school year.

Elementary PE/Health Teacher - No action at this time

B. Honorable dismissal of Aides:

Angie Knapp

Beth Smith

Patricia Lloyd

C. Non-reemployment of non-tenured first year certified staff:

Perandoe Teacher – Chad Stolte

The meeting was adjourned.