REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Trustees  
Crane Independent School District  
Thursday, February 13, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District met on Thursday, February 13, 2014 in regular session with the following members present:

Van Dodd, President                                          Manuel Cadena  
Twilah Ward, Vice-President                                   Wallace Cox  
Lonny Velasquez, Secretary                                    0  
Jessie Gonzalez, Assistant Secretary                          0

Board Member absent was:  
John Cavazos  

Administrators Present were:  
Larry Lee, Superintendent                                      Yolanda Carr, Curriculum Director  
Carlin Grammer, HS Principal                                   Tony Priest, MS Principal  
Lisa Mitchell, Elem Principal                                  Jeff Guelker, Asst Elem Principal  
Glorietta North, Sp Ed Director                                Ken Eudy, Business Manager  
Mendy McCarty, Cafeteria Manager  

Other Guests were:  
Byron Bitner, CCAD Chief Appraiser  
Bill Boyd  
Evelyn Stroder  
Jessica Aguilar  
Kelly Graham  
Justice Cadena  
Josh Smith  
Casey Willis  
Irene Oyoque  
Susan Hill  
Bryshna Solis  
Cody McCutcheon  
Terrance Godette  

Cindy Bitner  
Rocky Ford  
Vonna Johnson  
Andrew R. Aguilar  
Fred Graham  
Michael Cadena  
Daisy Smith  
Hudson Willis  
Fabian Oyoque  
Chris Hill  
Jess Solis  
Angela Quintera

Kelly Lee  
Jim Fish  
Shelli Morgan  
Hannah Graham  
Bailey Graham  
Grace Smith  
Jaxon Willis  
Lilly Oyoque  
Morgan Hill  
Natalie Bernard  
Trent McCutcheon  
Misty Godette

Item 1  Mr. Dodd, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  

Item 2  Ken Eudy gave the invocation and the Pledges of Allegiance were recited by all.  

Item 3  Visitors were recognized.
Item 4  Public Forum.
No public comment.

Item 5  District Highlight.
Elementary Science Teacher Shelli Morgan introduced her 5th grade Science class who then gave five separate presentations on alternative energy. Topics explored were wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal and biofuels.

Item 6  Special Presentation Bill Boyd Kermit ISD.
Kermit Superintendent Bill Boyd and two of his administrators Rocky Ford and Jim Fish presented retiring Superintendent Lee and his secretary Vonna Johnson with gifts of appreciation for their many years of service to children and their education.

Item 7  Appreciation Announcement by Board to Ken Eudy and Melinda McCarty.
Board President Dodd stated that he would like for the minutes to reflect his sincere appreciation to Ken Eudy and Melinda McCarty for their superior assistance during our superintendent interview process. This help was a vital part of this process, and helped to provide a positive image of Crane ISD. The Board unanimously concurred with this statement.

Item 9  Introduction of new Crane County Chief Appraiser Byron Bitner
Superintendent Lee introduced our new Crane County Chief Appraiser Byron Bitner. Mr. Bitner explained his background and then gave an overview of the workings of the property appraisal system.

Item 8  Engage audit firm to perform 2013-2014 financial audit.
Van Dodd moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to engage the firm of Eckert & Company, L.L.P. from San Angelo, TX to conduct our state-required financial audit for the 2013-2014 school year. Adopted unanimously.

Item 10  Academic Performance Report including public comment.
Curriculum Director Carr explained that the AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report has now been replaced with the TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report). She reported that the district "met standards" in all areas. Elementary met all safeguards while Middle School had concerns in Social Studies and High School had concerns in Writing. She stated that the concern areas do not point to good teachers becoming bad teachers but rather the state standards have changed dramatically in these areas. She concluded by stating that all teachers in the state are having to make adjustments due to these new standards in TAPR.

Item 11  Crane ISD Calendar for 2014-2015 school year.
Board President Dodd requested that after visiting with our lone finalist for Superintendent, he would like to wait until March to adopt the calendar. No action taken.
Item 12  Consider adjusting regular March Board Meeting due to spring break. Superintendent Lee recommended changing the regular March Board Meeting scheduled during our Spring Break on March 13 to one week later on March 20. Twilah Ward moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to change the regular March Board Meeting to Thursday March 20. Adopted unanimously.

Item 13  Administrative Reports
   a.  Upcoming Events
   b.  Place 4 Region 18 Board of Directors
   c.  Scheduled Program Access Review visit.

   a.  Upcoming Events:
      • There will be a HS Girls Basketball area playoff here tomorrow.
      • New district alignments have been issued by UIL. Our new designation will be 4-3A. The new football district will include Crane, Grape Creek, Sonora, Reagan County, Alpine and TLC-San Angelo (a charter school). The new basketball district will be Crane, Presidio, Alpine, Kermit and Tornillo. All other sports and literary districts will be decided at a later time.
      • Coronation/Prom will be this Saturday night.
      • Our next board meeting will be February 27.
      • A successful Facility Committee meeting was held in our board room yesterday.

   b.  Place 4 Region 18 Board of Directors. Superintendent Lee requested that input be given to him regarding anyone from our area who may be interested in serving on their board.

   c.  Scheduled Program Access Review visit. The Performance Based Monitoring Analysis system has triggered a TEA Program Access Review in two areas: CTE (Career Technical Education) and Special Education. Superintendent Lee reported that this visit will take place May 5 - 7.

Item 14  Executive Session to include:
   a.  Personnel - discuss, appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal, of an employee under Gov. Code Sec. 551.074.

President Dodd ordered the board to adjourn into executive session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code chapter 551.074 for the purpose of discussing personnel. Time: 8:24 p.m. President Dodd ordered the executive session closed and the regular session be resumed at 9:30 p.m. He also stated that no items of business were conducted in the
executive session.

Item 15  Contracts
a. High school principal, middle school principal, elementary principal, curriculum director, business manager, athletic director, technology director, special education director.
b. Network technicians.

Superintendent Lee recommended to extend the multi-year administrative term contract for Carlin Grammer through the 2015-2016 school year. Van Dodd moved, seconded by Manuel Cadena, to take no action on the High School Principal's contract at this time. Adopted unanimously.

Superintendent Lee recommended to extend the multi-year administrative term contract for Tony Priest through the 2015-2016 school year. Van Dodd moved, seconded by Twilah Ward, to take no action on the Middle School Principal's contract at this time. Adopted unanimously.

Superintendent Lee recommended to extend the multi-year administrative term contract for Lisa Mitchell through the 2015-2016 school year. Van Dodd moved, seconded by Manuel Cadena, to take no action on the Elementary School Principal's contract at this time. Adopted unanimously.

Van Dodd moved, seconded by Jessie Gonzalez, to accept Superintendent Lee's recommendation to offer a multi-year term contract as Curriculum Director to Yolanda Carr through the 2015-2016 school year. Adopted unanimously.

Van Dodd moved, seconded by Wallace Cox, to accept Superintendent Lee's recommendation to extend the one-year term contract of Ken Eudy, Jimmy Heath and Glorietta North through the 2014-2015 school year. Adopted unanimously.

Van Dodd moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to accept Superintendent Lee's recommendation to extend the dual multi-year term contract for Naldo Esparza through the 2015-2016 school year. Adopted unanimously.

Van Dodd moved, seconded by Twilah Ward, to accept Superintendent Lee’s recommendation to extend the one year non-chapter 21 contract to the following Network Technicians for the 2014-2015 school year: Michael Schaffer and Thomas Valenzuela. Adopted unanimously.

Item 16  Hiring of Professional Staff.
No action taken.

Item 17  Consent Agenda to include:
a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
b. Finance report and current bills.

Business Manager Eudy went over the 2013-14 recapture (Robin Hood) payments that are starting this month and will continue through August. Along with TEA, we will be sharing funds this year with five partner districts: Comanche, Fort Hancock, Como-Pickton, Rivercrest and Saltillo. Lonny Velasquez moved, seconded by Wallace Cox, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Item 18  Accept Phase II Building Project.
Superintendent Lee reported that the Elementary Phase 2 construction project is complete and according to Local Board Policy CV final payment cannot be released until the Board has accepted the work. Manuel Cadena moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to accept the Elementary Phase 2 construction project as complete. Adopted unanimously.

Item 19  Future agenda items.
No action taken.

Item 20  Van Dodd moved, seconded by Lonny Velasquez, to adjourn the meeting. Adopted unanimously. Time: 9:45 p.m.