

**PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2007

Tracy Brengard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the PSD Administration Building. Danny Rice gave the invocation. Other members present were Patty Camp, Barry Bateman, Keith Crook, and Danny Rice.

Others present were: Aaron Hosman, Superintendent; Ann Tritch, District Treasurer; Karla Blackwood, Director of Instruction; Richard Shelby, Deputy Superintendent; Jennifer Thompson, Daily Press reporter; Holly Sullivan and Ann Kidd, Paragould High School teachers; Pam Beach, Paragould High School math teacher; and Lynn Respass, Superintendent's Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Danny Rice to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes
January 15, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Payment of Bills
- School Choice

INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

There were no individuals to be presented to the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hosman announced that Ready, Set, Go; the first grade program for those struggling in kindergarten; and the second grade program for those struggling in first grade will be held July 30 through August 10.

Also, credit recovery for high school students has been moved from evening hours to 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon after concerns were raised by parents and students. There are currently forty-five students enrolled who will take classes in math, English, or biology.

TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION

Pam Beach, math teacher at Paragould High School, introduced the district's InterWrite Pad to the board. The new software/hardware allows more freedom in the classrooms for teachers as well as a link from teachers to parents. It has become an important learning/teaching tool, because students are able to interact directly with the teacher.

TEST SCORES

Karla Blackwood, Director of Instruction, stated that norm reference testing will begin on March 12 and will continue until the end of April and that school report cards will be available soon. She noted that all scores have increased and have exceeded the state's average with the exception of sixth grade math. Mrs. Blackwood said that all persons involved administrators, teachers, and students have worked diligently to help the district move away from our school improvement status.

DISTRICT BUDGETS

Dr. Hosman spoke of the current budget and the financial situation of the school sites. He is confident with the budget and where the sites are at present time in relation to their budget balances. Dr. Hosman will be visiting with principals soon to discuss their status.

COMPUTER BIDS

Vernon DuBar, Assistant Technology Coordinator, solicited bids for eighty-eight computers. Bids presented are as follows:

- Bytespeed - \$96,712.00
- NEASEM - \$107,705.75
- Millenium 3 - \$86,469.63
- Gateway - \$95,241.54

Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Ron Kingston to accept the low bid of Millenium 3 in the amount of \$86,469.63 for eight-eight computers. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Patty Camp to reemploy all administrators as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Danny Rice to accept the resignations as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded by Ron Kingston to employ those as listed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Patty Camp that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)