

**PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

BOARD MEETING – APRIL 16, 2007

Tracy Brengard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the PSD Administration Building. Greg Graham gave the invocation. Other members present were Patty Camp, Keith Crook, Ron Kingston, Barry Bateman 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; Linda Glickert, Ginger Lequieu, and Betty Liddell, Advanced Learning Program teachers; Kim Simpson, Oak Grove Elementary teacher; Jaime Freeman, S21C employee, Vicki Shelby, Director of School of the 21st Century; an ASU student; Jack Truemper, Stephens, Inc.; and Lynn Respass, Superintendent's Secretary. Arriving late were two reporters for KAIT News in Jonesboro.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes
March 19, 2007 – Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Payment of Bills
- School Choice

INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

Dr. Hosman welcomed Linda Glickert, Betty Liddell, Ginger Lequieu, Kim Simpson and Jennifer Thompson to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hosman announced that there will be a retiree reception at the Central Office on May 21st from 3:30 to 5:00. All board members were invited to come.

Arkansas School Board Association will host "Critical Issues" on May 10th in Little Rock. All board members were encouraged to attend.

ADVANCED LEARNING PROGRAM

Linda Glickert, ALP teacher at the secondary complex, presented the board with information regarding the Advanced Learning Program in the district. She explained how the program works and how national and state standards affect our program. Ms. Glickert noted that administrators, teachers, students, parents, and patrons need to be involved in the program to help identify strengths and weaknesses. Ms. Glickert was very complementary to Ms. Lequieu and Ms. Liddell for their efforts at the elementary and middle schools.

RESTRUCTURING DEBT

Jack Truemper of Stephens, Inc. presented information to the board on restructuring bond debt and presented them with an application to be submitted to the Department of Education for approval. Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Barry Bateman to submit an application for permit to issue bonds to restructure July 1, 2003 A taxable bonds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Patty Camp to allow Stephens, Inc. to bid on bonds issued to restructure 2003A taxable bond.. Motion carried.

INFANT-TODDLER

Vicki Shelby, Director of School of the 21st Century, spoke to the board of closing the infant-toddler program at her site. Because the program has lost money over the last few years, it simply cannot continue because of standards implemented. Closing the program will also help to expand the current pre-school program, making it more efficient and effective. Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Patty Camp to discontinue the infant/toddler program at School of the 21st Century as of June 30, 2007. Motion carried.

BIDS FOR SERVERS

Bids were solicited for servers for Oak Grove Middle School, Baldwin Elementary and Woodrow Wilson. Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Danny Rice to accept the bid of IS Corporation, a state-contracted vendor, in the amount of \$15,500.66 for the three servers. Motion carried.

BIDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Playground Committee which is composed of principals, a board member, and Parent/Teacher Organization presidents solicited bids for new playground equipment for Woodrow Wilson, Baldwin Elementary, and Oak Grove Middle School. Bids presented are as follows:

- Miracle Recreation Equipment Company - \$92,349.00
- Southwest Parks and Recreation - \$75,898.27

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Ron Kingston to accept the low bid of Southwest Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$75,898.27. Motion carried.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Karla Blackwood, Director of Curriculum, presented the board with information regarding textbooks for the science curriculum. Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded by Barry Bateman to accept the following textbooks from the state-adopted list:

- K-4 Supplemental: Wright Group/National Geographic
- OGMS Grade 5: Scott Foresman
- OGMS Grade 6: Scott Foresman
- PJHS Grade 7: Glencoe
- PJHS Grade 8: Prentice Hall
- PHS Biology, Physical Science, Anatomy and AP Physics: Prentice Hall
- PHS Geology, Astronomy: Thomson
- PHS Chemistry: McDougal Littell
- PHS Physical Science and Environmental Science: Holt Rinehart Winston

Motion carried.

MODEL POLICY SERVICE AGREEMENT

The model policy service agreement is a contract with the Arkansas School Board Association that will convey model policies to the district after legislative sessions. Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Keith Crook to enter in to the model policy service agreement with the ASBA over a three-year period for an amount of \$3,300.00. Motion carried.

THEME SCHOOLS

Dr. Hosman presented the idea of theme schools for the elementary schools to the board. Teachers at each elementary school will collaborate to find unique ways of implementing

“themes” at each of the three elementary schools. The theme of each school will bring focus to that school for field trips, speakers, etc.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Keith Crook to accept the resignations as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Danny Rice to employ those as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Danny Rice and seconded by Keith Crook to reassign those as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded by Patty Camp not to renew contracts for the 2007-2008 school year as listed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Ron Kingston that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)