

**PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD MEETING – APRIL 21, 2008**

Danny Rice called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the PSD Administration Building. Tim Coy gave the invocation. Other members present were Greg Graham and Ron Kingston. Members absent were Barry Bateman, Keith Crook, and Sam McHaney.

Others present were: Aaron Hosman, Superintendent; Ann Tritch, District Treasurer; Karla Blackwood, Director of Instruction; Richard Shelby, Deputy Superintendent; Frank Witowski, Daily Press reporter; Carol Croy, Technology Coordinator; Ann Kidd, PHS teacher; Holly Sullivan, PHS teacher; Mike Newsom, bus shop supervisor and driver; Wynell Wess, bus driver; Ruth Steward, PHS teacher; Linda Mobley, band booster member; Terry Hoggard, PJHS band director; Will Sawyer, band student; Kim Danley, Oak Grove Middle School principal; Donna Singleton, Oak Grove Elementary/Middle School assistant principal; Brian Muldrow, Regional Director of the American Heart Association; Susan Elizando, Vice-President of the youth sector of the American Heart Association; and Lynn Respass, Superintendent's Secretary.

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Greg Graham to amend the agenda and omit item 11, Elementary Science Lab Bids, and add item 13, 2008-2009 School Calendar. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

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

Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Ron Kingston to employ those as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Tim Coy to renew the contracts of the classified staff as listed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Tim Coy to reassign those as listed. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Ron Kingston to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes  
March 17, 2008 – Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Payment of Bills
- School Choice

Ann Kidd, PHS teacher, asked for permission to approach the board. Dr. Hosman said that policy stated that a request of such must be submitted at least ten days prior to the board meeting. Therefore, her request to approach the board was denied.

## **INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS**

Dr. Hosman welcomed Brian Muldrow and Susan Elizando, American Heart Association representatives to the board meeting. At that time, they presented plaques to Baldwin Elementary, Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, and Oak Grove Middle School for the hard work performed by students over the last few years to raise money for the awareness of heart disease.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Hosman stated that the district will receive monetary assistance for equipment for the high school for distant learning. Hopefully, this will allow ACT prep courses and Spanish classes, to name a few, to be available to students.

Also, the district will be receiving a grant that will bring the EAST lab to Oak Grove Middle School. This will be consistent with the theme school implementation.

## **BAND UNIFORM BIDS**

Bids were solicited for 150 uniforms for the high school band students; Terry Hoggard and Will Sawyer presented the bids and uniform. Bids were as follows:

- Stanbury - \$47,400.00
- Band Hall - \$49,650.00

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Greg Graham to accept the bid of Stanbury in the amount of \$47,400.00 for 150 uniforms. Motion carried.

## **OUT-OF-STATE TRIP**

Dr. Hosman recommended that the board grant permission for Major Bob DeBrosse and the JROTC cadets to attend an out-of-state trip to Nevada, MO June 1 – June 6 for summer camp. Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Ron Kingston to allow Major DeBrosse and his cadets to attend the out-of-state trip. Motion carried.

## **TECHNOLOGY PLAN APPROVAL**

Carol Croy, Technology Coordinator, presented the technology plan for approval. The plan includes adding an EAST lab at Oak Grove Middle School, a distant learning program at Paragould High School, and personnel as needed. Because GradeQuick and E-Rate will be affected by this plan, an upgrade in the infrastructure will be necessary and will hopefully connect all sites together, making trouble-shooting easier. Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Tim Coy to approve the technology plan as presented. Motion carried.

## **THEME SCHOOL UPDATE**

According to Dr. Hosman, a second message regarding theme schools has been aired on cable television as well as the RAM channel. He was also pleased with the outcome of the parent survey that was sent home with students regarding the parents' wishes for after-school programs at the respective schools. The theme school committees will once again meet to determine age-appropriate activities to be offered to students.

A second letter has been sent to parents regarding their desires on which school to send their children to. Personal contact will be made with all parents who want their children to attend a different elementary school. Also, the students will be prioritized according to the following factors:

1. their current school,
2. those starting kindergarten,
3. those who live in PSD but wish to attend a different elementary school, and
4. those who live in other districts but are "choicing" in to the PSD.

Registration will be held on May 2. By the end of the school year, things should be in place for next year.

## **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

Dr. Hosman interviewed three construction managers for the re-roof projects to take place this summer at the junior and senior high schools. Per state regulations, each manager had to submit annual statements of qualifications and performance data, their current job load, and work performed in the state. During the interview Dr. Hosman

interrogated the managers regarding their experience and technical competence, the capability of the firm to perform the work, and the firm's proximity to and familiarity with the area. Dr. Hosman also checked recommendations of other clients in determining the best qualified firm to perform the job. Managers interviewed include the following:

1. Baldwin and Shell,
2. Nabholz, and
3. Ramson's.

Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Ron Kingston to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and use Baldwin and Shell as the construction manager for projects. Motion carried.

### **2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Tim Coy to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Tim Coy was nominated to serve on the Teacher of the Year Committee and represent the Board of Directors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Greg Graham that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

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