

**PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

BOARD MEETING –JULY 17, 2006

Greg Graham, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the PJHS Library. Ron Kingston gave the invocation. Other board members present were Keith Crook, Patty Camp, Barry Bateman, and Danny Rice.

Others present were: Aaron Hosman, Superintendent; Karla Blackwood, Director of Instruction; Ann Tritch, District Treasurer; Dub Wood, representative from Turner Dairies; Mike Carter, Oak Grove Elementary Principal; Kim Danley, Oak Grove Middle School Principal; James Brittingham, Paragould Junior High School Principal; Kevin Gill, Paragould High School Asst. Principal; Brandon Harris, Daily Press reporter; 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
June 12, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Payment of Bills
- 2006-2007 School Choice

INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

Dr. Hosman welcomed Brandon Harris, Daily Press reporter, and Dub Wood, Turner Dairies representative, to the board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hosman announced that the Ready Set Go program is averaging 105 children a day; there are 75 students enrolled in SAFARI. The first grade program designed for those who struggled last year in 1st grade is averaging 50 children a day. Dr. Hosman also stated that he is very pleased with the turnouts.

The new administration building is nearing completion. Dr. Hosman hopes to be moved in the third week in August.

HANDBOOK CHANGES

The following principals presented student handbook revisions:

- Elementary schools - Mr. Mike Carter – Oak Grove Elementary principal
- Middle school - Ms. Kim Danley – Oak Grove Middle School principal
- Junior high - Mr. James Brittingham – Paragould Junior High School principal
- High school - Mr. Kevin Gill – Paragould High School assistant principal

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Barry Bateman to accept the revisions in the elementary schools, middle school, junior high school, and high school student handbooks. Motion carried.

DUGOUT PROJECTS

Bids were solicited for new dugouts for the baseball and softball fields. Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded by Barry Bateman to accept the bid of Hartsfield in the amount of \$21,000.00 for carpentry, roofing, and siding. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Keith Crook to accept the bid of Allen Engineering in the amount of \$42,608.00 for concrete and masonry. Ron Kingston voted “nay”, and all others present voted “yea”.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY

In order to stay competitive with other school districts and employ quality subs, Dr. Hosman recommended increasing substitute teacher pay. Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Keith Crook to increase classified substitute pay from \$6.00 per hour to \$6.25 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Keith Crook to increase the pay of substitutes for certified teachers from \$50.00 per day to \$60.00 per day and from \$50.00 per day to \$75.00 per day for substitutes who hold a current, valid Arkansas teacher’s license. Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Ron Kingston to approve the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried.

ARKANSAS COUNSELING AGREEMENT

Arkansas Counseling Associates provides professional mental/behavioral health services to students. As part of their services, they provide a professional staff of therapists, case managers, and techs to help with programs such as Jump Start. Dr. Hosman stated that this is a free program, and there is a good relationship between our district and Arkansas Counseling Associates. Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Patty Camp to enter into a contract with Arkansas Counseling Associates. Motion carried.

LASER PRINTER/SOFTWARE/FOLDER

Ann Tritch, District Treasurer, solicited bids for printer, software, and folder that would print, stuff, and address checks, cutting down on time and money spent each month to prepare payroll and accounts payable checks. Bids received were the following:

- Source4 - \$10,215.00 for software and hardware
- AP Technology - \$7,670.00 for software only

Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Danny Rice to accept the low bid of Source4 in the amount of \$10,215.00. Motion carried.

MILK AND BREAD BIDS

Cheryl McMurtry, Food Service Director, solicited bids for the milk and bread requirements for the district for the 2006-2007 school year. Bids presented are as follows:

- Milk: Turner Dairies
- Bread: Flowers Baking Co. and Interstate Brands Corporation

Motion was made by Danny Rice and seconded by Patty Camp to accept the bid of Turner Dairies for milk products and Interstate Brands Corporation for bread products. Motion carried.

PHYSICAL THERAPY/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTRACT

In the past the school district has used Therapy Counts as the provider of physical/occupational therapy, and Kelly Colbert, Director of Special Education, has been very pleased with them. Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Patty Camp to use Therapy Counts for physical/occupational therapy. Motion carried.

CANOPY BIDS

Bids were solicited for the construction of a canopy at Woodrow Wilson Elementary. Bids received were the following:

- Robinson Industrial Contractors - \$19,500.00
- Cross Custom Siding, Inc. - \$24,433.04
- Lacy Welding - \$18,200.00

Motion was made by Ron Kingston and seconded by Patty Camp to accept the low bid of Lacy Welding in the amount of \$18,200.00. Motion carried

PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH DAWSON EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

Dr. Hosman proposed that the district enter into an agreement with Dawson Educational Cooperative to purchase items through the Texas-Arkansas Purchasing System (TAPS). Dr. Hosman stated that there was a tremendous list of vendors, and the district would qualify for great discounts. Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Ron Kingston to enter into an agreement with the Dawson Educational Cooperative. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Keith Crook to name the Superintendent as Ex-Officio Financial Secretary for 2006-2007 and to name the principals as Co-Custodians of School Activity Funds for 2006-2007. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Keith Crook to accept resignations of the following:

- Ms. Judy Holaway – Bus Driver – PSD
- Ms. Laura Pope – Special Education Teacher – PJHS
- Ms. Karen Snyder – Oral Communications Teacher – PHS
- Ms. Shelley Brinkley – Aide – S21C
- Ms. Kelli Willis – Teacher – S21C

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Barry Bateman and seconded by Danny Rice to employ the following:

- Ms. Vicki Kunau – Social Studies Teacher – PHS
- Ms. Dianne Skelton - Special Education Teacher – PJHS
- Ms. Danielle Robertson – Oral Communications Teacher – PHS
- Ms. Stephanie Hancock – “Ready, Set, Go” Teacher – S21C (Baldwin)
- Ms. Alesia Malone – Aide – S21C
- Ms. Crystal Faber – Teacher – S21C
- Mr. Matthew Dalke - Math Teacher – PJHS

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Patty Camp and seconded by Keith Crook that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried.

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)