

**PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 18, 2008

Barry Bateman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the PSD Administration Building. Greg Graham gave the invocation. Other members present were Tim Coy, Keith Crook and Danny Rice and Sam McHaney.

Others present were: Aaron Hosman, Superintendent; Ann Tritch, District Treasurer; Karla Blackwood, Director of Curriculum; Richard Shelby, Deputy Superintendent; Frank Witowski, Daily Press reporter; David Summitt, parent and Angie Johnson, Superintendent's Secretary.

PERSONNEL

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes
 - July 17, 2008 – Regular Meeting
 - August 5, 2008 – Special-Called Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Payment of Bills
- School Choice

INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

David Summitt, parent, spoke to the board concerning the Superintendents decision to sign a “changing school athletic participation” form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hosman reported that the district had a good, smooth first day of school. Attendance was up from last year, he expects it to continue to increase over the next few weeks. Teachers were very excited to start the year and parents were very pleased with all the changes that have been made.

THEME SCHOOL UPDATE

Theme schools are where we should be to start the school year.

TEST SCORES 2007-2008

Karla Blackwood reported that the district's test scores for the 2007-2008 school year showed over all gains. Teachers are doing a wonderful job. Ms. Blackwood also reported that 11th graders will be able to take the ACT on a voluntary bases at no charge.

SOFTWARE RENEWAL

Dr. Hosman recommended that the board renew the software agreement for Juvenile Education Initiative, JEdI, a web-based tutorial program. Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded Tim Coy to renew the software agreement with Impact Education for the JEdI program in the amount of \$11,931.00. Motion carried.

BUS BIDS

Richard Shelby, Deputy Superintendent, solicited bids for one 71-passenger school bus. Bids presented were as follows:

- Merls Bus Sales - \$74,400.00
- Blue Bird- \$77,985.00

Motion was made by Greg Graham and seconded by Greg Graham to accept the low bid from Merls Bus Sales in the amount of \$74,400.00 (each) for two 71-passenger school buses. Motion carried.

RETIRE FIXED ASSETS

Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded by Tim Coy to retire the fixed assets as listed. Motion carried.

PROPOSALS FROM THEME SCHOOLS ACTIVITY PROVIDERS

Motion was by Greg Graham and seconded by Tim Coy to accept the proposals as listed for Outside Providers for theme schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Keith Crook and seconded by Tim Coy that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried.

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)