

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Sudan Independent School District

August 13, 2007

The School Board of the Sudan Independent School District met in regular session at 7:30 P.M., August 13th, 2007, in the Sudan Independent School District's Administrative Office with the following present:

Pam Maxwell, President
Greg Lance, Vice President
Brent Nelson, Secretary
Greg Harper

Craig Doty
Jarrol Layton
Mitch Chester

Also Present: Buddy Lowrance, Superintendent
Bryan Davis, High School Principal
Bo Lance, Elementary Principal
Chris Larson, David Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Pam Maxwell. Invocation was given by Greg Lance.

The minutes of the previous meeting/meetings were approved as presented.

The Superintendent's financial report was given through July 31st, 2007 and approved as presented.

The tax report revealed \$4,807,435.96 total collections through July 31st, 2007.

Davis Wood, member of Sudan Booster Club, addressed the board about concerns with the football field house and the possibility of building a new one.

Mr. Lowrance reported to the board on the TEA Accreditation ratings for 2006-07. The Elementary Campus was rated as Recognized, High School Campus rated as Recognized, and the District was rated as Recognized. The school board expressed their appreciation to the staff, students and their parents for the hard work and dedication that went to achieving these outstanding ratings.

Mr. Lowrance reported to the board the need to change the site for the Discipline AEP from Olton to Littlefield. Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance motion by Mitch Chester seconded by Craig Doty to approve changing the site for the Discipline AEP from Olton ISD to Littlefield. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Greg Harper, seconded by Jarrol Layton to approve joining the STAR Texas organization for 2007-2008. The organization helps school districts who have large numbers of transfer students work with the TEA guidelines. Cost of membership is \$1000. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Lowrance reviewed with the board the payment for unused sick leave for Mr. Troyer who retired earlier this year. Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance motion by Brent Nelson, seconded by Greg Lance to approve payment for 50 days of unused sick leave at a rate of \$107.26/day for a total of \$5363. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed the TASB/TASA convention to be held in Dallas on September 27-30. The flights and hotel arrangements have been made and each board member would be registered for the convention in the near future.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Jarrol Layton and seconded by Craig Doty to appoint Paula Ford to calculate the 2007 affective and rollback tax rates for Sudan ISD. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Greg Harper and seconded by Craig Doty to certify the anticipated debt collections rate for 2007 at 98%. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Brent Nelson and seconded by Jarrol Layton to certify the 2006 appraisal roll of \$365,898,563 as presented by the Lamb County Appraisal District. Motion carried 7-0.

The board set the following meetings for budget and tax rate discussions: Tuesday, August 28st at 7:30 PM and Thursday, August 30th at 7:30 PM.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Jarrol Layton seconded by Greg Lance to adopt the 2007-08 appraisal calendar as follows: Teacher appraisals are to be conducted on/or after 9/7/07 and on/or before 2/29/08. The summative conferences will be conducted between 3/3/08 and 5/1/08. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance motion by Mitch Chester seconded by Greg Lance to join the Small Rural School Finance Coalition for 2007-08 at a cost of \$11,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Greg Harper and seconded by Craig Doty to approve the Sudan ISD Student Code of conduct for 2007-08 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Mitch Chester, and seconded by Greg Lance to make a \$1500 donation to the Sudan Opportunity Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Craig Doty, seconded by Brent Nelson to accept resignation, due to retirement, for Buddy Lowrance as of June 30, 2008. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Lowrance reviewed with the board the 2007-08 financial templates as provided by TEA. These templates reflected the changes created by HB 1.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance motion by Jarrol Layton and seconded by Greg Lance to amend the 2006-07 budget as follows:

181-36-6499-00-001-7-91000	from \$125,000 to \$140,000
181-36-6499-00-001-7-99000	from \$100,000 to \$115,000
199-33-6399-00-999-7-99000	from \$2,000 to \$5,000
599-00-5711-00-000-7-00000	to \$320,000
599-71-6511-00-999-7-99000	to \$311,650
699-81-6629-00-999-7-99000	to \$350,000

Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Greg Harper and seconded by Mitch Chester to approve addendum to employment contracts dealing with receiving incentive pay under subchapters N or O of Chapter 21 of the Texas Education Code. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Lowrance, motion by Brent Nelson and seconded by Craig Doty to allow employees who have health insurance coverage provide through their spouse's insurance to opt out of TRS active care and be given an allowance of \$1800. per year in lieu of the school providing them with an insurance allowance. This would be on a year to year basis and would be for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Lance reported that the back to school night will be on Tuesday, September 4th at 6 PM. He also gave a summary of the beginning of school.

Mr. Davis reported on various upcoming school activities, projected enrollment and reported on the use of a trainer for the football games.

Mr. Lowrance reviewed with the board new transfers to the district, staff development and updated the board on summer projects.

Benediction was given by Brent Nelson.

Motion by Mitch Chester and seconded by Craig Doty to adjourn at 10:35 P.M. Motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary