

Press Release August 18, 2008

Prior to last night's regular board meeting, new employees were welcomed at a 6:15pm reception. Those attending were Staci Conat, Wendy Hoagland, Molly Mendenhall, Tracy Zehner, Eli Coulter, Karen Sainer, Jennifer McKee, Michelle Snow, Sarah Lemond, Stacey Johnson, Julie Dickerson, Chris Jansen, Jonathan Cook, David Forbes, Alissa Wayman, Tanya Pfeifer, Kate Maurer, Courtney Britton, Kourtney Blank, and Shawn Lewis.

Mike Vezzetti, CUSD #2 Investment Advisor with Centru Bank was present at the board meeting last night to provide an annual report of investments of CUSD #2. He reported for the fiscal year end 6/30/2008, Unit #2's account had an investment gain of \$128,571 which includes accrued income. The beginning balance was \$1,614,893 and there were contributions of \$5,390,269 and distributions of \$5,145,005. The 6/30/2008 ending market value is \$1,999,363. The average monthly distribution is \$428,750. Total return on the account for this fiscal year was 3.80% verses the one-year ending return on the comparable benchmark of 0.3%. Vezzetti stated the economy is in need for improving.

The following action was taken at last night's board meeting:

- A *proposed* 2008/2009 budget was presented by Treasurer Cindy Beard – the board approved displaying the *proposed* budget at the central office for 30 days and approved changing the September board meeting date to September 22nd as well in order to display the budget for the required 30 days after last night's meeting. Anyone wanting to view the budget may come to the central office during office hours for the next 30 days while it is on display.
- Approved an annual agreement to establish working procedures between CUSD #2 and ERBA Head Start to insure the provision of services to preschool children (ages 3-5) eligible for special education in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations.
- Approved a change in the **RHS** grading scale to be 100-90 =A, 89-80 =B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D. This was done for the purpose of Robinson High School being a more fair academic playing field when applying for college admission, scholarships, etc.
- The non-credit status on student attendance revision was tabled until a later date.
- Two tracts of land by NMS will be advertised for bids beginning on Friday August 22nd
- Board Member Leslie Swaner had the 1938 "Time Capsule" with the contents at last night's board meeting for all to view. Her father, Shorty Clements was the class member who opened the capsule at Saturday morning's gathering.
- **Approved the following PERSONNEL ACTION:**
- **Employments for the 2008/2009 school year:**
 - **RHS:**
 - Tanya Pfeifer – RHS Business
 - Tammy Tennyson – RHS Cook's Helper
 - **NMS:**
 - Stacey Johnson – NMS Technology

LGS:

Michelle Snow – LGS Lunchroom Supervisor
Jennifer Fritch – LGS Lunchroom Supervisor
Tina Blair – LGS Cook’s Helper (full time)
Jodie Richart – LGS Title I Reading Aide

WGS:

Kasey Waldrop – WGS Kindergarten Teacher
Tracy Zehner – WGS 1st Grade Teacher
Molly Mendenhall – WGS 1st Grade Teacher
Amy Beard – WGS Kindergarten Aide

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Staci Conat – Get-Set Teacher
Amber Brown – CAP paraprofessional @ 26 hrs per week for as long as needed this school year

- **The following teacher aides, reading aides, computer aides and lunch/breakfast supervisors were re-hired at last night’s meeting:**

- **WGS:**

- Rhonda Kimmel, Kindergarten Aide
- Jodie VanWinkle, Kindergarten Aide
- Teri Adams, Kindergarten Aide
- Cara Kirk, Computer Aide
- Amy Danks, Kindergarten Aide
- Penny Deckard, Reading Aide
- Lynn Koester, Kindergarten Aide
- Lorenetta Phillippe, Lunchroom Supervisor
- Faye Tracy, Lunchroom Supervisor
- Dana Poston, Reading Aide
- Kathy Richart, Lunchroom Supervisor

- **LGS:**

- Darlene McQuaid, LGS Cafeteria
- Laura Richart, Reading Aide
- Barb Riggs, Reading Aide
- Judy Bruner, Reading Aide
- Bobbi Christine, Reading Aide

- **NMS:**

- Diane York, PE Aide
- Judy Slocum, AYP Aide (8th grade)
- Gina Sinclair, AYP Aide (6th grade)
- Sherry Bopp, AYP Aide (7th grade)

- **RHS:**

- Brent Nehls, PE Aide
- Lori McMillan, Lunchroom Supervisor
- Kathy Richart, RHS Band aide

- **Resignations accepted:**
 - Corey Culp – RHS Business and RHS Head Girls Track Coach effective immediately
 - Sheryl Brummer – RHS Business Teacher effective July 31, 2008
 - Michelle Pinkston – WGS 1st Grade Teacher effective August 16, 2008
 - Bill Hoffman – NMS Custodian effective August 25, 2008
 - Linda Brush – LGS Cook’s Helper effective August 31, 2008

- **Leave of Absence:**

A leave of absence was approved for Molly Mendenhall for approximate leave date of September 5, 2008 with approximate return date as October 20, 2008

- **The following extra curricular positions were approved at last night’s board meeting:**
 - Karen Sainer – Elementary Music Stipend (\$1,768)
 - Brenda Graham – Elementary Music Stipend (\$1,768)
 - Mack Thompson – NMS Athletic Director (\$4,760)
 - Mack Thompson – NMS 8th grade Boys Basketball (\$3,740)
 - Mack Thompson – 6th grade boys basketball (\$2,448)
 - Mack Thompson – 6th grade boys basketball(intramural) (\$680)
 - Kelly Brookman – NMS 8th grade Girls Basketball (\$3,740)
 - Craig Utterback – NMS 7th grade Girls Basketball (3,740)
 - Eric Dean – 8th grade girls volleyball (\$3,060)
 - Jessica Sisil – 7th grade girls volleyball (\$3,060)
 - Jessica Sisil – NMS Ass’t Scholastic Bowl (\$680)
 - Paul Jones – 8th grade boys track (\$3,060)
 - Paul Jones – Boys and Girls Cross Country (\$2,448)
 - Dan Gallion – 7th grade boys track (\$3,060)
 - Courtney Hoalt – 7th grade girls track (\$3,060)
 - Courtney Hoalt – Boys and Girls Cross Country Ass’t (\$1,768)
 - Eric Dean & Dan Gallion – Intramural Directors (\$1,530 each)
 - Devan Fuller – 7th & 8th Cheerleading (\$2,448)
 - Devan Fuller – Scholastic Bowl (\$1,768)
 - Chris Jansen – NMS Band (\$2,448)
 - Amy Hartke – Yearbook (\$1,768)
 - Amy Hartke – Student Council (\$1,768)
 - Courtney Britton – NMS Speech (\$1,088)
 - Ashley Kuhn – NMS Flags (\$1,088)
 - Becky Miller – NMS Chorus (\$1,088)
 - Glynn Legg (6th), TBA (7th), Sarah Hemrich (8th) – Volunteer Club (\$362.67 each)
 - Sarah Hemrich – NMS Gifted Coordinator (\$1,088)
 - Amy Hartke (6th); Kara Price (7th); Devan Fuller (8th); Maria Reis (Specialists); Sarah Hemrich (Encore) – Team Leaders @ \$1,088 each

There will be a special board meeting on Saturday September 6th at 9:00am to discuss personnel and possible litigation. It will be a closed session meeting.