

RIESEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 11, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Riesel Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:00p.m. in the Administration Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President with the following members present: John Ballmann, Keith Ehlers, Chris Dieterich, Brian Aycock, and Ruth Foster.

Members absent: Patrick Ehlers and Larry Wornat

Also present were Superintendent Steve Clugston, Elementary Principal Rick Ford, and H.S. Principal Stacy Ackley

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Motion by Aycock, and seconded by Foster to accept bills as presented. Grass killer and Attorney fees were discussed. Ayes-all. Naves-none.

Superintendent Clugston presented the following reports:

- a. Budget & Expenditure: Mr.Clugston reported that this years budget was coming to a close & there was not much left to buy out of this budget.
- b. Maintenance: All AC units are up and going, bathroom toilets were worked on, playground fence in progress, bleachers at football stadium and handicap ramp area are in progress and should be completed by the end of the week, and the carpet in the library and conference room will also be completed by the end of the week.
- c. Academic: Rick Ford reported last week for summer school. Mr.Ackley reported that schedules have been mailed out and making changes in schedules as requested.
- d. Board Training: Set up appraisal training for early to mid September.
- e. Technology: Rick Ford reported added T1 line, network is right at 10 years old and has grown and taking care of network is very time consuming. We have just over 200 pc and lap tops. Replaced all three labs on JH & HS campus. ThreeT1 lines now exist. E-rate process to assist paying for cost of technology to the district. E-rate pays for 57% of telephone bill. Bought 4 new Dell servers in past three years. RSCCC is a program on one server that takes care of all district data.

Mr.Clugston presented accountability data. Elementary rated recognized just missing Exemplary and the HS rated Acceptable just missing recognized and the district was rated Recognized.

Review First Rating: (Financial integrity rating system of Texas) Mr.Clugston reviewed and the district received the highest rating of superior achievement.

Mr.Clugston reviewed certified taxable values. Values climbed slightly. Freeze adjusted climbed just over a million. Impact of coal plant discussed.

Mr.Clugston presented proposed budget for 08-09; the district is expecting cost increase in fuel, attorney fees, and supplies cost. The budget also includes the cost of a new bus and raises for teachers and support staff. The proposed budget is a balanced budget.

Mr.Clugston discussed a proposed M&O tax rate of a 1.17, this rate maximizes our state funding and requires a tax rollback election. The I&S rate was also discussed. Motion by Aycock and seconded by Foster to adopt a proposed M&O rate of 1.17 & an I&S rate of .156290 for a total tax of 1.32690. Ayes-all. Naves-none.

Motion by Dieterich and seconded by K.Ehlers to set August 25 at 7:00pm in the Riesel ISD Board Room as the date & time for a public hearing on the proposed budget & tax rate. Ayes-all. Naves-none.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board

