

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 15, 2011

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 7:30p.m. in the Library at Bennet Elementary, 50 Dogwood Bennet Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Members present: Jaimi Calfee, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Kevin Schroder and Doug Church.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell, Activities Director Mark Oltman, Janel Callahan, Jennifer Hanger.

Absent: Larry Royal

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public .

B. Meeting called to order by Board of Education President Maahs at 7:30 p.m.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting.

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chair announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the West wall of the meeting room.

Motion by Clem, seconded by Church to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$107,934.66 General Fund

\$286,893.56 Payroll

\$239.23 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$125,000 Transfer to Depreciation

\$6100.00 Transfer to Lunch Fund

\$ 28,000 Transfer to Activity Fund

\$ 10,000.00 Band Uniform Account

\$ 5,000.00 Yearbook

\$ 13,000.00 Athletics

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder

Voting No: None

Absent: Royal

Motion Passed: 5-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

Bennet Boosters presented information related to playground improvements. The Board agreed to the plan and to contribute funding for half of the project as bid.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

Motion by Church, seconded by Schroder to ratify the ESU 4 Technology Consortium Inter-Local agreement.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder

Voting No: None

Absent: Royal

Motion Passed: 5-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board approved the Strategic Planning invitation letter for mailing as presented.
2. Board members approved the Strategic Planning call list as presented.

G. Communication

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Construction Update

It looks as if we are going to be ready to go when school starts. The cooling system was fired up on Thursday, August 4th and is working well. Hamilton's finished up installing a

compressor for the K.G. room and a new heating and cooling unit for the teacher's room on Monday, August 8th. The fire suppression system for the range hood in the kitchen is done. Our fire alarm system is back up and running. The elementary building is looking like a school again instead of a construction zone. We will take a tour of the building on Monday at the meeting.

Enrollment Going Up

Our enrollment is going to be up this fall. We have had a number of summer enrollments this past month. Our first grade is huge with 44 students enrolled as of this week. Our Kindergarten is up to 37 students. We have a number of new enrollments in the other grades also. Our preschool is at capacity too. I'll have a preliminary enrollment report ready for you on Monday after our first day.

Ready for Staff Work Days.

We are in the final stages of getting ready for our staff work days this week. We have a number of activities and informational meetings planned for Thursday, with staff and committee meetings planned for Friday. Most all of the staff has been out at school this week getting things ready to go in their rooms. There have also been a number of staff development activities this week and last that involved a large number of our staff members. People are excited about school starting up again.

NESA Assessment Results

We will get a sneak peak at our NESA Assessment Results on Monday, August 15th. Schools get a preliminary look at the spring results early, with release to the public scheduled for August 29th. The NESA Assessments are our state assessments in Reading, Math, Science and Writing. I hope we did well again this year.

Open House

Our annual open house is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to attend. You'll get a free ice cream sandwich from the Elementary Boosters for showing up!

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. Teacher In-service
2. I want to remind the BOE of our new staff in the JH/HS building.

Heather Schmidt – Science

Michael Trausch – SPED

Cheryl Panko – Substitute/Para

3. Class rosters
Current class roster, grades 7-12.

6. Class Schedules.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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- 1st Practice Day of Football August 8th
- 1st Practice Day of Volleyball, Girls Golf, and Cross Country
- 1st Day of Junior High Practice TBA

August 17th Otoe County Fair Parade Palmyra 7-12 Band will be performing

August 25th Girls Golf at Syracuse Invite

August 25th 6:00 p.m. Booster Bash for All Activities Palmyra Commons and Gym

August 26th Football at Cross County (Stromsburg)

September 1st Varsity Volleyball at Weeping Water

September 2nd Cross Country at JCC

September 2nd Varsity Football at Southern (Wymore)

September 3rd Varsity Volleyball at Tri County Invite

September 6th Varsity Volleyball at Mead

September 6th C-team Volleyball at Louisville

September 8th JV/C Volleyball at JCC

September 12th MUDECAS Volleyball at Beatrice (TBA)

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

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1. Building and grounds projects have been completed in both buildings. In Bennet we still have loose ends to tie up in regards to the boiler/chiller work but the chiller itself has been operational since August 4.
2. The Palmyra building also saw some fine tuning in July and August with AC units, exhaust fans, and some minor heating work.
3. Both kitchen fire suppression systems are operational and ready for final inspections to be scheduled sometime when students are not in the buildings, maybe even as late as Christmas break.
4. Budget information from NDE regarding changes for fiscal 2011-12 was presented at the Kearney Administrators Days conference. The budget process remains intact with the major change being .5% growth allowance for 2012-2013.
5. Strategic planning dates are included under Board of Education Development.
6. The Nebraska Department of Education has classified District OR-1 as Accredited for the 2011-2012 school year.

7. ACT scores will be released the third week of August. In most years Palmyra students have traditionally scored well in comparison with state and national score averages.

8. The Nebraska Department of Education has approved the certified staff evaluation policies and procedures pursuant to Rule 10 and as revised by LB1071 (2010).

L. Board of Education Development

1. Board of Education and Superintendent Goals for 2011 and 2012 were approved as presented.

2. Area Membership Meeting September 14 at the Beatrice High School 4:45-8:15.

3. Meeting dates for Strategic Planning were approved as presented.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Budget and Tax Request Hearings.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:30 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2011.

Next Board Meeting-

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