

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 16, 2012

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library at the Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools 425 F Street Palmyra, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Members present: Doug Church, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, and Kevin Schroder. Jaimi Calfee arrived at 8:05

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell and Jim Berg.

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 South 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:

\$54,919.45 General Fund

\$336,731.31 Payroll

\$1602.45 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$75,762.81 Special Building Fund

\$32,820 Depreciation Fund

Voting Yes: Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Calfee, Royal
Motion Passed: 4-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Jim Berg representing Bahr, Vermeer, Haecker presented information related to the proposed facility audit.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Clem to adopt the ESU 4 Core Services Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act as the Board's representative in matters dealing with the provisions of Core Services provided by ESU 4.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

2. Motion by Church, seconded by Clem to approve the Special Education Service Agreement with ESU 4.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

3. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to ratify teaching contract for Sadie Struebing.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

4. Motion by Clem, seconded by Church to ratify teaching contract for Adam Fette.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

5. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to amend teaching contract for Leslie McIntosh.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

6. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to amend teaching contract for Jennifer Hanger.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

7. Motion by Church, seconded by Clem to ratify the agreement approving the selection, scope of work and fee (\$9,750.00) of BVH Architects.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Schroder
Voting No: None
Absent: Royal
Motion Passed: 5-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board reviewed information related to National level competition involving students and staff of school sponsored activities.

G. Communication

1. Thank you from the Boy Scouts
2. Thank you from Laura Dawson Family

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Kindergarten Round-Up

Right now, we have 30 students on our K.G. Round-up list scheduled for Friday, April 20th. We have one student in the window from August 1st to October 15th that will

request testing. Our list has been kind of fluid, we've had additions and subtractions to the list all month. An article was placed on the web page and in the Voice News about Round-up and the change in entrance ages. We have our early entrance assessment instrument (Dial- IV) here. Mr. Lapointe will administer the assessment to prospective students in May. It looks like we'll have a class in the 30 range for this fall.

Pre-School Selection Criteria

We will be sending out acceptance and sorry letters for next fall's Pre-school classes in the next few weeks. This year we have had far more inquiries and requests for pre-school than we have spots available. I've included an article we posted in the newsletters earlier this year with our priority list and selection criteria used to make those placement decisions.

Little Panthers Preschool Accepting Requests for 2012-13 School Year

Little Panthers Preschool in Bennet is taking requests the 2012-13 school year. Our enrollment is limited and we have a number of prospective students on the list already. If you are interested in having your 3- 4 year old be on the list of prospective students for the 2012 – 2013 school year, please contact Mrs. Cheney at Little Panthers Preschool, phone number 402-782-3035. We will be sending out acceptance letters in April.

Our enrollment procedure used to determine the preschool class list each spring is based on the following list of criteria in order of priority:

1. Students on an Individualized Education Program (IEP), living in our school district will have first priority for acceptance. The State of Nebraska set up the preschool program to help those children with the highest needs.
2. Those students living in our school district who will turn four by July 31st, oldest to youngest by birth month/day/year.
3. Those students living in our school district who will turn three by July 31st, oldest to youngest by birth month/day/year.
4. If there are still open spots, non-district students will be chosen based on the criteria listed above.

We do wish we could enroll every child, being filled to capacity with a waiting list tells us there is certainly a need within the district for the youngest members of our student population. A quality early childhood program keeps the teacher/pupil ratio low and matches enrollment to the physical size of the facility. Those two factors are also a limiting factor in our enrollment numbers and have to be taken into account.

I just felt that you needed to be aware of how we are going about making our selections as we will be sending out some sorry letters to parents this month, just in case it got brought to your attention.

Staff Restructuring

Mr. Robb reviewed the restructuring of staff and the need to amend contracts for Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Hanger for the 2012-2013 school year to cover Second Step Instruction and provide for a full time para in Grade K.

NESA and MAPS Testing

Next week, we start our NESA Assessments. We have been busy preparing in the classroom and computer lab for this. Our students are motivated to do well. We will have a kick-off program with all of the grades that will be testing on this Friday, then on Monday we dive into the spring testing window! We hope our high achievement levels continue.

Beginning in May, we will do our spring MAPS assessments. This will be the first time that we will be able to look at and baseline results and compare them to our spring results and see what type of student growth has occurred. The staff is excited about this.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

April 11th, 2012

1. State Testing

NeSA Reading JH complete.

NeSA Science 11th complete.

NeSA Science JH April 17 & 18.

NeSA Reading 11th 19 & 20.

NeSA Math JH 24 & 25.

NeSA Math 11th 26 & 27.

2. Blood Drive

See letter included with my report.

3. Palmyra FFA at State Convention 2012

Palmyra FFA participated at the State FFA Convention and Career Development Contests March 28-30 in Lincoln. There are 146 chapters in the state with 6800 members and over 3500 members attended the convention and competed in contests. The Chapter received a Superior Chapter Rating during the business sessions. In the Career Development Contests, rankings are how they finished overall in the state: Meats – Team was 21st , Michael Roath 39th, Brandon Brown 49th, Zach Bowlin, Janelle Knorr; Welding- Team was 29th, Theodore Gerstenschlager- Oxy. Acet. 8th, Clint Bornemeier- MIG , White ribbon ,Jesse Grimes- Arc; Agriscience- Team was 47th, Vanessa Knutson- Red ribbon, James Bremer, Zach Roath, Elliott Boldt. Livestock Judging 50th, Tanner Justeen- Blue ribbon, Clint Bornemeier, Kendra Haight, Steven Wilson, Emma Bremer and Levi Hillman participated in the State FFA Chorus Thursday and Friday.

Kendra Haight received the State FFA Degree, which is the highest honor members can attain in the state organization. Hard work in their FFA leadership activities, working with their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs and keeping good records enabled them to receive the award with 462 other members at Pershing Auditorium Friday night. It was awarded to approx. 25 % of the senior members eligible for the award in the State of Nebraska.

4. Scheduling

8-11 grade students have been pre-registered for next school year. Next years 7th graders pre-registered at Orientation on April 17.

Master schedule draft included.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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The Board reviewed upcoming activities including dates and times.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

April 11th, 2012

1. State Aid totals: \$822 million for 2011-12 under LB 235; \$880 million had been projected for 2012-13 with the actual certified total being just over 852 million as for fiscal 2012. District OR-1 has been certified to receive \$794,761 for the upcoming school year.

2. Legislative update:

LB 996 compulsory attendance requires a person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age may withdraw the child from school before graduation and be exempt from mandatory attendance requirements if an "exit interview" is conducted and a "withdrawal form" is signed and submitted.

LB 870 as passed on to the Governor requires the State Board to establish an accountability system to measure the performance of individual public schools and public school districts on or before August 1, 2012. The accountability system will be used to measure performance beginning in school year 2013-14. Performance measures to be included in the accountability system include graduation rates and student growth and student improvement on required assessment instruments. The board may establish levels of performance for the indicators in order to classify and report on the performance of individual public schools and public school districts on an annual basis.

3. District OR-1 staff electing to obligate EHA Health Insurance Holiday Premiums towards the purchase of an iPad will be receiving their new iPad during the month of April. The new computers are on site and are currently being imaged and programed for use.

L. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Curriculum Reports, preliminary budget information, proposed handbook changes

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:48 o'clock p.m. on April 16, 2012.

Next Board Meeting-May 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

This is a draft copy of the Board of Education minutes that does not become official until approved by the Board.