

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 12, 2013

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 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room 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: Jaimi Calfee, Doug Church, Kipp Haight, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Linde Walter, Secondary Principal David Bottrell.

Absent:

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

\$43,120.59 General Fund

\$297,892.23 Payroll

\$200.34 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$11,727.84 Building Fund

\$125,000 Transfer to Depreciation

\$6,400.00 Transfer to Lunch Fund

\$ 19,105 Transfer to Activity Fund

\$ 105.00 Imprest Fund

\$ 5,000.00 Yearbook

\$ 14,000.00 Athletics

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder,

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Royal to approve the second reading of BOE Policy 204.09 Revision.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder,

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Haight, seconded by Church to accept Board of Education Goals as developed through the School Community Essential Planning Process.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder,

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board discussed the NASB Board of Directors elections.

G. Communication

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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1. The building is looking great and ready for students. Scott has been busy cleaning carpets, washing windows, and finding extra tables, desks, chairs from the building for the classroom teachers.
2. Enrollment at the elementary is slightly up this year from last year. As of this week there are 234 students enrolled at the elementary and 27 at the preschool. We will have a more accurate count after the first day on August 15th.
3. Tuesday and Wednesday in-service days are planned for committee updates and informational meetings. We have had some staff attend staff development activities the past two weeks. Brittany Draeger training for the GOLD preschool curriculum, and Abbi Swartzendruber to DIBELS I-pad application training. Most of the staff have been at school this past week preparing their classrooms for the first student day.
4. Our annual open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 22nd from 6-8pm. Please feel free to stop by.
5. We will get a preview of NeSA Assessment Results on August 8th. Schools get a preliminary look at the spring results early and then scores are released to the public scheduled for August 13th. The NeSA Assessments are the state assessments in Reading, Math, Science and Writing.
6. Reminder we have two new staff members to welcome: Jiree Wilson Speech Language Pathologist and Matt McElfresh 6th grade

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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New Staff

1. I want to remind the BOE of our new staff in the JH/HS building.
Andrew Conn – Business and JH coaching
Michael Chaffee – Counselor
2. Class rosters
I will bring a current class roster, grades 7-12, to the meeting.

3. Class Schedule

I will bring a copy of the class schedule to the meeting.

4. August In-service schedule is included in your BOE packet.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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Summer weight room attendance during June and July was great and the efforts of the students were greatly appreciated. The summer play/camp was a success with 2 ½ days of practice followed by the performance on the 3rd night. Basketball and volleyball both participated in summer camps and leagues in June and July and were competitive. All coaches were pleased with the effort and sportsmanship of the athletes at these events. During summer AD meetings the Class C Caucus went into discussion on the idea of having baseball and softball sanctioned by the NSAA as a school activity during the summer months. Much of the discussion centered on creating opportunities for athletes to be able to compete in as many activities as possible without hindering the numbers of other activities offered during those same times, an issue confronted by many smaller Class C and D schools. It was agreed on that a draft proposal would be put together and reviewed before sending off to the district meeting in November.

Upcoming August activities to be aware of:

Aug 5th-10th 7-12 Band Camp

Aug 6th-9th HS Football Conditioning

Aug 12th Start of HS FB Practice

Aug 14th Band Performing in Otoe County Parade

Aug 16th Back to school dance

Aug 18th FFA Family Picnic

Aug 19th Start of Fall Practices

Aug 29th Athletic Booster Bash 6pm (Guest Speaker Tom Osborne)

Aug 29th Girls Golf @ Syracuse Invite 9am

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

August 12, 2013

1. Building and grounds projects have been nearly completed in both buildings. In Palmyra we still have loose ends to tie up in regards to the computer room in the form of wiring and furnishings.

2. Census data completed for the July 20th report to the Department of Education shows the population of 5-18 year olds to be 258 in Otoe County and 288 in Lancaster County resulting in an increase of 59 children.

3. ACT scores will be released the third week of August. In most years Palmyra students have scored well in comparison with state and national score averages. 2012-2013 scores will be released within the next 30 days.

4. Budget projections for 2013-2014 are well under way. We did incorporate the additional budget authority authorized by the Board as well as the 2012 .5% unused budget authority which amounts to about \$152,000. We will not know the total valuation until after August 20 and currently each County is waiting to learn the value of Commonly Assessed property on or before August 10. Those properties have an impact on our overall valuation.

5. Training opportunities for classified staff were provided by Insight the EPA provider for the District, and the certified staff received QPR training on the first day of in-service.

L. Board of Education Development

1. NASB area membership meeting has been scheduled for October 9, 2013 at Nebraska City. The registration deadline is October 2.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Budget Adoption, Authorization for Federal/State forms and programs.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:29 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2013_.

Next Board Meeting-September 16, 2013 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room 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.