

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 14, 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, October 14, 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, Harold Kelley, Byron Dowding, Todd Kelley, Dennis Dowding, Gerald Royal, Craig Bolz, Mike McDonald, Erin Thomson and Gayle Royal.

Absent: None

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 Calfee, 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:

\$118,685.91 General Fund

\$343,732.65 Payroll

\$1,916.68 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$49,248.82 Depreciation Fund

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder,
Voting No: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Harold Kelley presented information from the school improvement working group reviewing the committee structure and goals for the group.
2. Byron Dowding discussed the CRP term of the ground owned by District OR-1 and when that term expires.

D. Unscheduled Audiences:

1. Todd Kelley, Dennis Dowding, Gerald Royal, Craig Bolz, Mike McDonald, Erin Thomson and Gayle Royal discussed issues related to the 60 acre tract of land at 190th and Hwy 2 including the original purchase process, resulting effects and potential for sale, demographics of the district, budgeting, future land purchases and building maintenance.

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to Authorize the Building and Grounds Committee and Superintendent to negotiate sale of the 60-acre tract of land located at approximately 190th and Highway 2. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to engage the Board of Education's attorney along with the Real Estate representative to prepare the contract of sale and deeds setting forth the remaining details of the sale.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: Haight
Motion Passed: 5-1

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to Authorize the Building and Grounds Committee and Superintendent to negotiate the purchase of land directly south and west of Palmyra High School. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to engage the Board of Education's attorney along with the Real Estate representative to prepare the contract of purchase and deeds setting forth the remaining details of the purchase.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

3. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Royal to approve the first reading of Board of Education Policy 503.01 Compulsory Attendance.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

4. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Calfee to approve the first reading of Board of Education Policy 502.02 Nonresident Students/Option Enrollment.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

5. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Haight to approve the first reading of Board of Education Policy 603.01 Curriculum Development.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Haight, Maahs, Royal, Schroder
Voting No: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board discussed the rental property in Bennet authorizing repairs and preparation of a lease for rental.
2. Baseball/Softball and a potential NSAA proposal were discussed with the district expressing possible interest.
3. The Board reviewed information related to the Affordable Health Care Act.

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report

October 14, 2013

1. Fall parent teacher conferences were on Tuesday, September 24th. All grade levels were well attended. We had 95% of our parents in attendance for a parent teacher conference. What wonderful support from our families!
2. Our first quarter will be ending on October 18th. It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first quarter. Report cards will be going home the week of October 28th.
3. The week of October 6-12 was Fire Safety Week across the Country. Our Bennet Fire and Rescue Department presented a short assembly on fire safety for all students. This was a great review for all students on fire safety in their home.

4. On September 20th the Bennet Booster hosted a Fall Festival for the families of Bennet Elementary. This was a free event with games, a bounce house, hay rack ride and food. What a great family fall event!

5. Our School Committees have been busy this first quarter. We have had several meetings for our safety and character counts committees, along with the RTI committee (Response to Intervention Committee) looking at the interventions that are in place for students in grades K-4. This committee uses the data from DIBELS to place students in groups for our RTI time.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

October 14, 2013

1. End of First Quarter

October 18 is the end of the first quarter and rapidly approaching. We are making every effort to help kids pass the first quarter, and to inform parents of those who are struggling.

2. NeSA test results

Included in board packet is a report detailing NeSA testing results for your information. Also included is the information sent home at PT conferences with each student's test scores that you may also be interested in looking at.

3. Fall Testing

MAPS testing is complete 7th – 11th grades.

4. FFA land judging – From Mr. Malone

Another great day at land judging. Palmyra had the top three individuals Zach Roath, James Bremer and Kourtney Kempkes. Palmyra had 1st place team of Zach Roath, Kourtney Kempkes, Vanessa Knutson and Brian Bruggeman and 3rd Place Team of James Bremer, Megan Royal, Jordyn Bottrell and Jami Hillman. 17 of the 30 participants Palmyra had earned a ribbon placing. 1st place team will go to State at Grand Island, Oct. 23

5. Parent teacher conferences were well attended with a 70% attendance rate.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

October 14, 2013

A schedule for upcoming activities was reviewed.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

October 14, 2013

1. The Board reviewed Last Friday in September enrollment report submitted to NDE showing a total enrollment of 449 in Pre K through grade 12.
2. The annual Safety inspection was conducted on October 3, 2013 and is indicative of our efforts to maintain and improve conditions at both campuses. The report shows improvement as well as some areas where we can improve and is included for your review.
3. The Association of School Boards State Conference is scheduled for November 20, 21, 22, at the La Vista Conference Center. This year's theme is "Get Informed, Be Inspired". The deadline for registrations is November 12.
4. The Board reviewed the 2013 School Accreditation External Visit exit report. The school and staff scored well and the visit is validation of the overall improvement protocol and instructional processes in place at District OR-1. I commend the Board of Education, leadership team and all of our staff.

L. Board of Education Development

1. State Conference November 20, 21, 22, at the La Vista Conference Center.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Audit Report, Facilities Study, Board Self Evaluation, Annual Performance report, NASB conference.

Adjournment

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:16 o'clock p.m. on October 14, 2013.

Next Board Meeting-November 11, 2013 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room at 7:30 PM. Work Session November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room.

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