

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2014

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 10, 2014, 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 Haight 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 Calfee to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$78,394.57 General Fund

\$377,463.46 Payroll

\$ 104.18 Special Building Fund

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

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences:

1. Lyle Dowding commented regarding the bond issue and academics vs. athletics.
2. Janine Theiler representing Our Community 1st commented regarding the identified needs, scope and immediacy, district growth, and the correlation between bond attempts and success rates.
3. Craig Bolz commented regarding the needs at Bennet and starting with that project, the fiscal loss resulting from the sale of the property at 190th and not working to improve the property purchased in Palmyra.

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Maahs, seconded by Calfee to approve the second 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

2. Motion by Church, seconded by Calfee that the Board hold closed session for Personnel and the evaluation of job performance clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law at 8:05 p.m.

The board adopted a motion to enter closed session with Superintendent Hanger to evaluate his job performance and to do this in closed session in order to prevent needless injury to his reputation and because it is in the public's and the school district's best interest.

Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to leave executive session at 9:00 p.m.

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

3. Motion was made by Calfee, seconded by Royal that the Board hold a closed session with Superintendent Hanger regarding negotiations for the sale of real property and because it is in the public interest to do so.

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

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session regarding negotiations for the sale of real property and because it is in the public interest to do so at 9:01 p.m. The board will limit its discussion to this issue.

Motion by Calfee, seconded by Maahs to leave executive session at 9:17 p.m.

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

F. Discussion Items

1. Upcoming staff presentations and format with presentations to begin at 7:00 p.m.
2. Work session dates were established for January 12th to review facilities information.

G. Communication

1. The District OR-1 Education Association thanked the Board for their service and commitment to the school and students.

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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1. Bennet Elementary has invited Veterans of District OR 1 families to join us for lunch on Tuesday, November 11th, from 11:15-12:00. Lunch will be served at 11:15 with special music by the Bennet Singers and band at 11:30.
2. On Sunday, November 16th the Bennet Boosters are hosting a skating party at Skate Daze for the K-6th grade students. The theme for the event is school spirit.
3. December 2nd will be the Bennet Elementary Holiday concert at the High School. The Kdg-3rd grade will perform at 6:30 and 4th-6th grade, Bennet Singers and Band at 7:30 P.M.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. Veteran's Day recognition
Planned for Tuesday, Nov. 11. PHS Student Council will host a breakfast and an assembly program to honor Veterans.

2. 1st Quarter Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.

3. FFA news – from Mr. Malone

The Palmyra FFA has had a very busy month of October. The State Land Judging Team of James Bremer, Vanessa Knutson, Zach Roath and Brian Bruggeman placed 8th in the state at the contest in McCook. A great accomplishment judging in the sands of western Nebraska only 40 points from qualifying for the National contest. The FFA Chapter held the annual Pancake Feed and Member Auction (54 years we believe). We competed against Trunk or Treat and a couple of weddings but still served about 250 people. The member auction had another successful year with great support from the community, we averaged a little over \$170 for the member work day. The Palmyra Chapter ended the month attending the National FFA Convention in Louisville KY Oct. 28-Nov 1. We have been traveling to the convention for the last 16 years by charter bus with other FFA chapters. This year we traveled with Nebraska City, Falls City, Freeman, Heartland, McCool Junction, Osceola and Lawrence-Nelson. Traveling to the convention we toured Hummert Seed and Green House Company and Purina Research Farms in St. Louis. At the convention we were able to take part in leadership workshops, convention sessions, the FFA Career expo with over 400 ag business and company exhibitors and colleges and the American Degree Ceremony. Tyler Bessey and Emma Bremer were awarded the American Degree, the highest degree members can achieve for their participation in their SAE and community service.

4. Band Performance – from Mrs. Robb

Congratulations to the Jr. and Sr. High School Concert Band for being selected to perform at the 2014 Nebraska Music Educators In-service Conference on Friday, November 21st, 2014. They will perform at Kimball Recital Hall on UNL campus at 11:00 AM. Please come and support our fine musicians.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

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1. The board reviewed upcoming scheduled activities.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

November 10, 2014

1. Superintendent Hanger provided a list of Consolidated Data Collections submitted for the month of October.
2. The Nebraska Department of Property Assessment and Taxation annually determines the value of property within given political sub-divisions. The Nebraska Department of Property Assessment and Taxation whose calculations are used by NDE school finance in calculating local resources, adversely affects a school district in the school finance formula when a county assessment of property is less than the figure that is determined by the Nebraska Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. In addition to the resulting loss in state aid, the district is able to generate property tax dollars only at the value of property values as determined by the county assessors. As indicated in the

following chart, the assessments for 2002 thru 2014. The figures indicate the difference between the county assessor's total valuation and the value as determined by the NE Dept. of Property Assessment & Taxation.

3. The Board reviewed election results from the 2014 General Election.

L. Board of Education Development

1. State Conference November 20, 21, at the La Vista Conference Center. Registration deadline is November 7th.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

NASB conference report, Audit report, Annual Rule 10 Report.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:44 o'clock p.m. on November 10, 2014.

Next Board Meeting-(Date) at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room at 7:30 P.M.

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