

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1
 Regular Meeting - Board of Education
 Monday, November 12, 2007 –7:00 P.M. at Palmyra

A. Call to order by Board President Mike Powers at 7:00 p.m. Lori Bruss, Douglas Church, Clayton Maahs, Mike Powers, Tami Ringland, and Jolee Wheatley were present. Also present were Superintendent Clyde Childers, Secondary Principal David Bottrell, Assistant Secondary Principal/A.D. Mark Oltman, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Jean Cheney, and Cheryl Gerstenschlager.

B. Motion by Church, seconded by Maahs to approve the agenda, minutes of October 15, 2007 Regular Meeting, and approve the listed claims:

November 2007 Claims

ABC	405.00	Pest Control	NASB	308.00	Staff Development
Al's Upholstery	225.00	Repairs	National Food	94.50	Supplies
Beyond Play	55.90	Supplies	NCSA	325.00	Dues
Brown, Burke	157.14	Travel	Nebr City Utilities	7,842.93	Utilities
Casey's	3,830.60	Fuel	Nebr DOL	252.00	Inspection Fees
Cenex	1,647.80	Fuel	Nogg	388.25	Supplies
Cheney, Jean	217.70	Supplies	Office Depot	410.23	Supplies
Childcraft	905.44	Supplies	Oriental Trading	111.30	Supplies
Company Care	22.00	DOT	Palmer	109.75	Refuse
Decker's	37.94	Supplies	Palmyra Activity	237.62	Transfer
Dietze Music	3.90	Supplies	Papineau, Tonya	29.19	Travel
Ekstrum	27.50	Repairs	PayFlex	115.70	Services
Ellis, Roland	60.00	Refuse	Post Rock Gas	710.26	Utilities
ESU 4	2,792.65	Sped/Staff Development	Pratt Audio-Visual	3,945.77	Hardware
ESU 6	367.78	ISP	Protex	560.00	Inspection Fees
FES	2,400.00	Web Hosting	PT Solutions	964.88	Sped
Focken, Robert	214.65	Repairs	Scholastic	126.59	Supplies
Follet Libr	519.17	Books	Science Kit	80.44	Supplies
Frager, Jodi	90.21	Travel	SECC	50.00	Staff Development
Grainger	61.60	Maintenance	Shaffer	48.75	Repairs
Hamilton Service	268.00	Maintenance	Stutheit	32.10	Repairs
Harding & Shultz	44.00	Legal	Sullivan, Stacy	55.29	Travel
Home Depot	194.95	Supplies	Sunburst	131.89	Supplies
Ikon	708.25	Copier	Teachers' Discount	383.70	Supplies
Lakeshore	1,099.55	Equipment	TO Haas	183.00	Tires
Learning A-Z	29.95	Supplies	UPS	10.64	Shipping

Linweld	262.11	Supplies	Village of Bennet	696.00	Utilities
LTR	6,359.68	Repairs	Village of Palmyra	312.64	Utilities
Menards	253.33	Supplies	Voice News	8.83	Ads
Metro-TV	157.31	Repairs	Voss Lighting	17.64	Maintenance
Midwest	376.50	Refuse	Wergin, Ron	223.10	Travel
Miracle Recreation	78.00	Repairs	Windstream	271.54	Phone
Modern Methods	218.50	Copier	TOTAL	43,129.64	

\$ 43,129.64 General Fund

\$287,357.76 Payroll

\$ 237.62 Transfer Reimbursement to Activity Account

\$ 7,502.00 Special Building Fund

Voting Yes: Bruss, Church, Maahs, Powers, Ringland, and Wheatley

Voting No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Jean Cheney presented an update to the board on the progress of the preschool.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Ringland, seconded by Bruss to approve the second reading of revised BOE Policy 1005.07.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Church, Maahs, Powers, Ringland, and Wheatley

Voting No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

2. Motion by Wheatley, seconded by Ringland to approve the Preschool Handbook with suggested modifications.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Church, Maahs, Powers, Ringland, and Wheatley

Voting No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

3. Motion by Ringland, seconded by Bruss to approve the resolution to enter into the Educational Telecommunications Services Agreement and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement of behalf of District OR-1.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Church, Maahs, Powers, Ringland, and Wheatley
Voting No: None
Motion Carried: 6-0

4. Motion by Wheatley, seconded by Church to approve the 2007 Annual Report.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Church, Maahs, Powers, Ringland, and Wheatley
Voting No: None
Motion Carried: 6-0

5. Motion by Ringland, seconded by Bruss to approve the 2007 Audit Report.

Voting Yes: Bruss, Church, Maahs, Powers, Ringland, and Wheatley
Voting No: None
Motion Carried: 6-0

F. Non Action Items.

1. Review of the application for the Revised Preliminary Plat and Final Plat known as Quail Field Subdivision located on the North side of Cottonwood Street/Bennet Road, east of 162nd Street in Bennet.

G. Communication

1. A letter was received from the Nebraska Pioneer Conference extending an invitation to District OR-1 to join the Pioneer Conference.

H. Elementary Principal's Report

1. Parking Lot Project

Work started this week on the south parking lot. The removal of debris and trees has been completed. Most of the dirt moving and excavation has been done. We are waiting for them to come back and do the finish grading and asphaltting next. It will be a big parking lot when it is done.

2. Mrs. Cheney and Pre-School

Mrs. Cheney will be there Monday night to talk about progress on the pre-school. Parent handbooks should have come to you with your board packets. She will talk about the progress on the building, the curriculum we will be using, and the daily schedule. We are in the process of trying to find a para-educator to be a part of our staff also. Mrs. Cheney has been a busy person this fall getting things ready to go. I don't know what I would have done without her help.

3. Multi-Cultural Report

Copies of this year's multicultural report were presented for the board's approval.

4. State Report Card

Dave and I will have a report on this year's state report card ready for you Monday. I must say that I was quite pleased with our results this year. Our kids did well in all areas across all grades. You can go online and take a look at how we did by going to the following website: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/> and clicking on "Report Card on Nebraska Schools 2006-07 ." You can get to Palmyra District OR-1 by filling in the school or town box with Palmyra and hitting search. A new feature this year is the ability to compare our school with up to five other schools on student performance, assessment quality and demographics. There is a lot of information available!

5. School Improvement Plan

As you know, this is the year for our external visitation for our school improvement process. This month Dave and I had to submit an online report to AdvancedEd, the accreditation agency that we now work with. North Central Accreditation has merged with several other accrediting agencies to become AdvancedEd. This report was the Standards Assessment Report. It is a self assessment of how well we feel we follow the AdvancedED Accreditation Standards. The AdvancED Accreditation Standards for Quality School Systems serve as the foundation for the accreditation process. The seven standards and accompanying indicators are tied directly to the research on factors that impact student learning. The seven standards address the following areas:

- A. Vision and Purpose
- B. Governance and Leadership
- C. Teaching and Learning
- D. Documenting and Using Results
- E. Resources and Support Systems
- F. Stakeholder Communications and Relationships
- G. Commitment to Continuous Improvement

We will host our External Team Visit on December 18th and 19th. During those days, the external team will take the results of the online report we submitted and document it with evidence that we can supply them. As you may guess we have a lot of work to get done by then. Staff members will be busy this month and in December preparing for the visit. You'll be hearing more from us in the next few months.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

1. Multicultural Education

Annual report available at the meeting.

2. FFA – From Ken Malone

Another successful year for the 45th (as far as I can find out so far) annual FFA Pancake Feed and member auction. Good crowd, great weather, everything went really well.

When all accounts are settled we will have been supported by the community with \$3430 for the member auction, \$1031 for the Pancake feed and with donations and \$360 for the Watkins sales before paying the bills.

3. State Report Card – Reading, Math & Writing

Report available at meeting.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

- November 6th ECNC Vocal Clinic hosted by Palmyra. Fine Arts Boosters did an excellent job hosting this event in conjunction with Ms. McCreight. 135 Students participated, and over 200 spectators enjoyed the concert.
- November 8th 7-12 Music Concert
- November 10th Home One Act performance
- November 12th Winter Sports Practice Begins
- November 13th ECNC One Act competition in Manley, Nebraska
- November 17th 1st Junior High BB Contest @ Raymond Central
- November 28th District One Act Competition in Nebraska City
- November 29th Wrestling Quad @ Palmyra Parents Night for Wrestling
- November 30th 4 Home BB contests @ Palmyra vs. Southern beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- December 1st Wrestling at Southern High School Wymore Nebraska
- December 1st 4 Home BB contests vs. Sidney IA beginning at 3:00 p.m. Parents Recognition Night

K. Superintendent's Report

1. Review of annual Rule 10 report.
2. Review of 2007 Independent Auditor's Report.

L. Items for Future Board Meeting

Board Retreat scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the Palmyra Jr.-Sr. High School Library.

4:00 – 5:30 Margaret McInteer and Mitzi Hoback of ESU 4 will facilitate a session designed to create an understanding of the school improvement process.

5:30 – 6:30 Break/Catered light meal

6:30—8:00 Burma Kroeger of NASB will facilitate an understanding of the visioning process for the board, administrators, and invited guests from the Foundation for Knowledge.

December 10, 2007 – Superintendent Evaluation.

M. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.—Next Regular Meeting—Monday, December 10, 2007 at the Palmyra High School Library at 7:00 PM.