

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1
 Regular Meeting - Board of Education
 Monday, January 14, 2008 –7:00 P.M. at Palmyra

A. Call to order by Mike Powers at 7:00 p.m. Lori Bruss, Douglas Church, Clayton Maahs, Mike Powers, Tami Ringland, and Jolee Wheatley were present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Childers, Secondary Principal Bottrell, Elementary Principal Robb, and Assistant Principal/AD Oltman.

1. Elections - Superintendent Temporary Chairman

- a. President – Vote (4) Wheatley, (2) Ringland
- b. Vice President - Vote (5) Ringland, (1) Powers

2. Appointment of committees, positions, & designations

- a. Secretary (*Clyde Childers*)
- b. Treasurer (*Karen Hatcher*)
- c. Legal Counsel (*Harding & Schultz*)
- d. Americanism Committee (*All members of the board*)
- e. Finance Committee (*Doug Church & Jolee Wheatley*)
- f. Building & Grounds Committee (*Doug Church, Clayton Maahs, & Tami Ringland*)
- g. Transportation (*Mike Powers & Lori Bruss*)
- h. School Improvement Steering Committee (*Lori Bruss & Clayton Maahs*)
- i. Collective Bargaining Committee (*Lori Bruss, Mike Powers, & Tami Ringland*)
- j. Depository Banks (*Union Bank, Farmers & Merchants of Palmyra, & Heartland Community Bank*)
- k. District Newspaper (*The Voice*)
- l. Designate date for the internal evaluation of the board of education (*odd years*)
- m. Designate date for the annual review of board policies. (*Monthly beginning in March*)
- n. Foundation for Knowledge (*Tami Ringland*)

B. Motion by Ringland, seconded by Powers to approve the agenda, minutes of December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting and approve the listed claims:

January 2008 Claims

ABC	125.00	Pest Control	Menards	341.99	Supplies
Alicap	60.00	Safety Manuals	Meyer, Yvonne	500.00	Ins Deductible
Alltel	45.23	Phone	Midwest Sound	48.75	Repairs
Am Maintenance	190.50	Snow Removal	Modern Methods	218.50	Copier
Brown, Burke	170.24	Travel	NAESP	19.86	Supplies
Capitol City Elec	4,037.23	Repairs	National Professional	1,897.50	RTI Resources
Casey's	2,823.62	Fuel	NCSA	75.00	Staff Development

Cenex	1,640.53	Fuel	NE Council Attorney	70.00	Supplies
Cheney, Jean	69.37	Supplies	Nebr City Utilities	6,926.70	Utilities
Childers, Clyde	366.68	Travel	Nebr Retail Ventures	125.46	Fuel
DataTeam	80.00	Workshop	Nogg	525.93	Maintenance
Decker's	85.08	Supplies	Office Depot	209.87	Supplies
Ekstrum	261.20	Repairs	Omaha World-Herald	48.34	Subscriptions
Ell, Marion	28.96	Travel	Palmer & Sons	109.75	Refuse
ESU 5	5,000.00	Elem Spanish	Palmyra Activity Acct	1,564.04	Transfer
ESU 6	367.78	ISP	Papineau, Tonya	121.25	Travel
Farmers & Merch	337.56	Fee	PayFlex	115.70	Fee
Farmer's Coop	57.98	Supplies	Philips Med Systems	280.00	Defibulator Fix
Focken, Robert	26.50	Repairs	Pitney Bows	237.00	Postage
Gordon Bernard	1,141.50	Student Planners	Post Rock	3,309.29	Utilities
Green's	248.94	Repairs	PPG	305.04	Maintenance
Hall, Becky	500.00	Ins Deductible	Proquest	1,020.00	Research
Hamilton Service	2,821.88	Repairs	PT Solutions	737.53	PT
Harding & Shultz	66.00	Legal	Ramada Inn	130.00	Staff Development
Hillman, Vicki	20.00	Reimbursement	Sanco	107.91	Supplies
Hittle Enterprises	375.00	Snow Removal	Scholastic	288.75	Supplies
Home Depot	78.94	Supplies	School Solutions	158.40	Supplies
HyVee	33.36	Supplies	Star City	572.02	Repairs
Ikon	1,019.87	Copier	Stutheit	19.15	Repairs
Jensen, Kim	478.80	Ins Deductible	TO Haas	168.02	Tires
Lincoln Journal	798.30	Ad	Village of Bennet	230.96	Utilities
Linke, Lois	250.00	Ins Deductible	Village of Palmyra	366.08	Utilities
Linke, Pamela	826.47	OT	Voice News	178.09	Ad
Linweld	277.35	Supplies	Wergin, Ron	223.10	Travel
LTR	2,404.66	Repairs	Windstream	<u>880.64</u>	Phone
Mailbox	29.95	Supplies	TOTAL	<u>49,275.10</u>	

\$ 49,275.10 General Fund

\$271,990.59 Payroll

\$ 1,564.04 Transfer Reimbursement to Activity Account

\$ 67,311.90 Special Building Fund

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

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Church, seconded by Maahs to approve the resolution to enter into the Southeast Nebraska Powerschool Cooperative Interlocal Cooperation Act 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

2. Motion by Ringland, seconded by Church to approve the purchase of a preschool bus from Master's Transportation.

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 Final Plat known as Pheasant Ridge Subdivision located on the South side of Garden Street, east of 148th Street in Bennet.
2. Review 2008-09 draft of school calendar.

G. Communication

1. A thank you card was received from the family of Marilyn Schroder.

H. Elementary Principal's Report

1. Pre-School Update

The building arrived on December 27th, and they have been busy since we returned from holiday break working on it. The electricity is hooked up, they have poured the porches, installed the porch roofs, flooring, carpeting and bathroom fixtures! If things go well, we plan to start moving things in on Monday. We may get this off the ground by January 28th yet!

We have also hired a pre-school para-educator to work with Jean. Her name is Amber Hohensee. She is a recent graduate of Northwest Missouri State University. She has her teaching degree with endorsements in early childhood education and early childhood special

education! I feel we were quite lucky to have someone with her qualifications and talents apply for this job! She was by far our best candidate. The reason she was available is that she just returned from a mission trip to Peru, and was looking for new challenge! She is in the process of applying for her Nebraska Teaching Certificate. Amber has been on board since January 3rd. Mrs. Cheney has been quite impressed with her work ethic and skills, not only with adults, but with pre-school aged children.

Besides getting supplies and equipment ready for the move, Mrs. Cheney and Amber have been conducting home visits with the pre-school parents and children. They have been collecting registration materials also. Many learning activities and centers are being put together also. One of Ms. Hohensee's projects was to put together a brochure on our preschool. We will have those ready for the open house and for prospective parents for next year.

We have an open house scheduled for the pre-school on January 24th, from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Plan on making a stop if you can!

2. SIP Visit

Our external team visit on December 18th and 19th went quite well. I'm happy to say we will be accredited by the state and AdvancedED/North Central Accreditation Agency. Our integrated visit was a success also, as our NCLB and ILCD reviews were completed with no major violations. Members of the external team were quite impressed with our school district. A number of them stated they had no idea we had some many innovative student centered programs going on. I've been working on an article for our website. Hopefully, it will be out by Monday. The final report is due sometime this month. We will let you know more when we get that report.

3. Peer Review for Math Assessment Portfolio

We will undergo our Peer Review for our Math Assessment Portfolio on January 22nd. This is the same process that we underwent last year for Language Arts. Kim Jensen, Stacy Sullivan and Mike Sybrant have been getting ready for this. I'm sure that we will receive the same exemplary scores for our Math Portfolio this year as we did last year for Language Arts.

4. Student Teacher

We have a new student teacher from Peru State College this semester. Her name is Julie Murtaugh, and she is working with Mrs. Prokop in her kindergarten class.

Liz Bogen, our student teacher from last semester, will be working as a substitute teacher with us this semester. We have been quite fortunate with the quality of the student teachers we have had over the past few years.

5. Second Semester Underway

We are already into our second week of the new semester. Report Cards went home on Wednesday. The students came back from our holiday break refreshed and ready to go! We are off to good start!

I. Secondary Principal's Report

1. Student Teachers

Jackie Thomas – Spanish – UNL
Sara Smith – K-12 Music – Wesleyan

2. Jan 14th Inservice

Pat Madsen – Nebraska Career Connections – 7-12 staff in morning
PLC/STARS reporting/SOCS - afternoon

3. Good Start

We are off to great start to the 2nd semester. The staff and students are refreshed and working hard.

4. Upcoming Dates

ECNC Basketball Tournament – Jan. 22 – Feb. 2.
Parent Teacher Conferences - February 7th from 2:00-8:00
ESU 4 Mid-Year Inservice – February 18

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

- The FFA sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive on December 15th 48 patrons and 12 students made this an extremely successful endeavor considering the weather conditions
- FFA will be competing on January 22nd in several District Contests at the SECC Beatrice Campus 26 students currently are entered
- Spring Musical tryouts are completed. The Musical “Grease” will be performed in the Palmyra Facility March 27th, 28th and 29th.
- High School Quiz Bowl is preparing for its upcoming contests. They meet on Friday Mornings
- The Industrial Technology Students are preparing for the USA Skills contest to be held in Columbus on the 28th and 29th of March.

Echoing what Mr. Bottrell noted in his report, the first 7 days of School this Semester have been exceptional. The Student Body and Staff are working diligently to successful outcomes.

K. Superintendent's Report

1. The week of January 20-26 is Nebraska School Board Members Week. There are nearly 2,000 men and women volunteering their time to serve on the local school boards in Nebraska. Although school board membership is a non-paid position and often thankless; it is a position of great responsibility and essential for the interests of the students of District OR-1. We want to recognize and thank our school board members for their service to the school community.
2. Upcoming opportunities for school board member training:
 - Feb 4-5--2008 NASA/NASB Labor Relations Conference in Kearney
 - Mar 12-13--2008 NRCSA Spring Conference in Kearney
 - Jan 27-28—2008 Legislative Issues Conference
 - Jan 27—School Board Leadership Conference in LincolnThis session is designed for presidents (and wanna-bes) to discuss the elements of running effective board meetings, and leading a board to work cohesively, and in a civilized fashion, in public. Open meetings, public comment, and functioning as a team will be the highlighted topics, with others being addressed during a Board Presidents' Panel discussion.

L. Items for Future Board Meeting

M. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.—Next Regular Meeting—Monday, February 11, 2008 at the Bennet Elementary School at 7:00 P.M.