

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1
 Regular Meeting - Board of Education
 Monday, January 18, 2010 –7:00 P.M. at Palmyra

A. Call to order by Superintendent Childers at 7:00 p.m. Lori Bruss, Jaimi Calfee, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Mike Powers and Kevin Schroder were present. Elementary Principal Steve Robb was also in attendance.

A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting room.

1. Elections - Superintendent Temporary Chairman

- a. President (Clayton Maahs) Vote: Maahs 4, Powers 2
- b. Vice President (Mike Powers) Vote: Powers 4, Schroder 2

2. Appointment of committees, positions, & designations

- a. Secretary (Clyde Childers)
- b. Treasurer (Karen Hatcher)
- c. Legal Counsel (Harding & Schultz)
- d. Americanism Committee (Powers, Calfee, & Schroder)
- e. Finance Committee (Maahs & Schroder)
- f. Building & Grounds Committee (Bruss & Clem)
- g. Transportation (Powers & Bruss)
- h. School Improvement Steering Committee (Calfee & Maahs)
- i. Collective Bargaining Committee (Calfee, Maahs & Powers)
- 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 (tabled)
- m. Designate date for the annual review of board policies. (Monthly beginning in March)
- n. Foundation for Knowledge (Schroder)

B. Motion by Bruss, seconded by Clem to approve the agenda, minutes of December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting, corrected minutes of December 17, 2009 Special Meeting and approve the listed claims:

January 2010 Claims

ACT	326.40	Testing	Lookout Books	492.72	Books
AmSan	174.16	Maintenance	Menards	1,021.69	Supplies
Best	6,991.08	SPED	Midwest Refuse	376.50	Refuse
Boell, Dennis	1,126.25	Snow Removal	Modern Methods	590.38	Lease/Maintenance
Bottrell, David	1,442.42	Reimb - Tuition	NASB	450.00	Software

Broad Reach	503.64	Books	NCOSA	70.00	Supplies
Casey's	2,668.44	Fuel	NCSA	75.00	Staff Development
CDW	1,200.71	Hardware	Nebr City Utilities	8,833.40	Utilities
Cenex	880.38	Fuel	Nebr Safety Center	150.00	Staff Development
Childers, Clyde	709.50	Reimb - Travel	Office Depot	225.97	Supplies
Company Care	146.00	Service	O'Keefe	170.00	Repairs
Company Care	55.00	DOT Physical	Palmer & Sons	109.75	Refuse
Cradduck, Keri	108.35	Reimb - Travel	Palmyra Activity Fund	280.68	Reimbursement
Decker's	353.21	Supplies	PayFlex	115.70	Fee
Ed's Garage	133.66	Repairs	Pitnety Bows	237.00	Lease
eInstruction	7,796.00	Hardware	Recycling Enterprises	60.00	Refuse
Eckstrum	1,955.15	Repairs	Seminole Energy	3,905.70	Utilities
ESU 4	150.00	Staff Development	Sterns Const	510.00	Snow Removal
Farmer's Coop	210.07	Supplies	Stutheit	15.07	Maintenance
Focken, Robert	13.50	Keys	Swartzendruber, Sarah	386.10	Reimb - Travel
Galaxy	797.53	Distance Learning	Teaching Strategies	250.80	Portfolios
Hamilton Service	2,855.00	Maintenance	Verison	42.13	Phone
Jay's Music	186.00	Music	Village of Bennet	578.06	Utilities
KALL School Mgt	2,001.80	Consultant	Village of Palmyra	448.93	Utilities
Kastens	1,862.28	Repairs	Voice News	107.31	Ads
Kerl, Jim	1.38	Reimb - Supplies	Wergin, Ron	188.10	Reimb - Travel
Kids on the Go	191.95	Physical Therapy	Windstream	<u>494.06</u>	Phone
Linweld	165.18	Supplies	TOTAL	<u><u>55,190.09</u></u>	

\$ 55,190.09 General Fund

\$295,778.90 Payroll

\$ 280.68 Transfer Reimbursement to Activity Account

Voting Yes: Bruss, Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Powers, Schroder

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items: None

F. Non Action Items.

1. Reviewed 2010-11 first draft of school calendar.
2. Reviewed contact list for 2010 Board of Education.
3. The board selected seven community people and the seven members of the staff to serve on committees conducting interviews.

Staff	Community	1st Alternates	2nd Alternates
Brown, Burke	Dowding, Dennis	Frazee, William	Bartels, Sonja
Cheney, Jean	Hall, Dave	Knutson, Denise	Poskochil, Diana
Gill Renken, Rebecca	Hicks, Wendy	Peterson, Chelley	Schroeder, Joy
Hall, Becky	King, Shane		
Jensen, Kim	Talcott, Norris		
Malone, Ken	Vaughn, Judy		
Svoboda, Kim	Wheatley, Jolee		

4. Timeline for continuation of the Superintendent Search

Jan 27, 2010 –

3:00 p.m. – KALL meets w/ Principals at High School – 10-15 minutes

They will have separate meetings w/ selected staff @ 3:45, community members @ 5:15, and BOE @ 6:30 to plan interviews & write questions. The BOE will also select finalists for interview this day.

Jan 30, 2010 –

Interview day – 11:30 to 5:00. Principals will have a 1:15 to do tours and walking interview with candidates. Principals will report to board at 6:00.

G. Communication

1. NDE letter indicating that the review of our 2009-10 Early Childhood Program has determined that our district's program is operating in compliance with the requirements of Rule 11.

H. Elementary Principal's Report

1. Snow, Snow, Snow

Of course, the biggest item of interest since the start of the second semester has been the snow and cold weather. The students are quite impressed with all of the snow stacked up around here. We were fortunate to get Gerald Sterns in here with a front end loader before the last storm and get much of the snow that had been piled up on our parking lots and in the circle drive moved to the hillside west of the parking lot. Dennis Boell had been using a blade on

the front of a pickup to clear off our parking lots and drives, but it was getting to the point that he was running out of places to push!

Scott has been working his tail off keeping the sidewalks and pathways cleared. Our snow blower has gotten more use this winter than all the past six winters put together.

2. Multicultural Report

Mr. Robb presented a Multicultural Report at the meeting.

3. NESAR Assessments

This is the year that we move to our new assessment system, starting with reading. Over the next two years, we will bring math and science online. I want to spend a little time going over the differences between the new system and the old STARS assessment system with you on Monday. I'm also in the process of talking to the Voice News about these changes. It is important that our patrons understand the possible impact this is going to have on our scores and reports to the state.

4. In-Service on January 18th

Things are set for our staff in-service on the 18th. We have several items to present to our staff here. Among them the changes in the assessment system, some technology training, and scoring writing prompts of our students in preparation for the statewide writing assessment coming up in February.

5. Caring Project for the Haitian Earthquake Victims

We started a collection drive for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti on Friday. We are asking students and families to make a small cash donation that will be sent to the American Red Cross. I'm sure our students and their families will come through as they always have. On a personal note, Mr. Sybrant has a sister and nieces that were doing mission work in Haiti. Her husband is a pilot there also. They made it through the earthquake okay. However, because of the unsafe conditions and concern for their safety, they are in the process of evacuating her and the children back to the states.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

1. Student Teacher

Cassidy Lubben – English - Baasch

2. Jan 18th Inservice

Nebraska Career Connections
State Reporting – New test review
Panther Pause planning
Carla Perkins Staff planning

7-12 Staff meeting
Individual Work

3. Second Semester Roster

Updated roster included with report.
Grades and Attendance First Semester
See handouts attached to report

4. Academic All State

These Palmyra students were awarded Academic All State for the Fall of 2009 by the Nebraska Schools Activities Association.

Ashley Vlcek
Kara Williams
Brittany Schroder
Stacey Ockinga
Kacie Giesmann
Kerry Dawson

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

- Emma Bremer has been selected for the State FFA Choir. Performance's are during the Spring Convention.
- FFA, Speech, Musical, Jazz Band, Quiz Bowl and Flags are all working diligently towards there upcoming competitions and performances.
- Check the Weekly Bulletin and the School website to stay up to date with the Athletic Schedules.
- Tournaments are seeded 1 week prior to competition, and the Website is the most efficient way to get information out. Mr. Robb is doing an outstanding job with the Website.

K. Superintendent's Report

1. The superintendent search consultants met with the following groups on January 13th. The groups represented (1) Board of Education, (2) Staff, (3) Community, and (4) Students. Each group compiled lists of desired characteristics/skills for the superintendent.

2. Upcoming opportunities for board member development are as follows:

Jan 24-25 NASB Legislative Issues Conference – Cornhusker Hotel Lincoln
Feb 1-2 NASB Labor Relations Conference – Kearney Holiday Inn
Mar 1 NRCSA Legislative Forum - Cornhusker Hotel Lincoln
Mar 3 NASB The School Board as Judge and Jury Workshop - Kearney
Mar 23-24 NRCSA Spring Conference – Kearney Holiday Inn

3. The week of January 17-23 is Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. We would like to

express our genuine appreciation for the commitment that our members of the board of education give to the school community. Thank you for your service.

L. Items for Future Board Meeting

M. Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.—Special Meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at Palmyra High School Library at 6:30 p.m., Special Meeting Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Palmyra High School Library at 11:50 a.m., and Next Regular Meeting—Monday, February 8, 2010 at Palmyra High School Library at 7:00 PM.