

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 11, 2011

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library 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, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Doug Church. Kevin Schroder was absent

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb and representatives from Ayars and Ayars.

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 .

Meeting called to order by Board of Education President Clayton 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.

1. Welcome New Board Members
2. Oath of Office
 - a. Doug Church
 - b. Clayton Maahs
 - c. Larry Royal
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Secretary
3. Elections - Superintendent Temporary Chairman
 - a. President (*Clayton Maahs*) Vote 6-0
 - b. Vice President (*Kevin Schroeder*) Vote 6-0

Appointment of committees, positions, & designations

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

B. Motion by Clem, seconded by Church to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports.

\$37,423.48 General Fund

\$320,261.50 Payroll

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schroder

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

C. Scheduled Audiences:

Ayars and Ayars

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Clem, seconded by Church authorizing the disposal of surplus equipment.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Church, Clem, Maahs, Royal.

Voting No: None

Absent: Schroder

Motion Passed: 5-0-1

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.
2. The Board updated contact information for each Board member.

G. Communication: None

H. Elementary Principal's Report:

Science Assembly Success

The science program by Dr. Christian Binek was well received by our students and staff. Dr. Binek demonstrated several common physics principals with some common everyday materials and not so common materials. The biggest hit was the scooter propelled by a fire extinguisher. Dr. Binek made a couple of trips up and down the gym on the scooter, much to the enjoyment of our students. He also demonstrated principals of wave theory with a manifold fired by propane and an electric guitar. While some of the power point slides may have been a bit technical, the demonstrations registered well with our students.

Winter Break

The winter break was appreciated and used well to recharge and get focused for the second semester. Scott was able to get the carpets cleaned and a few projects accomplished. I came out for a few days when Scott was gone and checked on things. Scott and I also were here on Tuesday, December 28th, to show representatives from Arhen's Fire Sprinkler Company around the building. They are doing some of the proposals as part of the Heating and Cooling renovations that Ayer's and Ayer's is overseeing. Anyway we are ready to roll again for second semester.

Grades and Report Cards

Hopefully Power School and Power Grade will remain up and running this week. We plan to have second qtr grading done and report cards out to parents by Friday, January 7th. That gives us three days when we get back, to get report cards done and out the door.

January 17th, In-Service

We will be doing a number of things during our in-service on January 17th. The morning is going to be spent working on Math Curriculum alignment with Suzanne and Mitzi from ESU #4. In the afternoon we will meet with the ladies from ESU 4 to talk about 21st Century Teaching Skills.

In addition, Mr. Smidt and Mr. Brown will be leading sessions on Power Media Plus, Nebraska Online Data Base, Google Forms, our District Portal, and Calendar. Greg Robke will be here in the afternoon to work with specific staff members on Mobi's also. It will be an action packed day!

Staff Resignation

We had a staff resignation over the break. Our computer lab para-educator resigned to take another position with the Lincoln Public School System. We have posted the vacancy on our web page and put an ad in the Voice News. We do have a substitute lined

up while we are interviewing for the position. I'm sure that we will be able to get this position staffed quickly and be back on track in the computer lab in no time at all.

Student Teacher

We will have a student teacher in our building this semester. Leslie McIntosh will be doing her student teaching in the second grade with Mrs. Schauer and Mrs. Christensen. She is a student at UNL, a graduate of Syracuse High School and knows several of our staff members already. Her resume looks very impressive. We look forward to having her in our building.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

January 11, 2011

1. Jan. 17th In-service plans

Math Curriculum alignment with Suzanne and Mitzi from ESU #4.

21st Century Teaching Skills.

Power Media Plus, Nebraska Online Data Base, Google Forms, our District Portal, and Calendar.

Greg Robke from ESU 4 - Mobi's

Staff/committee meeting

Individual Work

2. Second Semester Roster

Updated roster included with report.

3. Attendance First Semester

Following up on my December report with regard to excessive absenteeism, I have provided the numbers for first semester below:

Total HS Students	187
Students absent more than 8 days	28
Students absent less than 8 days	159
Absenteeism percentage	15%
Attendance percentage	85%
Total Elementary Students	227
Students absent more than 8 days	13
Students absent less than 8 days	214
Absenteeism percentage	7%
Attendance percentage	94%
Total Students	414
Students absent more than 8 days	41
Students absent less than 8 days	373
Absenteeism percentage	10%

Attendance percentage 90%

Figures rounded up for purpose of this report.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

January 2011

- MUDECAS BB in Beatrice January 10th – January 15th
- Wrestling at Syracuse January 14th
- Teacher In Service January 17th
- Basketball at Palmyra vs. Conestoga January 18th
- Junior High Girls Basketball at Elmwood January 20th
- Basketball vs. East Butler at Palmyra January 21st
- FCCLA Stars Competition at Peru January 21st
- Basketball at Yutan January 22nd
- Wrestling at Louisville January 22nd
- Junior High Basketball at Nebraska City Lourdes January 24th
- C-team B-ball vs. Elmwood/Murdock at Palmyra January 24th
- FFA Leadership at Norris January 25th
- Basketball vs. Wilber Clatonia January 25th
- Wrestling at Freeman January 27th
- Basketball vs. Elmwood /Murdock January 28th
- MUDECAS Speech at SECC Beatrice January 29th
- ECNC Basketball Tourney January 29th -February 5th
- Junior High Girls BB vs. JCC February 3rd
- ECNC Wrestling at Malcolm February 4th

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

1. The week of January 23-29 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.
2. The Life Skills/FCS classroom has completed phase II of the remodel as approved by NDE in November. The costs for the project have all been coded to ARRA IDEA grants that must be expended this fiscal year.
3. The legislature has convened the 2011 session reelecting Senator Mike Flood of Norfolk as Speaker. Senator Greg Adams has retained chair of the Education Committee and Jeremy Nordquist (Omaha) is the new chair of the Retirement Committee.

4. LR 542 as adopted by the unicameral in April of 2010 and chaired by Speaker Flood required the 14 standing legislative committee Chairs to examine each program within their jurisdiction for potential reduction or elimination during the current budget discussion as well as an overall reduction of 10% of the General Fund allocation for all agencies.

L. Board of Education Development

1. February 7-8 Labor Relations conference Kearney (Let me know if you would like to be registered).
2. February 23 LaVista School Board Leadership Workshop (Let me know if you would like to be registered).
3. March 24-25 NRCSA conference Kearney (Let me know if you are interested).
4. January 23-24 legislative conference Lincoln. Sunday evening is a presentation by Dr. Breed Commissioner of Education examining the effective teacher in 2020. Monday is the actual legislative preview. (Let me know if you would like to be registered).
4. Policy review: 902.01 Buildings & Sites Long Range Planning, 902.02 Construction Plans and Specifications, 902.05 Construction Management At Risk School Construction Alternative, 902.06 Design-Build School Construction Alternative.

Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:15 o'clock p.m. on January 11, 2011.

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