

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 18, 2011

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 18, 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 Kevin Schroder and Doug Church.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Activities Director Mark Oltman. Guests: Don Fritz, Staci Dowding, Cathy Fick, Debora Knorr.

Absent: None

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 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.

Motion by Clem, seconded by Schroder to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$52,029.10 General Fund

\$334,435.60 Payroll

\$250.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$75,066.81 Special Building Fund

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

Voting No: None

The motion carried.

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Public Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of April, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jr.-Sr. High School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget amendment and to consider amendments relative thereto. The proposed amendment to the adopted 2010-11 budget is for the purpose of modifying only the General fund to reflect the reduction of cash reserve to provide budget flexibility. The amendment will not change the tax rate previously set for the 2010-11 school year. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours.

No one present provided input to the board of education regarding this issue and the hearing was closed at 8:24 p.m.

D. Unscheduled Audiences:

1. Mike Powers offered input concerning the need for essential planning regarding the future of District OR-1.

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Royal to accept Peter Kok's voluntary resignation effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to accept Kim Svoboda's voluntary resignation effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

3. Motion by Clem, seconded by Schroder to accept Yvonne Meyer's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 40 years of dedicated service effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. Motion by Church, seconded by Calfee to accept Genie Bahms's voluntary resignation with appreciation for 20 years of dedicated service effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Church to ratify teaching contract for Angela Nitzsche.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. Motion by Clem, seconded by Schroder to adopt the ESU 4 Core Services Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act as the Board's representative in matters dealing with the provisions of Core Services provided by ESU 4.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

7. Motion by Royal, seconded by Church to approve the Special Education Service Agreement with ESU 4.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

8. Motion by Church, seconded by Schroder to approve amendment of the 2010-2011 General Fund budget.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. The negotiations committee established a meeting time for discussion of the 2011-2012 negotiations process.
2. The Board established parameters for purchase of a bus from Master's Transportation.

G. Communication

1. Larry Royal reported his findings related to the eventual need to replace the current analog communication system in use in District OR-1 buses.

H. Elementary Principal's Report April 13, 2011

NESA Testing

We have completed our NESA Science Testing and are in the middle of NESA Reading Tests. Our third and fourth grade will be completed by Friday of this week. Our students have been very motivated to do well on these tests so far. One fact has surprised me. So far, we have had no absences during the testing, and have had no make-up tests to give. We will have all testing completed by the first week of May.

Staffing

We have had some resignations on our staff this spring. They will be board actions at the meeting. All of these have been retirement decisions on the part of the staff members.

Final Stretch

We are in the final five weeks of school. With Easter Break coming so late in the spring this year, when we come back it will be a mad rush to the end. We will be focusing on NESA Testing, Science Text adoptions, requisitions, field trips, music programs, DARE Graduation, Track and Untrack Field days and many other end of the year activities.

It will be a mad rush and then.....silence.

I. Secondary Principal's Report April 13, 2011

State Testing

NeSA Reading complete.

NeSA Science 8th grade complete.

NeSA Science 11th grade April 20 & 21

NeSA Math April 28 & 29

Palmyra FFA at State Convention 2010

Held April 7-9 in Lincoln. Palmyra FFA At The Convention

Palmyra FFA participated at the State FFA Convention and Career Development Contests April 7-8 in Lincoln. There are 139 chapters in the state with 6600 members and over 3400 members attended the convention and competed in contests. The Chapter received a Gold

Chapter Rating during the business sessions. In the Career Development Contests, rankings are how they finished overall in the state: Meats – Team was 16th , Burke Brown 39th, Brandon Brown 49th, Dustin Schroder Red ribbon, Michael Roath; Welding- Team was 29th, Justin Cheney- Oxy. Acet. 17th, Connor Marcoe- MIG ,White ribbon , Dustin Schroder- Arc; Agriscience- Team was 55th, (little problem with pig dissection), Jami Hillman- Red ribbon, Victoria Talcott, Kourtney Kempkes, Shelby Bruss, alt. Jordyn Botrell, Hannah Lionberger. Emma Bremer participated in the State FFA Chorus Thursday and Friday.

Brittany Schroder and Dustin Schroder received the State FFA Degree, which is the highest honor members can attain in the state organization. Hard work in their FFA leadership activities, working with their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs and keeping good records enabled them to receive the award with 414 other members at Pershing Auditorium Friday night. It was awarded to approx. 25 % of the senior members eligible for the award in the State of Nebraska.

Scheduling

8-11 grade students have been pre-registered for next school year. Next years 7th graders pre-registered at Orientation on Thursday, April 28.

Master schedule draft included.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report April 13, 2011

Check the Website for information on several activities that occurred in the Month of April.

Amanda Beckman was named Runza/KLKN Student Athlete of the month. TV clip ran April 13th.

- April 19th Golf at Weeping Water
- April 19th Track at Syracuse
- April 21st JH Track at Conestoga
- April 21st Golf at Woodland Hills
- April 26th Track at Conestoga
- April 27th PHS Golf Invite at Woodland Hills
- April 28th JH Track at Tecumseh
- April 30th ECNC Track and Basketball Awards at Malcolm
- May 2nd HS Awards Night
- May 3rd Athletic Awards and Banquet
- May 4th JH Awards
- May 5th Golf at Tecumseh
- May 6th Track at Tecumseh
- May 9th ECNC JH/HS Instrumental Clinic at Conestoga Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- May 10th Golf at Hidden Valley
- May 10th Elementary Music Concert

- May 12th Track Districts at Tecumseh
- May 13th JH ECNC Track TBA
- May 14th Graduation 2:00 p.m.
- May 19th , 20th FFA COLT Conference
- May 20th 21st, State Track

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

1. The Board reviewed information related to the growth of unused budget authority.
2. The Board reviewed information related to LB 235 and the impact it will have on future budgets.
3. The Board reviewed information related to proposed State Aid for District OR-1.

Adjournment

1. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:26 o'clock p.m. on April 18, 2011.

Next Board Meeting- May 9, 2011 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.