

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 12, 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, September, 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: Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder and Doug Church.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb.

Absent: Jaimi Calfee

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 7:32 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 Church, seconded by Clem to approve all items on the consent agenda including minutes of the last meeting, claims and financial reports. After discussion and roll call vote:

\$166,662.65 General Fund

\$332,264.68 Payroll

\$17.59 Activity Fund Reimbursement

Voting Yes: Clem, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Calfee  
Motion Passed: 5-0

**C. Scheduled Audiences: None**

The following hearings were opened for discussion at 7:37 p.m.

1. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.
2. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1601.02, the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

The above hearings were closed after discussion at 8:08 p.m.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences: None**

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Clem, seconded by Church to adopt the 2011-2012 Budget.

Voting Yes: Clem, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church  
Voting No: None  
Absent: Calfee  
Motion Passed: 5-0

2. Approve the Tax Request Resolution

2011-2012 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION  
FOR  
OTOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #501

WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2011-2012 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund, of Otoe County School District #501; and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education hereinafter "the Board" of Otoe County School District #501 hereinafter "the District" at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general

circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Request for the said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2011-2012 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General fund should be, and hereby is set at \$3,318,165.62; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond fund should be, and hereby is set at \$348,905.05; and (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Funds should be, and hereby is set at \$155,896.97.

It is so moved by Schroder and seconded by Royal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Voting Yes: Clem, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church

Voting No: None

Absent: Calfee

Motion Passed: 5-0

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Otoe County School District #501, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said board.

/s/ Robert L. Hanger Secretary

3. Motion by Royal, seconded by Schroder to appoint Superintendent Hanger as official representative responsible for State and Federal forms and applications .

Voting Yes: Clem, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church

Voting No: None

Absent: Calfee

Motion Passed: 5-0

#### **F. Discussion Items**

1. School Community Essential Planning dates were reviewed and placed on the Board Calendar.

2. Committee members for the School Community Essential Planning process were confirmed.

3. Potential dates for the Foundation for Knowledge meeting times were reviewed.

## **G. Communication**

None

## **H. Elementary Principal's Report**

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### **Open House**

We had a very successful Open House on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. A very large crowd attended. Our Book Fair had its highest sales total ever. And we had a number of community organizations set up in the cafeteria. It was a great night!

### **MAPS Testing**

This is the year that we will move to Measures of Academic Progress (MAPS) for our achievement tests. We are scheduled to start the fall testing the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brown has been loading up student and teacher data. The software is being installed on our lab computers this week. Our staff will be meeting to go over the program and procedures this week. Our goal is to wrap up our fall testing by the end of September. I'm very excited about our move to MAPS. This will give our staff much more specific data about our students in relation to the Nebraska Standards.

### **NESA Test Results.**

Our NESA Assessment results are in and available for the public. We did well again. I'll have detailed charts and information to hand out at the meeting.

### **Cooling/Heating Project**

Our new cooling system has been up and running fairly well. We are still waiting for the electrician to finish up. We also have a few minor issues with the cooling tower float sticking. They are supposed to be here this week to finish up. Hopefully we can get the final inspection done and the project officially completed by the next board meeting.

### **Fall Enrollment**

We have lost a few students due to moving or not getting here in the first place, but we are still up about 9 students over last fall.

### **Great Start!**

It is hard to believe, but we already are on week four of the school year. It has been a great start to the year. Our new staff is working well. The students are off to a good start. We have just had a remarkably smooth start.

## **I. Secondary Principal's Report**

September 12, 2011

1. NeSA Reading/Math/Writing Results

Our students in last year's 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades did an excellent job on the state reading and math tests conducted last spring. I've included a copy of the letter sent home with individual student reports on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. I've included a copy of the information placed on the website for all kids who took the test last spring.

On the reading test there are 2 separate sections, we had 7 students who had perfect scores on 1 of the sections. We had 3 students with a perfect score across the board in reading.

On the math test there are 4 separate sections, we had 36 students who had perfect scores on 1 or more of these sections. We had 6 kids with a perfect score across the board in math.

In grades 7,8, and 11. Our students scored above the state average in both reading and math by considerable margins.

As expected our 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing scores also eclipsed the state average, again by a considerable margin. This past spring 11<sup>th</sup> grade writing was a pilot year, so no scores are available.

Mr. Pollock, Mrs. Buescher, Mr. Jensen, and Mr. Maas all need to be recognized for their efforts on NeSA testing.

## 2. Peter Kiewit Institute

Kelby Phillips attended the 2011 Academy of Modeling and Simulation and Michael Roath attended the 2011 Holland academy of Excellence. These are excellent programs and excellent representation of PHS by these students.

## 3. Foreign Exchange Students

Malte Leible staying with Greory and Jean Arp of Bennet.  
Lucas Lucena staying with Steve & Lori Lindeman of Bennet.  
Steven Wilson staying with Justin & Melissa Apel of Bennet.

All 3 are involved with our students and activities.

## 4. Updated Student Roster is available for your review.

## 5. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>st</sup>, 2:00-8:00 p.m.

## **J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report**

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- Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> CC at Yutan, JH VB at Palmyra, JV FB at Palmyra, VB at MUDECAS
- Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> VB at MUDECAS, Golf at Woodland Hills
- Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> VB at MUDECAS, Golf at JCC
- Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> CC at Pioneer Park, Homecoming FB at Palmyra
- Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> Marching Band at Applejack, Homecoming Dance
- Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> JH and JV FB at Weeping Water
- September 20<sup>th</sup> PT Conferences
- September 22 JV/V VB at Auburn
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> FB at Nebraska City
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Marching Band at Papillion
- September 26<sup>th</sup> SIP meeting, JV FB at Palmyra
- September 27<sup>th</sup> JH VB at Bennet, V VB at Palmyra, JH FB at Palmyra
- September 29<sup>th</sup> JH VB at Palmyra, CC @ Raymond Central, V VB at Wymore
- September 30<sup>th</sup> HS FB at Palmyra Parents night for FB, CC, and Girls Golf

#### **K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations**

1. The Board reviewed Federal funding sources including Title I, Title IIA, Title V, REAP, Universal Service Funds and IDEA with revised amounts as allocated for fiscal 2011-2012.

#### **L. Board of Education Development**

1. Area Membership Meeting September 14 at the Beatrice High School 4:45-8:15.
2. State Conference November 16, 17, 18 at the La Vista Conference Center.

#### **Adjournment**

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:55 o'clock p.m. on September 12, 2011.

#### **Next Board Meeting-**

October 11, 2011

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