

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 16, 2012

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 16, 2012, at 7:30 a.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, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, and Secondary Principal David Bottrell.

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.

1. Elections - Superintendent Temporary Chairman

Motion by Church, seconded by Clem to maintain 2011 officers, and committee assignments for Board of Education calendar year 2012.

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

Voting No: None

Absent:

Motion Passed: 6-0

- a. President (*Clayton Maahs*)
- b. Vice President (*Kevin Schroder*)

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*)

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

\$43,858.38 General Fund

\$328,271.88 Payroll

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

Voting No: None

Absent:

Motion Passed: 6-0

C. Scheduled Audiences: None

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Royal, seconded by Church to approve the Southeast Nebraska Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for Power School Support for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

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

Voting No: None

Absent:

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Church to approve the Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for the Purchase of Natural Gas and Related Services (NJUMP).

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

Voting No: None

Absent:

Motion Passed: 6-0

F. Discussion Items

1. Review first draft of the 2011-2012 school calendar was completed and no changes were made.

2. School Community Essential Planning Draft Documents were reviewed and discussion regarding the February presentation by FGR group to be arranged.

3. Review and Update Board of Education Contact Information.

4. Negotiations Committee meeting dates were reviewed for February.

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report January 11, 2012

Second Semester Underway

We are back in full swing following the winter vacation. The students and staff came back on Thursday refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of a new semester. Coming back for two days before having a full week of school was nice. It gave staff and students a chance to work back into the routine of school before facing a full week. It also gave the staff a chance to do some welcome back projects and activities on Thursday and Friday and hit the ground running with second semester plans on the following Monday.

January 16th In-service

We have a full slate of activities planned for the Staff in-service on Monday, January 16th. We are going to work on updating and finalizing our Math and Science curriculums in the morning. In the afternoon staff members will be working on technology issues and training. These days are put to good use by our staff and administration.

P-T Conferences

Second Semester P-T Conferences will be taking place on Tuesday, February 7th. Scheduling notices for this conference will be going out in the next week.

Kindness Retreat a Success

The Kindness Retreat held for our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and staff was very successful. The staff from Youth Frontiers was just outstanding. We had excellent help from the high school with our Youth Peer Models. Our staff members were quite impressed with the way the retreat was conducted by the retreat leaders. It has had a positive impact on many of our students. We also had a great article in the Voice News about the retreat.

NESA and MAPS Assessments

Planning and implementation for NESA and MAPS assessments is in full swing. We will be doing a mid-year MAPS assessment later this month. This is primarily to work on the testing schedule and also give our 1st graders experience with the MAPS assessment before we do a baseline assessment in May. This will be the first time we are utilizing the mobile lab and laptop computers and the wireless networks also.

NESA Testing will take place in March and April. Again we are trying to close up the testing schedule and get the assessments completed in a shorter time frame this spring. Mrs. Hanger and Mr. Brown have been doing a great job of working on the logistics for this.

NESA Celebration

As you are aware, District OR-1 did an outstanding job, again, on the NESA assessments last spring, scoring near the top in both reading and math. I am working with Mr. Brown and Mr. Bottrell to have some type of recognition celebration in February. Mr. Brown is in the process of having our state senator, Lavon Heidemann, attend the program and recognize those students that had perfect scores on either assessment. Tentatively, we are looking at February 10th for this.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

January 11, 2012

1. January 16th In-Service schedule included with this report.
2. Second Semester Roster included with this report.
3. First Semester Honor Roll included with this report.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

January 11, 2012

- January 16th Inservice
- January 17th BB at Conestoga

- January 19th JH Girls BB at Palmyra 3:30
- January 20th BB at Brainard (East Butler)
- January 20th FCCLA at Peru State College
- January 21st Elementary Cheer Clinic PHS
- January 21st Wrestling at Louisville
- January 21st BB at Palmyra vs. Yutan 1:30 Start
- January 23rd JH GBB at PHS vs. Lourdes 4:00
- January 23rd C-team BB at Murdock
- January 24th FFA Leadership Skills Contest
- January 24th BB at Wilber
- January 26th Wrestling at Adams
- January 27th BB at Murdock
- January 28th Speech at MUDECAS SCC Beatrice
- January 28th ECNC BB TBA
- January 30th Student Council at Region Conference in Fairbury
- January 30th JH GBB at Palmyra vs. WW
- January 30th ECNC BB TBA
- January 31st ECNC BB TBA
- February 2nd JH GBB at JCC
- February 2nd ECNC BB
- February 3rd ECNC Wrestling at Louisville
- February 3rd ECNC BB
- February 4th Youth Wrestling Tourney PHS Gym
- February 4th ECNC BB

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

January 11, 2012

1. The week of January 22-28 is Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. The District OR-1 staff 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 outstanding service.
2. Education Jobs funds have been reallocated from another State that did not accept the funding opportunity last fiscal year. This represents redistribution of funds and a grant of \$2006.67 available to District OR-1.
3. IDEA Grant Funds have been finalized. This year is several months later than the usual time frame for allocations as the system is being moved into the Portal and Grants Management. The total allocation for birth to 5 and school age is \$134,016.00 or about 1% less than last year.
4. The Board reviewed Governors Rankings for Class C-2 Schools:
College Going Rate Score 93.3, District OR-1 Ranking Number 1

ACT Score 2010 22.3, District OR-1 Ranking 12
Graduation Rate 2010-2011 100%, District OR-1 Ranking tied for Number 1
NeSA Math Governors Score 88.6, District OR-1 Ranking Number 1
NeSA Reading Governors Score 91.4, District OR-1 Ranking Number 2

5. The Board reviewed current legislative proposals from the 2012 session.

L. Board of Education Development

1. Legislative Issues Conference January 22-23 Cornhusker Hotel.
2. Labor Relations Conference Kearney February 6-7.
3. Board Leadership Workshop February 22 Cornhusker Hotel.
4. Nebraska Rural Community Schools Conference March 22-23 Kearney.
5. The Board of Education conducted the 2011 Annual Self Evaluation.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

School calendar, issuance of certificated employee contracts, negotiations, SCEP Review

Adjournment

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:56 o'clock p.m. on January 16, 2012.

Next Board Meeting- Regular Meeting— February 14th at Palmyra High School
Library at 7:30 PM.

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