

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 17, 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, September 17, 2012, 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: Doug Church, Mark Clem, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder. Jaimi Calfee arrived at 7:36.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Secondary Principal David Bottrell and Activities Director Mark Oltman.

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.

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

\$125,130.34 General Fund

\$347,050.50 Payroll

\$103.50 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$ 6,262.42 Building Fund

\$7,210.00 Depreciation

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

**C. Scheduled Audiences:**

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.
3. In compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 79-2,133, 134 the board of education provides this time for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations regarding Policy 504-18 Student Fees.

The above hearings were closed after discussion at 9:20 p.m.

4. Jim Berg BVH Architects presented information related to the audit of the Bennet Elementary and Palmyra Junior Senior High School buildings.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences: None**

**E. Action Items**

- 1 Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to adopt the 2012-2013 Budget.

Voting Yes: Calfee, Clem, Maahs, Royal, Schroder, Church  
Voting No: None  
Motion Passed: 6-0

2. Approve the Tax Request Resolution

2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General fund should be, and hereby is set at \$3,611,094.91; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond fund should be, and hereby is set at \$321,976.76; and (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Funds should be, and hereby is set at \$181,440.40.

It is so moved by Schroder and seconded by Church this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

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 Clem, seconded by Schroder to approve the review and revisions of Board of Education Policy 504.18 Student Fees.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. Motion by Church, seconded by Royal to approve the second reading of Board of Education Policy 204.01 Regular Board Meetings.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to approve the second reading of Board of Education Policy 407.07 Negotiations.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to authorize the 1:1 iPad initiative for Palmyra Junior Senior High School as per Board of Education Goal to Increase Emphasis on Technology Programs including hardware and software.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

7.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to appoint Superintendent Hanger as official representative responsible for State and Federal forms and applications.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

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

1. Facility Task Force meeting dates and locations were reviewed.
2. Foundation for Knowledge meeting date for September 25.
3. December Regular BOE meeting date was established as December 13.

## **G. Communication**

None

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

September 17, 2012

The Board of Education reviewed Elementary Enrollment Report by Grade.

### **MAPS Assessments**

We are in the middle of our fall MAPS Assessments. Things are going very smoothly thanks to Mr. Brown and Mrs. Hanger. The rosters were loaded up by September thanks to Mr. Brown. Mrs. Hanger worked diligently with the staff to get a condensed testing schedule set up. Things are going smoothly so far this week. We hoped to have things wrapped up by Tuesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be an interesting assessment period, since it will give us data to compare from last year's testing. We'll be able to see if there is any significant summer lag for instance. It will also help teachers identify areas of focus on the content standards on a class level and an individual level. I must say that our staff has really bought into the importance of MAPS as it relates to instructional decisions that they need to make for the year. They see a much more direct impact on making these kinds of decisions with the MAPS Assessments than they did with the Terra Nova. It just relates much closer to the Nebraska Content Standards. They have many more tools at their fingertips for pulling up reports and looking at the data for their students.

### **NESA Results**

Our NESA Assessment results are in and available for the public. We did well again. I have included a detailed chart comparing our students to the state averages with this report. Kudos to our students! They really were motivated to do well last spring. Kudos to our staff! We do a lot of great things here at Bennet Elementary and the results on the NESA assessments are just one thing that bears evidence to that. My thanks go to the staff, students and parents for their efforts and dedication.

### **P-T Conferences**

First round of P-T Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept, 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

September 17, 2012

1. NeSA Reading/Math/Science/Writing Results

Results from last spring's tests have been released. Individual reports will be distributed at parent/teacher conferences. A breakdown of how our students in 7th, 8th, and 11th grade scored compared to the state average is included with my report.

Mr. Pollock, Mrs. Buescher, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Maas, Mrs. Church all need to be recognized for their efforts on NeSA testing. It is time consuming and can be stressful. Also, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smidt, and Mrs. Kai for their efforts in support of NeSA testing with regard to technology/computers/labs.

2. Foreign Exchange Students

Lucas Christian staying with Haussler's.

3. Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 2:00-8:00 p.m.

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

September 17, 2012

The Board reviewed September Activities and schedules.

**K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations**

1. As you may be aware our district will receive additional funds from the Federal government in several categories during fiscal 2012-2013. Those dollars account for over 6% of receipts in the District OR-1 Budget.

State Aid for the current school year is set at \$803,939.00 and includes Poverty Grant Funds and a positive prior year correction. This is an increase of \$37,003 from fiscal 2011-2012.

Title I

The purpose of this title is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments. This purpose can be accomplished in part by:

- (1) Ensuring that high-quality academic assessments, accountability systems, teacher preparation and training, curriculum, and instructional materials are aligned with challenging State academic standards so that students, teachers, parents, and administrators can measure progress against common expectations for student academic achievement;
- (2) Meeting the educational needs of low-achieving children in our Nation's highest-poverty schools, limited English proficient children, migratory children, children with disabilities, neglected or delinquent children, and young children in need of reading assistance;

(3) Closing the achievement gap between high- and low-performing children, especially the achievement gaps between minority and nonminority students, and between disadvantaged children and their more advantaged peers;

District OR-1 will receive \$46,463 in Title I funding for fiscal 2012-2013, an increase of \$13,487.00 from the previous year's allocation.

#### Title II A

The purpose of the program is to increase academic achievement by improving teacher and principal quality. This program is carried out by: increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in classrooms; increasing the number of highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools; and increasing the effectiveness of teachers and principals by holding LEAs and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement. District OR-1 will receive \$7,939 from Title IIA in fiscal 2012-2013. This represents an increase of \$696.00 from the previous year's allocation.

#### Title V

### PROMOTING INFORMED PARENTAL CHOICE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

#### *PART A — INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS*

**PURPOSES-** The purposes of this title are the following:

- (1) To support local education reform efforts that are consistent with and support statewide education reform efforts.
- (2) To provide funding to enable State educational agencies and local educational agencies to implement promising educational reform programs and school improvement programs based on scientifically based research.
- (3) To provide a continuing source of innovation and educational improvement, including support programs to provide library services and instructional and media materials.
- (4) To meet the educational needs of all students, including at-risk youth.
- (5) To develop and implement education programs to improve school, student, and teacher performance, including professional development activities and class size reduction programs.

While no funding has been awarded directly to our district via Title V, we are allowed to REAP-Flex money from Title II A, Title D and Title IV in order to expend the dollars through Title V with less restrictions than we would see under Title II.

#### REAP

Part B of Title VI of the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) contains Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) initiatives that are designed to help rural districts that may lack the personnel and resources to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants and that often receive grant allocations in amounts that are too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes. This money cannot be utilized for payroll purposes and is limited to providing resources such as textbooks and

technology to REAP schools. Grant awards for this year are believed to remain consistent at \$39,000 from this program.

## IDEA

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth-2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. Children and youth (ages 3-21) receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B.

District OR-1 receives approximately \$136,000 through three programs associated with IDEA grants. These include Enrollment Poverty \$61,840, and an IDEA Base grant of \$52,915. Expenditures from IDEA are closely monitored for compliance and awards vary from year.

## Universal Service Funds

Universal Service Funds are provided to schools and libraries to assist in defraying costs associated primarily with telecommunications services including local and long distance phone service, distance learning costs, and internet costs. Currently District OR-1 has received a commitment to fund 60% of our costs in these categories. The percentage of reimbursement is based on the districts poverty rate. We are scheduled to receive approximately \$33,133 in discounted invoices or reimbursements for fiscal 2012-2013. As an equalized district the remaining 40% of our bills are reimbursed at 85% through the State Aid formula. In the current school year these reimbursement figures will include Network Nebraska fees.

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

1. Area Membership Meeting October 10 at the Beatrice High School 4:45-8:15.
2. State Conference November 14, 15, 16, at the La Vista Conference Center.

## **M. Topics for Next Months Agenda**

Facilities audit

## **Adjournment**

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:17 o'clock p.m. on September 17, 2012.

**Next Board Meeting-** October 10<sup>th</sup> 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.