

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: December 13, 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, December 13, 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 7:39

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, Facilities Task Force Committee Members, Jim Berg, Cleve Reeves and Don Fritz.

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 7:31 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 Royal, 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:

\$69,126.04 General Fund

\$346,386.74 Payroll

\$478.00 Activity Fund Reimbursement

\$1600.06 Building Fund

\$303,353.75 Bond Fund

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

**C. Scheduled Audiences:**

1. Facilities Task Force Committee Members, Jim Berg, Cleve Reeves and Don Fritz reviewed the facility audit process and the next steps the Board should consider.

**D. Unscheduled Audiences: None**

**E. Action Items**

1. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Church to receive the 2011 Audit Report.

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

2. Motion by Clem, seconded by Royal to approve the Annual Performance Report.

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

3. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to ratify teaching contract for Rebecca Dvorak.

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

**F. Discussion Items**

1. EHA rates for 2013-2014 were updated by the Board as a part of the ratified negotiated agreement.
2. The Board approved Superintendent Contract Renewal.
3. Review of BOE Policy 204.12 Public Participation and the addition of associated guidelines for use at meetings.

**G. Communication**

1. President Maahs shared two cards of thanks with Board members.

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

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### **Holiday and Winter Activities.**

We are into the holiday and winter mode with activities. Our Winter Musical was held on November 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a very well attended event. We hosted our winter Movie Matinee Day on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are selling Baker's Chocolates, conducting a caring project by collecting food items for the local food pantry, and planning to for the end of the second quarter. It will be here before we know it.

### **State of the Schools Report**

The annual State of the Schools Report was released to the public this past month. This year, in the report on student performance for NESAs assessments, two additional factors were added. The first is improvement which compares the scale scores of each grade from one year to the next. These scores are averages of different students each year, i.e. the scores of last year's fourth grade students are compared to the scores of this year's fourth grade students. The second factor is growth. Growth is calculated in reading and mathematics by subtracting each student's scale score for the previous year from the current year scale score. Growth is based on tracking the scores of the same students from one year to the next. This shows individual and group growth from year to year.

While assessment scores in our building were very good again this year, our improvement and growth scores did not rank as high as other schools in our area. The big reason for this, is there is little room for improvement and growth from year to year when your initial scores for those two years are very high. Our improvement and growth scores were a mixed bag. We had some grades with good improvement scores and some with declining improvement scores, even though students performed well in both years. We also had some classes with very good growth scores, while others did not. Again, if you had a group of students that scored extremely well last year and perform not quite as well this year, they received a negative growth report, even though their scale scores were still well above the state average.

Over all I was pleased with our building level results on NESAs again this year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday season!

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

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### **1. State Report Card**

State Report Card was released on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. It can be viewed at the following address:

[http://reportcard.education.ne.gov/Default\\_State.aspx](http://reportcard.education.ne.gov/Default_State.aspx)

2. Winter Vacation

We will dismiss on the 20th for Winter Vacation, and start second semester on Jan. 3rd.

Happy Holidays to all of the Board!!!!

3. 7-12 winter music program

Will be Monday, December 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym

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

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Activities dates through the holiday tournament were shared with the Board.

**K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations**

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1. The district has received the annual ACT profile report for the school year 2010-2011. The report provides a snapshot of information and comparison of ACT performance at the local and state/national level. We traditionally score well in this assessment. Scores for this year are above the state average. The district continues to focus on best practice in order to prepare our students for all assessments including the ACT.

2. Information related to the first quarterly budget report for fiscal 2012 is available for your review: Each account code is shown with the percent of budget remaining as of November 30 2012. Fiscal 2011 figures are included for comparison.

3. ECNC passes will no longer be accepted at ECNC tournament events for basketball, volleyball, wrestling and track.

4. Mr. Hanger and President Maahs recognized Board of Education Vice President Kevin Schroder who has been awarded the Association of School Boards Level One pin. President Maahs recognized Board member Mark Clem and thanked him for four years of service presenting him with a plaque from District OR-1.

5. Best Wishes for a Joyous and Happy Holiday Season.

**L. Board of Education Development**

1. January 13, 14 Legislative Issues Conference at the Cornhusker in Lincoln.

**M. Topics for Next Months Agenda**

Reorganization of the Board and Committee assignments.

**Adjournment**

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:04 o'clock p.m. on December 13, 2012.

**Next Board Meeting**-January 14, 2013 at Palmyra High School Library at 7:30 PM.

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