

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 18, 2013

A. A meeting of the Board of Education of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room 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, Doug Church, Clayton Maahs, Larry Royal and Kevin Schroder.

Also Present: School Administrators Superintendent Robert Hanger, Elementary Principal Steve Robb, FGR Group representative Don Fritz and Bahr Vermeer Haecker Representatives Jim Berg and Cleveland Reeves.

Absent: Kipp Haight

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 6:30 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 Calfee, 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:

\$86,042.52 General Fund

\$336,286.83 Payroll

\$1091.55 Building Fund

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

C. Scheduled Audiences:

1. Don Fritz FGR Group and Bahr Vermeer Haecker Representatives Jim Berg and Cleve Reeves presenting Facility Audit information.

D. Unscheduled Audiences: None

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar.

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

2. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Church to authorize the Superintendent to issue contract renewals to the certified staff.

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

F. Discussion Items

None

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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Elementary Principal Report

P-T Conferences

We had a good turnout for P-T Conferences. Our attendance rate wasn't quite at high at first semester, but still with follow-up conferences and phone conferences we managed to touch base with over 90% of our parents. Things were very quiet and smooth that day. The Elementary Boosters provided a fine meal for our staff. The Post Prom had a concessions stand for parents and students from 4:00 to 6:00.

Gearing up for Advanced Ed Visitation

We are in the home stretch of preparations for our Advanced Ed visitation this spring. Mr. Smidt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Bottrell are working on putting our narratives and student performance data on the website for the external team to review before they come on April 15th and 16th. It is a pretty exhausting process. But this will replace a lot of paper that the old process included. It should be a little more streamlined for the visitation team when they arrive. This will also allow more time for them to do observations in classrooms and the school as well. More on this in the coming months.

K.G. Round-up List

As of today we have 40 students on our Kindergarten Round-Up List. That impressive! There are 27 boys and 13 girls! They are coming in larger numbers! Round-up is set for Friday, April 19th.

MAPS Assessments Complete

We finished up our mid-year MAPS assessments up by February 1st. I don't have any hard fast reports yet, but in conversations with staff members they were very satisfied with the overall progress and growth that they were able to observe with their class reports. That is one of the great features of MAPS, immediate reporting of results. We don't have to wait for three – four weeks for reports to be sent back.

Preparing for NESAs

We are prepping for our spring NESAs assessments. We are working on building a schedule for taking practice assessments, setting up the test schedule, and working on our motivational program for this spring's testing. Our 4th graders completed the NESAs writing assessments the week of February 1st. Our 4th grade also took part in NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) testing last Friday. Information from these assessments is used for the Nation's Report Card by the Federal Department of Education. Schools are selected on a random basis. This is the second time we've taken part these assessments since I've been here.

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. Feb 18th Inservice agenda for February 18th was reviewed.
2. Parent Teacher Conferences Attendance information was presented to the Board.

Total –89/180 for 50% attendance rate

3. Spring FFA Blood Drive Date Change March 13 to March 14
4. NeSA State Writing Test : Complete.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

Upcoming events were reviewed.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

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1. It is beginning to look more certain that State Aid Certification will be delayed until June 1, as the legislature awaits the forecast from the Revenue Board and attempts to come to grips with the two year budget.
2. As a reminder the Face of the negotiations process has changed. Beginning July 1, 2012 the new CIR law became effective.
3. Mr. Hanger informed the Board that he will be serving as the Network Nebraska Advisory Group representation for K-12 Education.
4. SENCAP membership for Palmyra District OR-1 will begin in 2013-2014 school year. Membership will provide additional opportunities for our students in both college credit and dual credit course offerings over time.

L. Board of Education Development

1. Basics of School Law Lincoln Holiday Inn Downtown March 12, 2013.
2. NRCSA legislative Forum February 20th Cornhusker Hotel Lincoln.
3. NRCSA conference March 21,22 in Kearney.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Facility Audit, NRCSA conference, Transportation.

Adjournment

- I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:50 o'clock p.m. on February 18, 2013.

Next Board Meeting- March 18, 2013 at Palmyra High School Distance Learning Room 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.