

PALMYRA DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 15, 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, April 15, 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: Doug Church, Kipp Haight, 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 Guests Jay Spearman and Mark Mumford.

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.

Motion by Church, 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:

\$42,346.50 General Fund

\$331,001.39 Payroll

\$25,000 Depreciation Fund

\$78,762.81 Building Fund

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

C. Scheduled Audiences:

None

D. Unscheduled Audiences:

Mark Mumford and Jay Spearman presented information regarding the NASB 2013 Lease Purchase Agreement.

E. Action Items

1. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Royal to authorize the issuance of series 2013 lease purchase agreement.

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

2. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Schroder to accept Pamela McCauley's voluntary resignation effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

3. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to adopt the ESU 4 Core Services Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act as the Board's representative in matters dealing with the provisions of Core Services provided by ESU 4.

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

4. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Haight to approve the Special Education Service Agreement with ESU 4.

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

5. Motion by Calfee, seconded by Church to ratify administrative contract for Linde Walter.

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

6. Motion by Royal, seconded by Calfee to ratify teaching contract for Andrew Conn.

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

7. Motion by Schroder, seconded by Haight to ratify teaching contract for Jiree Wilson.

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

8. Motion by Church, seconded by Haight to ratify teaching contract for Matt McElfresh.

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

F. Discussion Items

1. The Board discussed the Facilities Audit and reviewed information from the April 8, 2013 meeting.

G. Communication

None

H. Elementary Principal's Report

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K.G. Round-up List Update

Updated count going into next week is 48! We have 31 boys and 17 girls on the list! We will have a busy day on the 19th of April

Advanced Ed Visitation

By the time we meet, our Visitation will be in full swing. I believe we are as ready. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Brown have been putting the final touches on our power point presentation.

NESA and MAPS Assessments

We will be conducting NESA Assessments April 17 through the 23rd.

We will be conducting MAPS Assessments April 30 through May 10th.

Mr. Brown has printed the testing tickets, signs and instruction manuals for every class.

Our teachers are winding up practice assessments for each test area.

Our kick-off pep rally is set for Friday, April 12th. We have pencils, and little candy packs with positive motivational statements attached to hand out to each student in grades 3 through 6.

Our students are very motivated to do well on the assessments. After all, they have a pretty impressive history of performance to uphold!

Bennet Back Pack Extra Mile Walk

Our students will be collecting donations for the Extra Mile Walk for the Back Pack Program this next week. The Extra Mile Walk is Sunday, April 21st at 1:30 at the Bennet Park. We are supporting 20 families in the program this year and hope to sustain that number for next year.

Club's Choice Fund Raiser

Our Elementary Boosters conducted their spring fund raising program with Club's Choice. The orders were collected and turned in last week. This is their major fund raising event for the year and will net this a tide profit, with which to continue doing the wonderful projects they have done in the past. This month, each student in Grades k – 5 will receive a new Bennet Elementary T-shirt courtesy of the boosters. These are a big hit on the field trips. They helped out with the snacks and prizes for our NESA Pep Rally also!

April and May Event Events

Spring Field Trips All Through April and May!

KG Round-up April 19th

Bennet Back-Pack Extra Mile Walk. April 21st

Elementary Spring Concert April 25th

Club's Choice Product Pick up for Elementary Boosters April 29th at 5:00.

Mayor's Fun Run at State Capital. May 4th

Elementary Track and UnTrack Day May 10th

Elementary Awards Program May 14th
Accelerated Reader Awards Program May 15th
Last Day of School! May 16th

I. Secondary Principal's Report

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1. State Testing

NeSA 7th R/M – April 22
NeSA 8th R/S/M – April 24
NeSA 11th R/S – April 29
NeSA 11th M – April 30 – NDE Audit
NeSA Alternate – April 30 – NDE Audit

2. Blood Drive

See letter included with my report.

3. Palmyra FFA at State Convention 2013

Palmyra FFA participated at the State FFA Convention and Career Development Contests April 4-5 in Lincoln. There are 146 chapters in the state with 6900 members and over 3600 members attended the convention and competed in contests. The Chapter received a Silver Chapter Rating during the business sessions. In the Career Development Contests, rankings are how they finished overall in the state: Meats – Team was 27th , Michael Roath 35th, Brandon Brown 37th, Zach Bowlin, Janelle Knorr; Welding- Team was 50th, Brandon Brown- Oxy. Acet., Zach Bowlin- MIG , Miguel Barajas- Arc; Agriscience- Team was 35th, Elizabeth Robinett, Brian Brugemann, Marissa Kinney and Shelly Pavey. Emma Bremer participated in the State FFA Chorus for her fourth year, Thursday and Friday.

Brandon Brown, Michael Roath, Emma Bremer and Tyler Bessey received the State FFA Degree, which is the highest degree members can attain in the state organization. Hard work in their FFA leadership activities, working with their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs and keeping good records enabled them to receive the award with 491 other members at Pershing Auditorium Friday night. It was awarded to approx. 25 % of the senior members eligible for the award in the State of Nebraska. Speakers and workshops at the convention included the, Nebraska Lt. Gov. Lavon Heidemann, Sec. of Agriculture- Ibach, Curt Tomesavicz Olympic Gold medalist and other motivational speakers.

4. Scheduling

8-11 grade students have been pre-registered for next school year. Next years 7th graders pre-registered at Orientation on April 23.
Master schedule draft included.

5. Graduation planning

I will have diplomas at the meeting to be signed. I also need to know which board members will hand out diplomas on May 11.

J. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Report

Activities through May 17, 2013 were reviewed.

K. Superintendents Report and Recommendations

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1. Safety straps have been installed on the four moveable baskets in the Palmyra gym (east and west walls). Universal Service did an excellent job with the install and in accepting guidance from our staff to make the best fit of the new equipment. This will come out of the Building fund.
2. Legislation affecting school finance including state aid and retirement continues to evolve. Currently we see a loss of approximately \$200,000 in state aid for District OR-1 due primarily to a loss of the Instructional Time, and Teacher Education allowances. The other financial piece centers around retirement. It appears that there is a strong chance that District and staff contributions will remain at their current level. The exclusion of those additional costs appears to also remain outside the current levy limit.
3. The Advanced Ed. Accreditation visit is under way. The visit began Sunday April 14 and will conclude on Tuesday April 16.
4. School security continues to be a point of emphasis with both buildings completing an update of school emergency and crisis planning. I would like to thank the production staff at Bennet Elementary (Carol Nisley, Kim Hartwick, Lisa Stedman) for all of their efforts in putting our charts together. In addition exits and entrances in both buildings have been numbered and that updated information will be provided to local responders.

L. Board of Education Development

1. School Law Seminar June 7th in Kearney.
2. Open Meetings Workshop June 26th Lincoln.

M. Topics for Next Months Agenda

Facilities review, preliminary budget information if state aid is certified, requisitions.

Adjournment

I. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:19 o'clock p.m. on April 15, 2013.

Next Board Meeting- Monday May 13, 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.